### **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 2021 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
- 2. The FY 2021 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 2021 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 HÚD's funding determination.

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

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

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/coc/competition, including:

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** NJ-516 - Warren, Sussex, Hunterdon Counties

CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Family Promise of Sussex County

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: NJ HMFA

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

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation-Participation in Coordinated Entry.
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.n., and VII.B.1.p.
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021:
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
	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

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19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBT persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	No	No	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.	SSVF Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
34.	Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1.New member invitations that are publicly available are an annual requirement of the CoC Lead Agency per the CoC's By Laws. CoC leadership targets outreach to new agencies to encourage attendance at its full membership & bimonthly subcommittee meetings. The CoC has an open invitation process. For example, the CoC invited child welfare housing programs to participate in conversations around the YHDP application & the providers joined the CoC & began an ad hoc Youth Homelessness subcommittee which continues meet in preparation for another YHDP tranche.
- 2. Notices & meeting materials are sent in PDF or other accessible electronic formats.
- 3. The CoC encourages agencies to obtain feedback from consumers & promote consumer attendance at meetings. In 2021, the CoC formed the new Regional Integrated Services Subcommittee (RISS). One of its goals is to form an Advisory Board of individuals with lived experience so they are educated on

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how the CoC operates, invited to meetings, can provide feedback, & are integrated into the CoC's planning process. The CoC has requested agencies to identify and refer individuals with current or former lived experience

4. The CoC welcomes all agencies to participate in the CoC. All the of agencies that currently participate in the CoC serves all populations, including the Black, Latino, Indigenous, and persons with disabilities. Furthermore, the CoC also posts social media postings, regarding meetings and other CoC-related information, to reach interested organizations that serve the aforementioned groups. These social media posts are made accessible to the public.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.
	NOFO Section VII.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;
	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1.The CoC has recruited members with expertise in providing shelter, food, housing, physical & mental & behavioral healthcare, addiction treatment, employment assistance, government benefits, legal counsel, case management, & other important resources to persons experiencing homelessness.
- 2.The CoC Public/mailing list notices ensure full CoC & subcommittee meetings are "open to all interested community members & organizations," especially "anyone serving the homeless or anyone who is currently homeless or has been homeless" per CoC Governance Charter.
- Reports of action items from CoC full membership & subcommittee meetings are brought to the monthly CoC Executive Committee meeting to ensure important insights from all individuals & committees inform CoC decisions. The CoC has often acted directly based on input from public meetings. For instance, the CoC created the Regional Integrated Services Subcommittee (RISS) based on member feedback that further guidance on data quality, coordinated entry, system performance, and addressing system barriers would be key to improving outcomes in Tri-County. The RISS has been working to increase agency involvement in data input and analysis, and to target site administrations to participate in this process. The new subcommittee has also started to expand the CoC's analysis of the number of people entering homelessness, and to identify training needs for agencies. In addition, the CoC publicly discusses local competition projects & reallocation at the CoC's full membership meetings where members share views of the need for supportive services & housing for new projects. The CoC also engaged & collaborated with the HUD Field Office to hold a grantee training based on common APR issues that needed addressing.

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

accessible in electronic formats.

- 1. On May 14, 2021, the CoC publicly announced it was accepting proposals through its Request for Letters of Intent (RLI) for renewal & new projects, with the understanding that new projects may be funded if current renewal project funds are reallocated by the Executive Committee &/or through additional funds made available by HUD bonus funds. The CoC also announced it was accepting proposals for Coordinated Entry projects through a Request for Proposals (RFP).
- 2. To solicit proposals from organizations not previously funded, the CoC's RLI, RFP, & its local selection criteria were publicly posted on the Counties' websites & emailed to everyone on multiple CoC, County, & Human Services listservs. The CoC's RLI stated "Eligible agencies who have not previously received HUD CoC funding are encouraged to apply." 1 new agency, Family Promise of Hunterdon County, applied for CoC funds this year.
- 3. The CoC also offered a technical assistance call & materials to educate applicants on how proposals were accepted via email.
- 4. The CoC's RLI explained that the review process the CoC used to determine which projects would be included in the FY 2021 Application would be based on:
- Objective performance-based scoring criteria for renewals including bed utilization, participant connection to employment/mainstream benefits, housing stability, & compliance monitoring
- Evaluation of project against scoring criteria by Project Review Committee
- Low-barrier admission & termination criteria
- Projects serving the most vulnerable

The RFP explained the application scoring would be based on agency qualifications, understanding of need, scope of services, staffing capacity, collaboration with community partners, implementation plan, & budget.

5.Notices & meeting materials were sent in PDF or other accessible electronic forms, & County websites are compatible with text to speech programs & conversion to large text for people with disabilities.

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# 1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	No
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBT persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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. State	-funded Rental Assistance Program
1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV 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 within your CoC's geographic area so it could be

### addressed in Consolidated Plan update. (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1. NJ Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA), the ESG and ESG-CV recipient & Con Plan Jurisdiction for the CoC, is an active member of the CoC & a CoC grantee. The CoC & DCA actively share HMIS data, & the CoC acts as the forum for soliciting community input on ESG planning, sending comments to DCA to inform its ESG allocation processes. ESG-funded Committee members, Family Promise of Warren County, DCA hosts conference calls and provides an opportunity for community stakeholders to submit written comments related to their funding priorities and anticipated allocations per eligible activities. In the past year, DCA held several targeted meetings with CoC representatives to discuss coordination of ESG funded programs with the local CoC planning process. CoC Executive Committee members participated in these meetings providing input about the local funding priorities and ways to coordinated planning activities with DCA. ESG-CV funding has been utilized in Hunterdon, Warren and Sussex Counties extensively over the past year as a response to COVID-19 and homelessness. Through email exchanged and conference calls, the CoC lead participated in DCA meetings regarding the use of ESG-CV funding for a new RRH-CV program.
- 2. In addition to planning around CoC funding, the CoC sends letters of support to DCA on an annual basis recommending projects seeking DCA ESG funds based on past ESG project performance, community HMIS data indicating need, & strategic pairing with other CoC programs.
- The CoC Lead Agency provided comments & PIT/HIC data to DCA during ConPlan development/annual report timeframes.
- 4. As part of the integrated process, all portions of the consolidated plan regarding homeless planning are completed/reviewed by the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions prior to finalizing the info in the Consolidated plan.

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.c.	
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1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	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 AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	Yes
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth-SEAs, LEAs, Local Liaisons & State Coordinators.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC collaborates with youth education providers;
2.	your CoC's formal partnerships with youth education providers;
3.	how your CoC collaborates with State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);
4. your CoC's formal partnerships with SEAs and LEAs;	
5.	how your CoC collaborates with school districts; and
6.	your CoC's formal partnerships with school districts.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

CoC Lead Agency partners with local McKinney-Vento local liaisons (MVLL) by involving homeless liaisons in local committees & developing protocols for identifying homeless youth, maintaining school enrollment, & procedures for information sharing. The CoC & regional MVLL provide quarterly trainings to local school liaisons on homeless services, prevention, & resources.

Members of the CoC participate in the Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC) which meets regularly to address the needs of youth with special needs including homeless youth.

The CIACC includes participation from juvenile justice, behavioral health, McKinney-Vento Local Education Agency representatives, child welfare representatives, youth service providers, local government, and education and employment services for youth.

CoC Executive Committee member NORWESCAP provides Head Start/Early Head Start health/mental health services to children in CoC projects & outreaches to all schools/MVLs in the CoC to collect data on homeless students & offer resources such as camp, backpacks, & transportation to schools available to homeless families.

Local Family Promise shelters have formal contracts with McKinney-Vento funding for 1 on 1 homework assistance & providing services to sheltered students.

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Trainings are offered to homeless providers to know what consumer rights are around education.

1C-4a. CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth-Educational Services-Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has developed a written standard whereby all CoC-funded agencies that service families or youth up to 24 years of age must designate a staff person as their agency's "Youth Advocate" to ensure that:

•All school-aged youth remain enrolled in school during periods of homelessness and/or during the transition into permanent housing.

•All Youth Advocates gather the names of homeless school-aged youth and report the names to Regional Educational Services Commission.

•All Youth Advocates inform homeless families of their children's educational rights under the McKinney-Vento Act and connect children with community services, including early childhood programs such as Head Start.

•All Youth Advocates connect homeless families to their LEA McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison or other designated staff person identified by the LEA."

The CoC conducted onsite monitoring of all grant recipients as part of the local selection process to ensure compliance with requirements that programs serving households with children were designating required staff to ensure that participants understand and take advantage of available education resources.

	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Educational Services–Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

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

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C	Other (limit 150 characters)	
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1C-5. Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Annual Training–Best Practices.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:

- 1. Project staff that addresses safety and 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 safety and 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 2,000 characters)

1.When a family/individual survivor of DV presents to a homeless assistance providers & is identified as experiencing an imminent threat or safety risk, CoC protocol dictates that the provider refers directly to local victim service providers (VSPs) who will complete the Coordinated Assessment process with the client. All of these VSPs have staff who are highly trained in trauma-informed care, providing victim-centered services and housing options, and ensuring safety planning protocols are in place. These staff are the primary access point for survivors for the CoC's Coordinated Assessment system.

The CoC has also developed a training schedule and is including training on working with survivors of domestic violence for all CoC provider staff.

2.CoC agencies coordinate referrals with the local Divisions of Social Services (BOSS) to be assessed for any available mainstream & income resources. Staff for these BOSS Coordinated Assessment points of entry receive annual training from local DV agencies to ensure these staff provide trauma-informed care and have a full understanding of available DV resources, children and the dynamics of DV, teen dating violence, and the link of child abuse to other forms of abuse.

1C-5a. Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors-Using De-identified Aggregate Data.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.

Describe in the field below how your CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC uses several sources of information to evaluate needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The three local victim services providers (VSPs): SAFE in Hunterdon County, DASI in Sussex County, or DASACC in Warren County, are all active members of the bi-monthly CoC meetings and monthly coordinated assessment case conferencing committee meetings. These agencies provide de-identified aggregate data from their comparable databases to alert the CoC to trends and issues in serving

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victims of domestic violence.

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The VSPs also provide ongoing data to the CoC via referrals and prioritization scoring tools completed for the Coordinated Assessment process. In this way, the CoC can know in real-time what the needs are for permanent housing assistance for survivor households. Also, the VSPs participate in monthly Case Conferencing meetings around the Housing Prioritization List and provide updates on referrals and household needs.

1C-5b.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Coordinated Assessment–Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system protocols incorporate trauma- informed, victim-centered approaches while maximizing client choice for housing and services that:
1.	prioritize safety;
2.	use emergency transfer plan; and
3.	ensure confidentiality.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

If a family/individual survivor of DV presents to a homeless assistance provider & is identified as experiencing an imminent threat or safety risk, CoC protocol dictates that the provider refers directly to local victim service providers (VSPs): SAFE in Hunterdon County, DASI in Sussex County, or DASACC in Warren via phone to prioritize safety and ensure that confidential data is not collected in HMIS.

Staff at the 3 VSPs are trained in trauma-informed care and in providing victim-centered services that promote client choice. Whether the client chooses to receive services from a VSP, Divisions of Social Services, or another CoC provider, providers can complete an assessment with the client to be confidentially included in the CoC's Coordinated Assessment process so they are prioritized & referred outside of HMIS so they can choose from the full range of housing assistance/services available. When a survivor household is prioritized for placement, the provider is able to contact the referring agency so a client can consider the option & complete intake to ensure confidentiality throughout the placement process.

The CoC has also developed an Emergency Transfer Plan for survivor households who have already been placed in a CoC project when a new or continuing threat arises. The plan will ensure that if a household or household members require emergency transfer that the provider will "act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence...to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit." Or, the agency may need to identify other housing options to ensure safety or based on availability. Also, policy states that "if a program participant qualifies for an emergency transfer, but a safe unit is not immediately available for an internal emergency transfer, that program participant shall have priority over all other applicants for tenant-based rental assistance, utility assistance, & units for which project-based rental assistance is provided."

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

	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBT 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 to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy. You Must Upload an Attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report at https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2020-CoC-PHA-Crosswalk-Report.pdf 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 2020 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?
The State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	10%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Hunteron Division of Housing	17%	Yes-HCV	No

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

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

Due to the advocacy of CoC partners Hunterdon County, Hunterdon Helpline & Family Promise of Hunterdon County as part of their effort to create a 10 Year plan to End Homelessness, the CoC was able to provide USICH PHA Guidebook on Ending Homelessness to Hunterdon County Division of Housing & HUD Notice PIH 2013-15 regarding creating a homeless preference. In response, Hunterdon Division of Housing requested public comment regarding adding a homeless preference to its Admin Plan and implemented a homeless preference in 2018. The CoC encouraged community partners to provide

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comment to request implementation of the preference.

1C-7d.1. CoC and PHA Joint Application-Experience-Benefits.

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The CoC has also engaged NJ DCA regarding how to establish more robust homeless preference in its Admin Plan as well as increasing its use of the Moving On program it established.

	Moving	g On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.		
	Not Sc	ored-For Information Only		
		yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that ecipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:		
	1	Multifamily assisted housing owners		Yes
		PHA		Yes
		Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments		Yes
		Local low-income housing programs		Yes
	**	Other (limit 150 characters)		1
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000 VOUR	CoC in	olude DHA funded units in the CoC's goordinated entry process?	N/	
oes your	CoC in	clude PHA-funded units in the CoC's coordinated entry process?	No	0
	Metho	d for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.	No	0
	Metho		No	0
	Method NOFO	d for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.	No.	0
1C-7c.1.	Method NOFO	d for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System. Section VII.B.1.g.	No.	0
1C-7c.1.	Method NOFO	d for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.  Section VII.B.1.g.  selected yes in question 1C-7c., describe in the field below:	No	0
1C-7c.1.	Method NOFO	d for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.  Section VII.B.1.g.  selected yes in question 1C-7c., describe in the field below:  our CoC includes the units in its Coordinated Entry process; and	No.	0
1C-7c.1.	Method NOFO If you show you whether (lif	d for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.  Section VII.B.1.g.  selected yes in question 1C-7c., describe in the field below:  our CoC includes the units in its Coordinated Entry process; and  er your CoC's practices are formalized in written agreements with the PHA, e.g., MOUs.	No.	0

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**Applicant: Warren County CoC** NJ-516 Project: NJ 516 CoC Registration and Application FY2021 COC\_REG\_2021\_181977 NOFO Section VII.B.1.g. If you selected yes to question 1C-7d, describe in the field below: 1. the type of joint project applied for; 2. whether the application was approved; and 3. how your CoC and families experiencing homelessness benefited from the coordination. (limit 2,000 characters) 1C-7e. Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including American Rescue Plan Vouchers. NOFO Section VII.B.1.g. Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan? Yes 1C-7e.1. Coordinating with PHA(s) to Administer Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program-List of PHAs with Not Scored-For Information Only Did your CoC enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program? If you select yes, you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has entered into a MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program. **PHA** New Jersey Depart...

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### 1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

# 1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

1C-8.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section VII.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	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

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1C-9.	Housing First-Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 2021 CoC Program Competition.	
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 2021 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	S
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1C-9a.	Housing First-Project Evaluation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly evaluates projects to ensure those that commit to using a Housing First approach are prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and are not requiring service participation or preconditions of program participants.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC conducts an annual assessment of the agencies use of the Housing First approach, which is factored into the project scoring during the local selection process.

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During the local selection process, new and renewal projects are scored on their adherence to the Housing First model to ensure participants are 1) not screened out for the following:

- Having little or no income
- Active or history of substance abuse
- •Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions
- History of domestic violence

New and renewal projects are also scored during the local selection process to ensure participants are not terminated for the following reasons:

- Failure to participate in supportive services
- •Failures to make progress on a service plan
- •Loss of income or failure to improve income
- •Being a victim of domestic violence
- •Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project's geographic area

This assessment of Housing First adherence accounts for 20% of the total scoring tool points for new projects and 10% of the total scoring points for renewal projects.

1C-9b.	Housing First-Veterans.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	
	CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly permanent housing using a Housing First approach?	Yes
1C-10.	Street Outreach-Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 2,000 characters)

1. Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services operate the primary outreach efforts for the CoC through the PATH program. Outreach teams work to identify & serve those least likely to seek assistance. This practice of tailoring outreach to the hardest to serve has been bolstered by the availability of new PSH vouchers dedicated to the chronically homeless by the CoC and prioritizing those vouchers for those persons who have been homeless longest with the most severe service needs. Outreach staff have access to bi-lingual Spanish speakers & other translation services for those with limited English proficiency. They also print documents in English & Spanish. Hunterdon Helpline also has outreach on Sunday Mornings to known homeless encampment areas and

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provides a bagged breakfast/ lunch. Additional outreach teams include Code Blue and Market Street Mission.

- 2. These teams cover 100% of the full geographic region annually and also target known locations. The teams work closely with local police, hospitals, food pantries, & Divisions of Social Services to respond to unsheltered homeless persons identified by those agencies. They also connect people to General Assistance income, TANF & SSI/D through which they may receive shelter and housing, & track outreach interactions in the HMIS.
- 3. Outreach is conducted weekly throughout the CoC jurisdiction.
- 4. Family Promise & partners also hold service fairs throughout the year to engage persons in need of housing & services who are not yet seeking them. Events are held at key times to get resources to clients as the seasons change. Also, Family Promise outreaches to engage unsheltered clients who otherwise are not engaged with services such as showers targeting their expressed needs.

1C-11.	Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate strategies your CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	No
4.	Implemented communitywide plans	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

1C-12.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.I.	

	2020	2021
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC-only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	225	145

1C-13.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance–Healthcare–Enrollment/Effective Utilization.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m.	

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Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance and effectively using Medicaid and other benefits.

	Type of Health Care		Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
	Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
2.	Private Insurers	No	No
3.	Nonprofit, Philanthropic	No	No
4.	Other (limit 150 characters)		

1C-13a.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance–Information and Training.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m
	Describe in the field below how your CoC provides information and training to CoC Program-funded projects by:
1.	systemically providing up to date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	communicating information about available mainstream resources and other assistance and how often your CoC communicates this information;
3.	working with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance; and
4.	providing assistance with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1.100% of CoC-funded projects refer consumers to local County Divisions of Social Services who administer and issue SNAP benefits, TANF, General Assistance (welfare for adult individuals), and substance abuse programs. Also, the CoC in partnership with outreach staff ensure successful referral for eligible clients to Social Services offices for SSI, SSD application.
- 2.All 3 County Directors of Social Services, the local welfare agencies, sit on the CoC's Executive Committee. They ensure that the CoC and all providers' staffs understand any changes in the mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness. When policy or procedural updates occur periodically, the CoC disseminates the information to the full membership.
- 3. The CoC membership includes Zufall, a federally qualified healthcare center that has assisted the CoC in ensuring that CoC program participants can attend local health fair and clinic events to assist participants in enrolling in health insurance.
- 4. The CoC also coordinates referrals through its Case Conferencing committee with PSH provider agencies enrolled in the state's Community Supportive Services program, allowing program participants with qualifying diagnosis to receive wraparound supportive services in permanent housing while the service provider bills Medicaid for eligible service costs. The supportive services assist eligible consumers with linkage to Medicaid. Once enrolled the consumer is then linked to medical/mental health treatment in the community. Stabilizing mental and physical health is an important component in maintaining permanent housing. This partnership is an important pillar of the provision of supportive

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#### services to PSH clients.

1C-14.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System-Assessment Tool. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
3.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance; and
4.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive assistance in a timely manner.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1. The CoC Coordinated Entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area through outreach from PATH & telephone availability during & after business hours to the County Divisions of Social Services. The CoC also outreaches to the hardest to serve individuals not actively seeking services who are staying in known locations. The CoC strives to make materials & phone conversations accessible to persons with limited English proficiency through translation. The new Regional Integrated Services Subcommittee will identify barriers within the CE system and offer guidance to CoC agencies on the CE process as well.
- 2. Tri-County Continuum of Care has created a Housing Prioritization Tool (HPT) to prioritize households in the coordinated assessment (CA) system. The HPT collects information about various health and social needs of each household to evaluate their vulnerability and level of service need. The tool considers factors such as:
- •The extent of a household's homelessness
- Health care concerns/ER visits
- •Interactions with the police & law enforcement
- •Mental or Physical disabilities or issues of long duration which impede independent living
- History or active substance use/abuse
- History or current experiences of DV
- •Income

The Housing Prioritization Tool uses the client responses to the questions related to these factors to provide a score that identifies their vulnerability.

- 3. The higher the HPT score the household receives, the higher the level of intervention they will most likely need to maintain permanent housing and avoid additional episodes of homelessness. The CA process prioritizes for PSH in accordance with CPD-16-011 per CoC Policies.
- 4. The CoC can monitor bed availability in real-time for housing projects using HMIS & conducts Case Conferencing meetings at least monthly to ensure that all referrals are incorporated and referred as soon as possible to permanent housing.

1C-15. Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Assessing Racial Disparities.			
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.

Did your CoC conduct an assessment of whether disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance exists within the last 3 years?

1C-15a. Racial Disparities Assessment Results.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the findings from your CoC's most recent racial disparities assessment.

1.	People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance.	Yes
2.	People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.	No
3.	People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	Yes
4.	People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	Yes
5.	There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	No
6.	The results are inconclusive for racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	No

1C-15b. Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	No
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	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.	
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
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	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.		

#### You must select a response for elements 1 through 11 in question 1C-15b.

1C-15c.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness Beyond Areas Identified in Racial Disparity Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance beyond just those areas identified in the racial disparity assessment.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has made a commitment to address racial disparities that impact people of color across the continuum of services offered by the system. Over the past several years data related to racial inequities has been reviewed and analyzed. According to the CoC PIT Report, while Black/African Americans (B/AA) make up 3% of the population in Tri-County, homelessness is experienced at a rate of 22.1% in comparison to other races in the county.

The racial disparity assessment provided baseline measures indicating opportunities to improve racial equity in the provision of homeless services. Based on the assessment and member feedback, the CoC formed a Regional Integrated Services Subcommittee (RISS) to further identify racial inequities in the system by improving data quality and data analysis and encouraging agencies to solicit direct feedback from consumers from racially marginalized groups. The RISS Subcommittee has put forth a plan to create an racially diverse advisory board of individuals with lived experience and ultimately integrate these current or former consumers into the CoC planning process, so as to improve racial equity throughout the CoC.

In addition, agencies in the CoC are participating in a HUD TA session on data and targeted universalism to further explore the ways that racial equity can be improved in the CoC. The CoC also had a team of 3 CoC members participate in two rounds of a Racial Diversity Training provided through Technical Assistance Collaboratives, Inc, in order to address equity in strategic planning and service provision in the CoC.

1C-16.	Persons with Lived Experience–Active CoC Participation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

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

		eople with nce Within Lived Experience Coming from
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		Current Program Participant	Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	1	0
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	1	0
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	1	0
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	1	0
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0

1C-17.	Promoting Volunteerism and Community Service.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate steps your CoC has taken to promote and support community engagement among people experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geographic area:

1.	The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities.	No
	The CoC trains provider organization staff on facilitating informal employment opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness (e.g., babysitting, housekeeping, food delivery, data entry).	No
3.	The CoC works with organizations to create volunteer opportunities for program participants.	No
4.	The CoC works with community organizations to create opportunities for civic participation for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., townhall forums, meeting with public officials).	No
5.	Provider organizations within the CoC have incentives for employment and/or volunteerism.	No
6.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

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## 1D. Addressing COVID-19 in the CoC's Geographic Area

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/coc/competition, including:

 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Continuum of Care Program Competition

- FY 2021 CoC Application Detailed Instructions—essential in helping you maximize your CoC Application score by giving specific guidance on how to respond to many questions and providing specific information about attachments you must upload

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1D-1.	Safety Protocols Implemented to Address Immediate Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered, Congregate Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
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	Describe in the field below protocols your CoC implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic to address immediate safety needs for individuals and families living in:	
1.	unsheltered situations;	
2.	congregate emergency shelters; and	
3.	transitional housing.	1

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- (1)The CoC developed an order of priority to include residents experiencing homelessness discharged from inpatient hospitals, emergency shelters, unsheltered residents in the community suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19. Once residents were identified they were offered a safe place to quarantine and received all needed medical care and telehealth services, beverages, food, cough medicine, hygiene supplies, and PPE. Upon discharge, residents were reconnected with community service providers and supports.
- (2) (3) According to federal and state guidance, congregate emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities had to reduce their capacity. The CoC already had established partnerships with local hotels and motels before the pandemic and continued to using hotel/motel placements as safe alternate shelter for individuals and families living in unsheltered conditions. The CoC was able to solicit support from stakeholders to provide food, PPE, hygiene supplies to those placed in hotels.

1D-2.	Improving Readiness for Future Public Health Emergencies.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC improved readiness for future public health emergencies.

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In CoC has increased Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies and has coordinated plans for non-congregate sheltering, like motel placements, if individuals are unable to shelter in place. Warren, Hunterdon and Sussex Counties also follows County protocol as per their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in the event of a future public health emergency. For example, the actions taken to prepare for a future emergency, as detailed in the Warren County EOPs include coordination with the County Health Department to:

•Implement effective environmental health, nursing, and health education

practices to minimize the incidence of disease

Provide health care in approved shelters.

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- •Conduct frequent inspections of emergency shelters to determine the need for sanitation or other protective measures.
- •Distribute information to the public on health matters.
- •Support in the movement of special needs and homebound population. In addition, Sussex County Division of Health works with Newton Memorial Hospital, Sussex County Division of Emergency Management, Sussex County Law Enforcement, and the New Jersey Department of Health to respond in the event of a public health emergency. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness team has an established communications network among public health professionals, healthcare organizations, law enforcement agencies, clinicians, school officials, public officials, emergency responders and businesses through the development of the Community Health Alert and Information Network (CHAIN). By strengthening information access among local and community partners, the PHENS Coordinator can assure rapid notification of public health events or information that may impact the health of the community. Trained in the use of communication technology, the PHENS Coordinator can receive and transmit information to the CHAIN 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, regardless of location.

1D-3.	CoC Coordination to Distribute ESG Cares Act (ESG-CV) Funds.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with ESG-CV recipients to distribute funds to address:
1.	safety measures;
2.	housing assistance;
3.	eviction prevention;
4.	healthcare supplies; and
5.	sanitary supplies.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has coordinated with Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), CARES ACT (CV) recipients to plan for ESG CV fund distribution. ESG CV funds were used to 1) conduct housing inspections to ensure safety; 2) conduct Housing Search and Placement services to provide housing assistance; 3) provides follow-up support to ensure eviction prevent; 4) distribute PPE to recipients to increase adequate healthcare supplies; and 5) make referrals to local food pantries.

1D-4.	CoC Coordination with Mainstream Health.		
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.		
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	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with mainstream health (e.g., local and state health agencies, hospitals) during the COVID-19 pandemic to:
1.	decrease the spread of COVID-19; and
2.	ensure safety measures were implemented (e.g., social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, masks).

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1. The CoC coordinated with the following mainstream health providers during the pandemic: Atlantic Healthcare, Zufall Medical Health Center, public health nursing practitioners, and county vaccination cites. Zufall Health Center hosted information sessions on vaccinating the undocumented population and other atrisk groups. The CoC also coordinated with Hunterdon Medical Center, Zufall Health Center, and the Hunterdon County Health Department (including public health nursing) to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 by offering testing and vaccinations to the at-risk populations. Additionally, the CoC conducted PPE distribution days in Sussex County.
- 2. Masks required prior to entering buildings within the CoC and sanitizing and hygiene materials were provided to clients. All CoC Meetings were mandated to move to remote settings through Zoom and WebEx.

1D-5.	Communicating Information to Homeless Service Providers.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicated information to homeless service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic on:
1.	safety measures;
2.	changing local restrictions; and
3.	vaccine implementation.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1. The CoC communicated CDC guidelines about the pandemic and information on maintaining safety to the full CoC via the email.
- 2.Local restriction guidance and vaccination protocols were set forth by the State of NJ Governor's Office and Department of Health predicated on federal guidance. The CoC Lead and CoC Chair disseminated local restriction guidance to homeless service providers via email. Each time the guidance was amended electronic communication was immediately sent to the homeless service providers. State and local government officials communicated on a daily basis to ensure the most up-to-date information was shared with stakeholders responsible for the welfare of vulnerable populations.
- 3. The CoC provided information linked from federal, state and local health departments and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for vaccination information. On March 1, 2021, the State of New Jersey released information to government stakeholders regarding the categories of people eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination, in which persons experiencing homelessness was included. This information was immediately shared with the CoC Lead and and homeless service providers. The CoC made sure to disseminate information about vaccination sites throughout the individual counties.

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1D-6. Identifying Eligible Persons Experiencing Homelessness for COVID-19 Vaccination.

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Describe in the field below how your CoC identified eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness for COVID-19 vaccination based on local protocol.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

On March 1, 2021, the State of New Jersey released information to government stakeholders regarding the categories of people eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. Persons experiencing homelessness were included in the 2nd part of the 1st wave of vaccines administered. This information was immediately shared with the COC Lead and homeless service providers within the geographic area. Family Promise of Hunterdon County partnered with the County Health Department to identify homeless individuals and provide transportation to assist those individuals with accessing vaccine sites and obtaining the vaccine. The CoC also conducted further outreach through shelters, PATH, case management, soup kitchens, food pantries, and social media to identify individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the COVID-19 vaccine.

1D-7. Addressing Possible Increases in Domestic Violence.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.

Describe in the field below how your CoC addressed possible increases in domestic violence calls for assistance due to requirements to stay at home, increased unemployment, etc. during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

The two DV agencies in the CoC region, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County (DASSCC) and Domestic Abuse Services Emergency Shelter, (DASES) collectively operated two emergency shelters and one transitional shelter throughout the pandemic. To address the increase in DV calls that occurred during the pandemic, DASSCC and DASES, working with the CoC, quickly created and modified emergency procedures related to health and safety. The address met the needs of their clients by offering hotel/motel placements and collaborating with DV resources. The CoC also approved the funding of a DV-specific Coordinated Entry project this year, in order to meet the anticipated increase in need.

1D-8. Adjusting Centralized or Coordinated Entry System.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.

Describe in the field below how your CoC adjusted its coordinated entry system to account for rapid changes related to the onset and continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Despite the pandemic, the CoC continues to provide services virtually and to hold meetings through Zoom and WebEx. The CoC also highly prioritized and funded two new Coordinated Entry (CE) projects during the local competition process, one with a DV-specific focus. The goal of the projects is to facilitate a plan for aligning CoC services & comparable services in the community into a streamlined process whereby access, assessment, prioritization, & referrals are standardized in a way that is both HUD compliant & community based. The main aim of is to ensure that all people have equal access to all crisis response systems resources, ensuring that no one falls through the cracks, & that all callers have access to safe shelter at the time of access.

The information gathered through the assessment process is meant to provide a clear understanding to allow for meaningful recommendations & referrals to support the needs of clients. The process aims to be culturally competent, person-centered, user friendly & sensitive to each individual's lived experience. These new projects intend to cover all three counties through one centralized coordinated entry system and to provide DV coordinated entry.

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

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Announcement of 30-Day Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice of How Your CoC Would Review, Rank, and Select Projects. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

	Enter the date your CoC published the 30-day submission deadline for project applications for your CoC's local competition.	05/14/2021
	Enter the date your CoC publicly posted its local scoring and rating criteria, including point values, in advance of the local review and ranking process.	05/14/2021

1E-2. Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria listed below.

NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Used data from a comparable database to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No
5.	Used objective criteria to evaluate how projects submitted by victim service providers improved safety for the population they serve.	No
6.	Used a specific method for evaluating projects based on the CoC's analysis of rapid returns to permanent housing.	Yes

1E-2a. Project Review and Ranking Process–Addressing Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities.			
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NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.

Describe in the field below how your CoC reviewed, scored, and selected projects based on:

- 1. the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities your CoC considered when ranking and selecting projects; and
- 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 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC prioritizes projects serving vulnerable populations, especially the chronically homeless (CH) with its current project scoring criteria & assesses & scores projects on whether they have Housing First policies that does not screen out or terminate those with low/no income, substance use disorder, criminal records, histories of DV, or failure to engage in a service plan. Project applicants seeking to provide PSH & RRH were scored based on the degree to which they prioritize clients with greatest lengths of homelessness & most severe service needs in accordance with HUD Notice CPD-16-11 & CoC Coordinated Assessment.

The CoC's local selection process also specifically awarded points to prioritize projects Dedicated/Prioritized for the most vulnerable, such as:

- Chronically Homeless
- persons with low or no income
- •disabled persons
- •persons with substance abuse disorder
- persons with a criminal background

The CoC also scores projects based on onsite project monitoring, which reviews whether projects serve targeted vulnerable populations, including those with substance use disorder, victims of DV, unsheltered persons, & CH.

2. Projects serving those with the most severe needs, such as clients receiving SSI/D, were not penalized for not meeting income/employment targets in local selection process so that all applicants have incentive to serve the hardest to serve while achieving CoC performance standards.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

- 1. obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, when determining the rating factors used to review project applications;
- 2. included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process;
- 3. rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their program participants mirror the homeless population demographics (e.g., considers how a project promotes racial equity where individuals and families of different races are over-represented).

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC did not actively obtain input from persons of different races when determining the rating factors and when reviewing project applications during the local competition process this past year; however the CoC's new Regional Integrated Services Subcommittee (RISS) intends to address this issue by

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identifying consumers of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population, to join the CoC's Review Committee and Executive Committee, so as to solicit their input for determining the rating factors used to review project applications.

- 2. The CoC's Review Committee is reflective of the white-majority population in the Tri-County CoC. The role of this committee is to review and approve all CoC policies, procedures, rank and review project selections, and overall funding decisions. With the CoC's new RISS, however, the CoC intends to identify consumers of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population, to join the CoC's Review Committee, so as to solicit their input in the local review, selection, and ranking process.
- 3. The Review Committee took into careful consideration whether projects prioritize the most vulnerable populations, including those vulnerable racial groups that are overrepresented in the CoC's homeless population. The CoC prioritizes projects that identify barriers and creates solutions; for example, the CoC highly ranked and funded new CE projects, as a direct result of recognizing and addressing unmet need for a system that ensures no individuals falls through the cracks, & that all callers have access to safe shelter at the time of system entry.

	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criterion below.	
	NOEO Section VII 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 projects through this process during your local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year;
1	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this

why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable; and

5. how your CoC communicated the reallocation process to project applicants.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC conducted a compliance monitoring of renewal projects, based on HMIS data and program data to see if funds were fully expended, utilized on eligible costs for eligible participants, & if agencies demonstrate capacity to operate the project. This process allowed project reviewers to determine whether project funds were essential to project operation, cost-effectiveness of a project, & whether any projects were low-performing or unable to complete the project in line with CoC performance objectives. Projects returning an average of 20%+ of funding over the previous 3 years & programs with significant compliance & outcome issues would be reviewed for reallocation. The committee may request additional information including current monthly expenditure rates & proposed changes to implementation before making final determinations. The committee additionally considers the impact of potential reallocation on current participants & evaluates potential options to improve performance or move tenants on before approving reallocation. Recommendations for reallocation from the Review Committee must be

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reviewed and approved by Executive Committee members who do not have a conflict of interest.

- 2. The CoC identified 2 projects through this process during the local competition this year.
- 3. The CoC reallocated a total of \$151,000 from 2 low performing projects, after going through this process during the local competition this year.

  4. N/A

5.In its local Request for Letters of Intent (RLI), the CoC states that renewal project funds may be reallocated to create new projects & encourages new applicants to propose new projects for this potential funding. The CoC's Approved Project Ranking policy was distributed to all renewal and new applicants as part of the RLI & describes the factors used by the Review Committee to make funding decisions. The Review Committee reviews all proposal & evaluates renewal projects based on their system performance & compliance monitoring.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2016 and FY 2021. We use the red determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for o	sponse to this question as a factor vother NOFO criterion below.	when	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.			
Did your C	oC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD bet	ween FY 2016 and FY 2021?		Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced-Public Posting. You Must Uplo Screen if You Select Yes.	ad an Attachment to the 4B. Attach	ments	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.			
1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?			Yes
2.	If you selected yes, enter the date your CoC notified applicated or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps.	ants that their project applications w	vere being	09/21/2021
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1E-5a.	Projects Accepted-Public Posting. You Must Upload an Att	achment to the 4B. Attachments Sc	reen.	
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1E-6.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application. \ Attachments Screen.	You Must Upload an Attachment to t	he 4B.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.			
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Enter the c	late your CoC's Consolidated Application was posted on the	CoC's website or affiliate's website	e-which	11/12/2021
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1. the CoC Application;	
2. Priority Listings; and	
3. all projects accepted, ranked where required, or rejected.	

## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.		
	Not Scored–For Information Only		
Enter the r	name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	othold Tech	nology, Inc.
2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.		
	Not Scored–For Information Only		
Select from	n dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.		Multiple CoCs
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.		
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	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.		
Enter the c	late your CoC submitted its 2021 HIC data into HDX.		05/14/2021
2A-4.	4. HMIS Implementation-Comparable Database for DV.		
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.		
	Describe in the field below actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC:		
1.	have a comparable database that collects the same data elements required in the HUD-published 2020 HMIS Data Standards; and		
2.	2. submit de-identified aggregated system performance measures data for each project in the comparable database to your CoC and HMIS lead.		
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1. DV housing and service agencies provide de-identified aggregate data from their comparable databases to alert the CoC to trends and issues in serving victims of domestic violence.

The VSPs also provide ongoing data to the CoC via referrals and prioritization scoring tools completed for the Coordinated Assessment process. In this way, the CoC can know in real-time what the needs are for permanent housing assistance for survivor households. Also, the VSPs participate in monthly Case Conferencing meetings around the Housing Prioritization List and provide updates on referrals and household needs.

2. The data is de-identified using a special coding system. DASACC of Warren County uses Apricot, a HMIS-comparable database, as their database.

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

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

Enter 2021 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2021 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	81	31	50	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	152	29	114	92.68%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	145	0	145	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	122	0	80	65.57%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

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

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

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

2. how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

Regarding Permanent Supportive Housing, the only 42 beds that are not covered in the CoC's HMIS are HUD-VASH beds. Apart from these HUD-VASH projects, the CoC has achieved 100% PSH HMIS bed coverage. The local VA Medical Center is a CoC member that shares data with the Veterans Committee and the master list, however, this partner is required to enter its data into a different reporting system than the CoC's HMIS. The CoC's main strategy for increasing the coverage rate for PSH is to create more PSH beds to incorporate into HMIS.

The CoC does not have any Safe Haven beds within the CoC, nor did it identify

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any other Permanent Housing beds per the 2021 HIC. However, the CoC's is planning to institute a policy for provision of letters of support to OPH developers that they utilize HMIS.

2A-5b.	Bed Coverage Rate in Comparable Databases.		
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.		
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Enter the p	ercentage of beds covered in comparable databases in your CoC's geographic area.		94.00%
2A-5b	1. Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Question 2A-5b.		
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.		
	If the bed coverage rate entered in question 2A-5b. is 84.99 percent or less, describe in the field below	ow:	
	1. steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 pe and	ercent	;
	2. how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.		

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.

	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	
Did your C	oC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 15, 2021, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.
one your CoC commit to conducting a chaltered and unchaltered BIT count in Calandar Veer 20222
Does your CoC commit to conducting a sheltered and unsheltered PIT count in Calendar Year 2022?  Yes

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## 2C. System Performance

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

1. 2019-20 SPM show an overall decrease of 44% first-time homeless (FTH) persons who entered ES, TH or PH that had no entries in the prior 24 months.

The CoC uses HMIS data to analyze the correlation between vulnerabilities/risk factors that contribute to becoming FTH. This data allows us to target funds for prevention efforts that best prevent at-risk persons becoming FTH. Based on data and provider feedback, the CoC has specifically identified the following risk factors used to identify those most at-risk:

- -lack of ability to increase income
- -unsustainable rent
- -mental illness or substance abuse disorder
- 2. CoC Centralized Entry points, including County Divisions of Social Services (DSS), always assess for & attempt diversion measures first. If unsuccessful, DSSs administer multiple prevention streams including SNAP, TANF/General Assistance & State-funded Support Services for the Homeless that can pay for temporary rental assistance, utilities, moving expenses, or transportation for housing search. DSSs also refer to CoC providers with State Housing Prevention Program funds, ESG Prevention/RRH, or to NORWESCAP for utility assistance.
- 3. The CoC Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing CoC strategy to reduce households experiencing FTH.

2C-2. Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce.		
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NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.

Describe in the field below:

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

2020 SPM show the CoC's average Length of Time (LOT) homeless was 125 nights.

Although the pandemic impacted the average length of time homeless in 2020, this year, the CoC plans to reduce average lengths of homelessness through leasing up its newest PSH expansion project for chronically homeless persons with the longest lengths of homelessness. The CoC's goal is to ensure that those persons with the longest histories of homelessness are prioritized for permanent housing resources and services. The CoC additionally made efforts to connect household to new vouchers available through EHV and RRH-CV at the state level, and participated in a state-wide "100-day challenge" in which the CoC successfully submitted over 100 EHV referrals to the NJ Department of Community of Affairs within 100 days.

The CoC's strategies to reduce the average LOT households experience homelessness include:

-Our Coordinated Assessment (CA) system prioritizes households with longest histories of homelessness & most severe service needs per HUD Notice CPD-16-11 & CoC policy. Those with longest histories of homelessness are also prioritized for shelter placement where they are continuously engaged, & all who are homeless/at risk are offered case management to end their housing crisis rapidly.

-If households in shelter are not diverted or re-housed, a full assessment is completed immediately to assess & prioritize those with longest lengths of time homeless, most severe service needs, & most barriers to obtaining housing for CoC permanent housing interventions, including all Housing First-oriented PSH, CoC/ESG RRH, & OPH.

The Case Conferencing Committee are responsible for overseeing CoC strategy to reduce the LOT households remain homeless.

2C-3. Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing.

NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.

Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:

- 1. emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and
- 2. permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

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The CoC's Housing First (HF) PSH project for the chronically homeless (CH) was funded for renewal and expansion projects and selected over a project that was not dedicated to CH & requiring support service participation. The CoC's work to create additional low-barrier permanent housing resources is aimed at helping shelter and transitional projects place a higher percentage of clients in permanent housing at exit. Furthermore, the CoC increased access to vouchers by connecting households to new EHV and RRH opportunities.

The CoC is continuing to re-orient resources through reallocation in this year's Competition to a lower barrier PSH projects, to work collaboratively with providers to have the lowest possible barriers through monitoring and Coordinated Assessment policy, & to ensure that PH projects have low-barrier entry & termination criteria because the Coordinated Assessment referral process has shown which programs have said they were Housing First oriented but were not. The CoC also monitors programs annually to ensure they work to avoid terminations by operating from a housing first framework.

To increase retention in PH the CoC has been, & will continue, increasing resources available for wraparound services to assist providers in stabilizing households through new PSH project design. To this end, the CoC's new PSH expansion projects were awarded supportive services as well to ensure that participants maintain stable housing.

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC uses discharge data from HMIS as well as collaboration among permanent housing providers to assess common factors causing returns to homelessness. Some of the most significant factors that have been identified are mental illness, substance use disorder, and lack of engagement in available case management or treatment services. Addressing these issues is the focus of the CoC's efforts to reduce R2H.

Local Divisions of Social Services (welfare agencies) are Coordinated Assessment Entry points and also provide linkages to mainstream benefits/income for households to help create sustainable outcomes when placed in permanent housing. CoC Executive Committee member, NORWESCAP, also provides financial literacy training, home energy assistance, case management & job training to consumers with subsidies to prevent R2H.

ESG/CoC RRH providers follow-up with households 3 & 6 mos. after program exit to ensure PH stability, & the CoC is working to make follow-up practices uniform across all its programs. The CoC monitors & scores projects based on performance in preventing R2H using HMIS discharge destination/cause data to

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ensure projects do not enforce restrictions causing households to R2H.

The CoC will continue to encourage and support providers to have the lowest barrier possible termination criteria, and will de-fund providers if termination criteria continue to cause returns to homelessness.

The CoC Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing CoC strategy to reduce R2H.

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

Renewal projects are scored against the CoC standard of having 54% of participants maintaining/increasing income & 20% non-SSI/D adults employed. The CoC uses these criteria to emphasize and monitor progress toward increasing access to employment and other forms of income for all CoC participants.

To increase access to employment, CoC project clients are referred to: NORWESCAP's job readiness assistance programs (job fairs/training/financial literacy), Family Guidance Center (Supported Employment), Jobs4Life (8 week job training), Pathways 2 Prosperity (interview, resume, clothing, & transport), & Hunterdon Helpline's Work Connectivity Project.

All CoC providers refer to County One-Stop Centers/local Workforce Investment Boards to help clients maintain eligibility for WorkFirst NJ TANF/General Assistance & to achieve employment.

In addition to mainstream programs, CoC and ESG recipients are laser-focused on increasing income for participants through increased work hours, taking on additional part-time work, accessing child support, accessing partner or expartner benefits, and any other measures possible to increase income to promote sustainability.

The CoC Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing CoC strategy for job/income growth.

2C-5a.	Increasing Employment Cash Income-Workforce Dev	velopment-Education-Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.		
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
1	I. promoted partnerships and access to employment of employment organizations, such as holding job fairs, agencies; and	pportunities with private employers and , outreach to employers, and partnering	private with staffing
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2. is working with public and private organizations to provide meaningful education and training, on-the-job training, internships, and employment opportunities for program participants.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

In partnership with private employment organizations, the CoC and its partners have hosted and participated in numerous job fairs. These job fairs include: American Dream job fair (targeted for veterans for opening of new mall), Whole Foods, Career Fair at Project Self-Sufficiency, and Youth Corps job training for youth 16-25 years old. The CoC widely disseminates information about available positions and job fairs to members and encourages consumer participation.

To increase access to employment, CoC project clients are referred to:

- -NORWESCAP's job readiness assistance programs (job fairs/training/financial literacy)
- -Family Guidance Center (Supported Employment)
- -Jobs4Life (8 week job training)
- -Pathways 2 Prosperity (interview, resume, clothing, & transport) &
- -Hunterdon Helpline's Work Connectivity Project

The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board also works with CoC consumers through their Job Training Program, which provides: career counseling and vocational guidance, resume workshops, assessments to guide career exploration and practice interviews for job applicants.

CoC providers of PSH engage clients in service planning and goal-setting at least quarterly, and include employment opportunities and meaningful work as part of client recovery and well-being planning.

2C-5b.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.
	Describe in the field below:
1.	your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income;
2.	your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

Renewal projects are scored against the CoC standard of having 54% of participants maintaining/increasing income & 20% non-SSI/D adults employed. The CoC uses these criteria to emphasize and monitor progress toward increasing access to forms of non-employment income for all CoC participants.

The CoC has also provided Social Security (SS) Training on SSI/D benefits with Metro Region SS office to help provider staff better help consumers increase mainstream benefit income.

The County welfare agencies, Divisions of Social Services (DSSs), are all members of the CoC's Executive Committee and Case conferencing Committee to ensure that all non-employment income sources are being maximized in the CoC's referral process and policies.

The CoC Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing CoC strategy for

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job/income growth.

# 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Bonus Points

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/coc/competition, including:
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Competition
- FY 2021 CoC Application Detailed Instructions—essential in helping you maximize your CoC Application score by giving specific guidance on how to respond to many questions and providing specific information about attachments you must upload

- 24 CFK part 578

3∆-1	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project-Leveraging Housing Resources.	
JA-1.	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	
	Not o dection vii.b.o.a.	
your Coo hich are i omelessn	C applying for a new PSH or RRH project(s) that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing less?	No
3A-1a.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project-Leveraging Housing Commitment. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the organization(s) that provided the subsidies or subsidized housing units for the proposed new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project(s).	
1.	Private organizations	No
2.	State or local government	No
3.	Public Housing Agencies, including use of a set aside or limited preference	No
4.	Faith-based organizations	No
5.	Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG Programs	No
3A-2.	New PSH/RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	
	C applying for a new PSH or RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families	No

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3A-2a. Formal Written Agreements-Value of Commitment-Project Restrictions. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.

1. Did your CoC obtain a formal written agreement that includes:
(a) the project name;
(b) value of the commitment; and
(c) specific dates that healthcare resources will be provided (e.g., 1-year, term of grant, etc.)?

2. Is project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and not restricted by the health care service provider?

3A-3. Leveraging Housing Resources-Leveraging Healthcare Resources-List of Projects.

NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.

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	you intend for 1100 to evaluate to determine it they intent the bonds points 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 VII.B.1.r.	
	C requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing on or new construction?	40
3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
NOFO Section VII.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:	7
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and	7
	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and	d

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

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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 VII.C.	
Is your Co serve fami	C requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to lies with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	0
3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	
		_
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:	
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

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## **4A. DV Bonus Application**

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4A-1. New DV Bonus Project Applications.

	NOFO	Section II.B.11.e.			
d vour C	oC sub	mit one or more new project applications for DV Bon	us Fundina?		Yes
. ,					1.00
4A-1a.	DV Bo	nus Project Types.			
	NOFO	NOFO Section II.B.11.			
	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 2021 Priority Listing.				
		Project Type			
	1.	SSO Coordinated Entry		Yes	
	2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH/RRH Component		No	
4Δ-2	Numb	er of Domestic Violence Survivors in Your CoC's Geo	ographic Area		
.,, 2.	NOFO Section II.B.11.				
1	I. Ente	r the number of survivors that need housing or service	ces:		•
2	2. Ente	r the number of survivors your CoC is currently servi	ng:		
3	3. Unm	et Need:			
4A-2a.	Calcul				
		ating Local Need for New DV Projects.			
Describe in the field below:					
		lating Local Need for New DV Projects.  Section II.B.11.  ibe in the field below:			

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

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

- 1. 4A-2 element 1 was calculated by running a Coordinated Entry Report for today, 4/11/2021 to identify the number of DV client in HIMS, in addition to the number of DV clients from the Tri-County CoC NJ516 APR for today. Element 2 was calculated by running a Tri-County CoC NJ516 APR for today and reviewing data for DV clients.
- 2. The data source was HMIS database for Tri-County CoC NJ516.
- 3. DASACC shelter is currently out of service due to a recent fire. They are using hotel/motel placements which tend to be filled up and lacks the supportive services and protective factors of the shelter. DASI is unable to take individuals who are not actively fleeing. Once they identify as having stayed with family or friend for one day they are no longer "fleeing." There are currently limited resources for affordable housing throughout the Tri-County region to rehouse clients. The process has slowed down due to the eviction moratorium.

4A-3.	New Support Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) DV Bonus Project-Applicant Information.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(c)	

Enter in the chart below information about the project applicant applying for the new SSO-CE DV Bonus project:

1. Applicant Name	Family Promise of Sussex County
2. Project Name	Roadway to Home Coordinated Entry DV Program 2021

4A-3a.	New SSO-CE Project-Addressing Coordinated Entry Inadequacy.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(c)	

	Describe in the field below:
	how the current Coordinated Entry is inadequate to address the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and
2.	how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified in element 1. above.

#### (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The current Coordinated Entry (CE) is funded by a pilot program from the State of NJ CARES Act; however, the funding is insufficient to sustain CE long-term as it will not be renewed after its May 2022 expiration. The current CE program is not specific to DV services, such as safety risk assessment, trauma-informed and empowering assessment & case management, & specially trained case managers. Many of the clients entering the CE system & identifying as DV victims have been found ineligible for emergency interventions.

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- 2. FPSC staff are currently undergoing DV & Sexual Assault certification training to better meet the needs of this population. The goal of the program is to facilitate a plan for aligning services into a streamlined process whereby access, assessment, prioritization, & referrals are standardized in a way that is both HUD compliant & community based. The main aim of the program is to ensure DV victims have equal access to all crisis response resources, ensuring that no one falls through the cracks & that all callers have access to safe shelter at the time of access. The project will employ the following strategies:
- Increase quality & efficiency of data collection for the full CoC region
- Build relationships with landlords, explain the benefits of working with housing assistance programs, & increase access to housing opportunities for clients
- Create & maintain a Housing Hub that is a real-time database where clients & staff can research available housing opportunities. The Housing Hub will provide a supportive environment where clients who are housing insecure, atrisk, or those currently unsheltered can go for resources & guidance on finding appropriate housing to meet their individual household needs. The Housing Hub will be maintained by the Housing Navigator.
- · Make available, education & resources related to landlord and tenants' rights & responsibilities.
- Develop marketing resources to increase visibility of the CE program and access points

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# 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported. Please only use zip files if necessary.

Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.

Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.

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).

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-14. CE Assessment Tool	Yes	1C-14. CE Assessm	11/11/2021
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7 PHA Homeless	11/11/2021
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7 PHA Moving O	11/11/2021
1E-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes	1E-1. Local Compe	11/15/2021
1E-2. Project Review and Selection Process	Yes	1E-2. Project Rev	11/12/2021
1E-5. Public Posting–Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5 Public Posti	11/14/2021
1E-5a. Public Posting–Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Public Pos	11/14/2021
1E-6. Web Posting–CoC- Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-6. Web Posting	11/12/2021
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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## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** 1C-14. CE Assessment Tool

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** 1C-7 PHA Homeless Preference

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**Document Description:** 1C-7 PHA Moving On Preference

### **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** 1E-1. Local Competition Announcement

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**Document Description:** 1E-2. Project Review and Selection Process

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Document Description: 1E-5 Public Posting – Projects Rejected-

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Document Description: 1E-5a. Public Posting-Projects Accepted

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** 1E-6. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated

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## **Submission Summary**

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

Last Updated
11/06/2021
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Please Complete
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**Statutes** 

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4B. Attachments Screen 11/15/2021

Submission Summary No Input Required

## 1C-14. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Tool

Tool shown below in Excel format, long-form paper format (for field data gathering) and in HMIS. To clarify, clients are not scored on disability type, but rather score may indicate increased vulnerability based on co-morbidity.

#### Tri-County Continuum of Care Prioritization Tool

Client Name:	
Client ID:	
Completed By:	
Date Completed:	

		Answer	Score
1 What is	s the household's current housing location?	Allowel	0
How los	ng has the household been in their current housing location?		0
How m	any months has the household been in their current housing n? (if less than 1, but more than 1 day, answer '1')		U
location	The cost than 1, but more than 1 day, answer 1		I.
	vas the household's residence prior to its current location?		0
	ousehold came from a Place not meant for habitation, ency shelter including hotel/motel paid by agency, or a Safe		
haven,	how many months was the household continuously on the		
street,	in emergency shelter, or safe haven prior to entering the housing location: (if less than 1 month, but more than 1 day,		
answer	'1')		
	Current Time: 0 Total Months revious Time: 0 Homeless:		0
Numbe	- faire - about - a shall be a be - a shall be -		
	er of times the household has been on the street, in an ency shelter, or safe haven in the past 3 years, including current		
4 episode	e: s the total number of months the household has been on the		0
	, in an emergency shelter or a safe haven in the past 3 years?		
Door -	ny member of the household have a disability?		0
	specify the disabilities identified by the household:		U
	Alcohol and drug abuse		0
5	Chronic health condition  Developmental disability		0
	HIV/AIDS		0
	Mental Health Issue Physical Disability		0
lie : i			
	ified a disability, is this disability expected to be of long- led and indefinite duration and substantially impairs their		0
ability t	to live independently?		
7 Does th	ne household meet the definition of chronically homeless?		0
8 Is anyon	ne in the household a veteran or served in the military?		0
Please	identify which, if any, of these sources of income the household	I has:	
ricase	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1001	0
	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation		0
9	VA Non-Service Connected Disability Pension		0
	Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF)		0
	General Assistance (GA) No Source of Income		0
	No source of income		U
	s the size of the household?		_
10 FALSE			0
11 When v	was the last time someone in the household held a job?		0
What w	vas the longest length of time a member of the household held		
	the last 5 years?		0
	any times has any member of the household been arrested or rated in the past year?		0
14 1	any times has any member of the household been to the		0
emerge	ency room in the past year?		
15	any times has any member of the household been to a tric hospital or mental health facility in the past year?		0
		Total Household Prioritization	_
		Score	0

#### **Tri-County CoC Housing Prioritization Tool**

Date:	
Client Name:	
Case Manager Name & Contact Information (phone & email):	
Client DOB:	
Additional Household Members (name, gender, date of birth):	

#### **Instructions:**

- 1) We will be basing this information off what is true for the client at this time. You must answer the questions based on the client's current situation. All information should be able to be verified in HMIS or through paper documentation (if client is in HMIS, it should be accurate in the system).
- 2) For #5, no matter where client is today, how many times has he/she been on the street, in ES or SH in last 3 years, including today.
- 3) For #5, IF the client has been on the streets or in shelter in the last 3 years, how many total months did the client spend in these situations
- 4) For Income, document all sources of income and amounts that client currently receives.
- 5) For the disabilities questions, please indicate the relationship to the head of household, if other than self in the appropriate sections. Document all disabilities.
- You must ask the client Questions 9-11 directly and record his/her answers.
- 7) Submit completed assessment to:

#### **Tri-County CoC Housing Prioritization Tool**

1. Living Situation – Where did you sleep last night?			
		If Answer #1, score 3; If #2, or #3 score 1; Otherwise, score 0	
	#	Living Situation	Score
		HOMELESS SITUATION	
	1	Place not meant for habitation (e.g. a vehicle, an abandoned building,	
		bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside); inclusive of "non-	
		housing service site (outreach programs only)"	
	2	Emergency shelter including hotel/motel paid w/emergency shelter voucher	
	3	Safe Haven	
	4	Interim Housing	
		INSTITUTIONAL SITUATION	
	5	Foster care home or foster care group home	
	6	Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility	
	7	Jail, prison, or juvenile detention facility	
	8	Long-term care facility or nursing home	
	9	Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	
	10	Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	
		TRANSITIONAL & PERMANENT HOUSING SITUATION	
	11	Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher	
	12	Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	
	13	Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy	
	14	Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons	
	15	Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	
	16	Rental by client with VASH housing subsidy	
	17	Rental by client with GPD TIP subsidy	]
	18	Rental by client with other ongoing housing subsidy	
	19	Residential project of halfway house with no homeless criteria	]
	20	Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house	
	21	Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house	]
	22	Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)	
	23	Client Doesn't Know	_
	24	Client Refused	
	25	Data Not Collected	1
	26	Subsidized Housing	
	27	Other	

2. How long have you been staying there?				
		If Answer to Question #1 (above) was Answer #1, #2, or #3:		
		If Answer #6, score 3; If #5 score 1; Otherwise, score 0		
	#	Length of Stay	Score	
	1	One night or less		
	2	Two to 6 nights		
	3	One week or more, but less than one month		
	4	One month or more, but less than 90 days		
	5	90 days or more, but less than one year		
	6	One year or longer		
	7	Client Doesn't Know		
	8	Client Refused		
	9	Data Not Collected		

3. R	esidence Prior to Current Location (Residence Prior in HMIS)		
	If Answer #1, score 3; If #2, or #3 score 1; Otherwise, score 0		
#	Living Situation	Score	
HOMELESS SITUATION			
1	Place not meant for habitation (e.g. a vehicle, an abandoned building,		
	bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside); inclusive of "non-		
	housing service site (outreach programs only)"	_	
2	Emergency shelter including hotel/motel paid w/emergency shelter voucher		
3	Safe Haven		
4	Interim Housing		
	INSTITUTIONAL SITUATION		
5	Foster care home or foster care group home		
6	Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility		
7	Jail, prison, or juvenile detention facility		
8	Long-term care facility or nursing home		
9	Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility		
10	Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center		
	TRANSITIONAL & PERMANENT HOUSING SITUATION		
11	Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher		
12	Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy		
13	Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy		
14	Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons		
15	Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	_	
16	Rental by client with VASH housing subsidy		
17	Rental by client with GPD TIP subsidy	_	
18	Rental by client with other ongoing housing subsidy	4	
19	Residential project of halfway house with no homeless criteria	_	
20	Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house	4	
21	Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house		

22	Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)	
23	Client Doesn't Know	
24	Client Refused	
25	Data Not Collected	
26	Subsidized Housing	
27	Other	

4.	Approximate date homelessness started	(current episode):	/	/
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5. Regardless of where they stayed last hight - Number of Times Client has been on the					n tne
Street, in Emergency Shelter or Safe Haven in the past 3 years, including this episode:				isode:	
		If Answer #5, score 5;	If #3, #4, score 3;	Otherwise, score 0	
	#	Episodes of Homelessness			Score
	1	0			
	2	1			
	3	2			
	4	3			
	5	4 or more times			
	6	Client doesn't know			
	7	Client refused			
	8	Data not collected			

6. Total Number of Months Client has been homeless on the street, in Emergency Shelt or Safe Haven in the past 3 years, including this episode:				
	If Ar	nswer #12, score 5; If #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, score 3; Otherwise, score	e 0	
	#	Months of Homelessness	Score	
	1	1 (this time is the first month)		
	2	2		
	3	3		
	4	4		
	5	5		
	6	6		
	7	7		
	8	8		
	9	9		
	10	10		
	11	11		
	12	12 or more months		
	13	Client doesn't know		
	14	Client refused		
	15	Data not collected		

7. Do you, or anyone in your household, have any disabilities that is expected to be of long duration & substantially impairs ability to live independently?					
	If Answer #1, score 3; Otherwise, score 0				
#	Household Member with Disabilities	Score			
1	Yes				
2	No				

8. If Yes, complete the following for each applicable household member. Disabilities (Write Y (Yes), N (No), DK (Client Doesn't Know), R (Client Refused), and if Yes, answer additional questions in following columns)

If Answer 'Y' in both Columns **B** and **C** for any one of #1, #2, or #5 <u>AND</u> either #3 or #6 <u>AND</u> #7 for any household member, score 5

If Answer 'Y' in both Columns **B** and **C** for any one of #1, #2, or #5 <u>AND</u> #7 for any household member, score 3; <u>OR</u> Otherwise, score 0

	Α	В	С	D	E	
#	Disability	Y/N/DK/R	If yes, expected to be of long duration & substantially impair ability to live independently? Y/N/DK/R	If yes, Documentation of disability & severity on file? Y/N	If yes, is client currently receiving treatment for this disability?	Score
1	Alcohol Abuse					
2	Both Alcohol & Drug Abuse					
3	Chronic Health Condition					
4	Developmental					
5	Drug Abuse					
6	HIV/AIDS					
7	Mental Health					
8	Physical					

9. Does the household meet the definition of chronically homeless?				
	If Answer #1, score 5 Otherwise, score 0			
	#	Chronically Homeless	Score	
	1	Yes		
	2	No		

10. Monthly Income (Check if client receives income source and write amount received)					
If Answer Includes #3, #4, #5, #6, or #17, score 3 under <b>Score 1</b> ; Otherwise, score 0					
If To	ptal of all Monthly Amounts ≤ \$800, score 3 under <b>S</b>	core 2; Oth	erwise, sco	re 0	
#	Source of Income	Monthly	Score 1	Score 2	
	Source of meome	Amount	30070 1	JUIE Z	
1	Earned income				
2	Unemployment				
3	Supplemental Security income (SSI)				
4	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)				
5	VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation				
6	VA Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension				
7	Private Disability Insurance				
8	Worker's Compensation				
9	Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF)				
10	General Assistance (GA)				
11	Retirement Income from Social Security				
12	Pension or retirement income from a former job				
13	Child Support				
14	Alimony or other spousal support				
15	Other Source (Specify below)				
16	If Other (above), please specify:				
17	No Source of Income	N/A			
	Total Monthly Income:				

11. Has any member of the household been a victim/survivor of domestic violence with the past 6 months?			
	If Answer #1 or #2, score 2; Otherwise, score 0		
#	When Experience Occurred	Score	
1	Within the past 3 months		
2	3 to 6 months		
3	From 6 to 12 months ago		
4	More than a year ago		
5	Client doesn't know		
6	Client refused		
7	Data not collected		

12. H	ow many times have you (or	any member of your ho	ousehold) <b>had an interact</b>	ion with
р	olice, or been incarcerated or	arrested in the past ye	ear?	
	If Answer #5, score 5;	If #3 or #4, score 3	Otherwise, score 0	
#	Interactions			Score
1	0			
2	1			
3	2			
4	3			
5	4 or more			

	l <mark>ow many times have you</mark> (or oom or been hospitalized in t	•	ousehold) <b>been to the eme</b>	rgency
	If Answer #5, score 5;	If #3 or #4, score 3	Otherwise, score 0	
#	Emergency Room or Hospite	al Visits		Score
1	0			
2	1			
3	2			
4	3			
5	4 or more			
6	Client doesn't know			
7	Client refused			

14. H	ow many times have you (or an	y member of you	household) been to an inp	atient
р	sychiatric hospital or mental hea	alth facility in the	past year?	
	If Answer #3, score 5;	If #2, score 3	Otherwise, score 0	
#	Institutionalizations			Score
1	0			
2	1			
3	2 or more			
4	Client doesn't know			
5	Client refused			

Total Score	Score

If any two prioritized clients are given the same prioritization score, priority will be given to the client with the longest current length of homelessness (per Question 2). If still the same, priority will be given to the client with the larger number of homeless episodes in the past 3 years (per Question 3).

**Maximum Score: 60** 

Client doesn't know

Client refused

Base score for eligibility for Permanent Supportive Housing for chronically homeless: 24 Base score for eligibility for Permanent Supportive Housing: 5

*Date of Assessment
1. What is the household's current housing situation?
The final is the flousehold's current flousing studeton:
Number of days the household has been in their current location:
2. Please select the range that represents how long the household has been in their current location based on the above
Residence prior to current location:
3. What was the household's residence prior to its current location, based on the above?
Si What was the household's residence prior to its current location, based on the above:
Approximate date homelessness started (current episode)
4. Has the household's current episode of homelessness lasted 12 months or more based on the above?
○Yes ○No
Regardless of where they stayed last night - Number of Times Client has been on the Street, in Emergency Shelter or Safe
Haven in the past 3 years, including this episode:
5. Please select the number of times the household has been homeless in the past 3 years
Total Number of Months Client has been homeless on the street, in Emergency Shelter or Safe Haven in the past 3 years,
including this episode:
6. Please select the number of months the client has been homeless in the past 3 years based on the above
7. Does any household member have a disabling condition that is expected to be of long term duration & substantially impairs ability to live independently?
○Yes ○No
8a. Does any household member have both a substance abuse disorder and a disabling mental health condition?
OYes ONo
8b. Does any household member have all three of the following:
A substance abuse disorder
A disabling mental health condition     A chronic health condition
○Yes ○No
9. Does the household meet the definition of chronically homeless?
○Yes ○No
Monthly Income Sources
10a. Does the household receive income from any of the following courses based on the above?
10a. Does the household receive income from any of the following sources based on the above?:
Supplemental Security income (SSI)     Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation
VA Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension     No Source of Income
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○Yes ○No

Monthly Income Amount
10b. Is the total monthly household income less than \$800 based on the above?
○Yes ○No
11. Has any member of the household been a victim/survivor of domestic violence within the past 6 months?
○Yes ○No
12. How many times has any member of the household had an incident with police, or been incarcerated or arrested in the past year?
13. How many times has any member of the household been to the emergency room or been hospitalized in the past year?
14. How many times has any member of the household been to an inpatient psychiatric hospital or mental health facility in the past year?
Household Prioritization Score
0
Update Tri-County CoC Prioritization Tool Section

## 1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference

- a. Warren County Housing Authority Section 8 Admin Plan homeless preference
- b. Hunterdon County Housing Authority Section 8 Admin Plan homeless preference
- c. New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Section 8 Admin Plan

#### Warren County Housing Program 337 Water Street Belvidere, NJ 07823 (908) 475-3989 Fax (908) 475-8637

#### Dear Applicant,

As per your request, enclosed is an application for Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program. All completed applications must be **MAILED** to our office at the above address.

The program is available to assist in paying part of the rent for tenants who have annual incomes that do not exceed the below maximum income guidelines for their family size:

Family Size	Maximum Income
1	\$34,450
2	\$39,350
3	\$44,250
4	\$49,150
5	\$53,100
6	\$57,050

When we receive your completed application it will be placed on the programs waiting list if we make a preliminary determination that you are eligible for assistance based on the information you submit. You will be notified by letter of our determination of your eligibility. If it is determined that you are not eligible for the program you will be informed of the reason.

When an opening for assistance becomes available under the program we are required to select eligible applicants from the programs waiting list in accordance with the rules and regulations of the program. Generally this means that applicants are selected based on the date that their applications are received, after the consideration of any preferences which the applicant is eligible to receive. This means that in some cases certain applicants may be selected for assistance before other applicants who applied for the program at an earlier date.

Currently the program places an application on the waiting list based on the following preferences:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Preference</u>
1	Elderly/Disabled
2	Resident
3	Working
4	Domestic Violence/Homeless
5	Income Target

The definitions that apply to theses preferences are as follows:

- 1. <u>Elderly/Disabled</u>- A family whose head or spouse or whose sole member is at least 62 years of age. A family where the head or spouse meets any of the criteria for a disabled person. (A person who has a disability as defined in section 223 of Social Security Act. (42U.S.C.423). The law defines "disability" as the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determined physical or mental impairment(s) which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.
- 2. Resident- A person or family whose residence or job location prior to program placement and after program placement is within Warren County. The legal residence of the household is determined in accordance with state and local law. (Other than the Town of Phillipsburg which has its own Public Housing Agency and Authority.)
- 3. **Working-** Families who are graduates or active participants in educational and training programs designed to prepare persons for the job market. Families with at least one adult who is employed. This preference is extended equally to elderly families' whose head or spouse is receiving income based on their inability to work.

- 4. <u>Domestic Violence Victim/Homeless</u>- The household has documented actual or threatened physical violence directed against the applicant or the applicant's family by a spouse or other household member who lives in the unit with the family. To qualify for this preference, the abuser must still reside in the unit of which the victim was displaced. The applicant must certify that the abuser will not reside with the applicant unless the housing agency gives prior written approval. A homeless family is one lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and having a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations or an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized or a public or private place not ordinarily used as sleeping accommodations for human beings.
- 5. <u>Income Target</u>- Applicant meets very low-income eligibility requirements as established by HUD. Income schedules are revised annually by HUD and are as follows:

Family Size	Target Income
1	\$20,650
2	\$23,600
3	\$26,550
4	\$29,500
5	\$31,900
6	\$35,160

Due to the above selection requirements, it is not possible for our office to estimate the amount of time that it will take for the program to assist you. In addition, applicants are only selected from the programs waiting list when an opening occurs in our current funding as a result of someone leaving the program or when new funding is received to assist additional tenants. For these reasons we cannot give you a time estimate or guarantee that your position on the waiting list will not change as a result of additional applications being received with more preferences. You will be notified by mail when we are able to assist you. We regret that we are unable to be more specific in regards to the above time frame.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Warren County Housing Program

b. Hunterdon Cou	nty Housing Authori	ty Section 8 Admin	Plan homeless preferend

# PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
OMB No. 2577-0226
Expires 4/30/2011

## PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the PHA 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the \_\_\_\_\_ 5-Year and/or \_\_\_ Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_ on, hereinafter referred to as" the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

- 1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
- 2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
- 3. The PHA certifies that there has been no change, significant or otherwise, to the Capital Fund Program (and Capital Fund Program/Replacement Housing Factor) Annual Statement(s), since submission of its last approved Annual Plan. The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report must be submitted annually even if there is no change.
- 4. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Board or Boards in developing the Plan, and considered the recommendations of the Board or Boards (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
- 5. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
- 6. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- 7. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, address those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and maintain records reflecting these analyses and actions.
- 8. For PHA Plan that includes a policy for site based waiting lists:
  - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2006-24);
  - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
  - Adoption of site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
  - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
  - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
- 9. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
- 10. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
- 11. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
- 12. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.

- 13. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- 14. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
- 15. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
- 16. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
- 17. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
- 18. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
- 19. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
- 20. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
- 21. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification that:
  - (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
  - (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PHA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
  - (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.
- 22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements.

Hunterdon County Division of Housing	NJ084
PHA Name	PHA Number/HA Code
5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20 20	_
X Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20 - 20_	
hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provious rosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil p	ded in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will enalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)
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ignature	Date 10/20/2016

#### J. VERIFICATION OF WAITING LIST PREFERENCES [24 CFR 982.207]

The Hunterdon County Division of Housing uses local preference and will use homelessness preference for their future waiting list lottery drawings. The Hunterdon County Division of Housing will ask for verification of Hunterdon County residency and/or proof of employment during the time of the lottery and verify the employment is still in Hunterdon for eligibility.

While the HUD regulations maintain four categories for defining people who are homeless, the PIH definition for IMS-PIC reporting (Form 50058) is narrowed to the following two categories:

Category 1: An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- a. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; or
- b. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low- income individuals); or
- c. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

Category 4: Any individual or family who:

- i. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; and
- ii. Has no other residence; and
- iii. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith- based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing

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# HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

# Administrative Plan



State of New Jersey

Department of Community Affairs

Division of Housing and Community Resources

State Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)



http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/

#### Chapter 5

#### **SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION**

The selection process begins with the program's commitment to exceed the regulatory requirement that not less than 75 percent of the households admitted to the Housing Choice Voucher Program from the program's waiting list must be extremely low-income households. The DCA selection policy then employs a local preference for households that include a person with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The program has the discretion to establish local preferences that are consistent with the PHA Plan and Consolidated Plan under which the local PHA jurisdiction is covered.

Residency is a secondary preference that is used to further rank those applicants with a local preference and applicants without a preference. Applicants living in the county are offered assistance before non-residents of the county. The residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or denying admission because of the applicant's age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or other protected class. The standards instituted by the DCA for verification of a local preference are presented in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-2). Applicants who have not claimed a preference are afforded the opportunity to claim a preference at any time while on the waiting list. However, a change from no preference to a local preference will not be implemented without supporting documentation. Applicants are notified of their right to an informal review if their claim of a local preference is denied. Date of placement on the waiting list is the final criteria used in the selection of applicants

As noted above, with the exception of HUD program regulations pertaining to special admissions and targeted funding, persons will be placed on the DCA's waiting list using a lottery system.

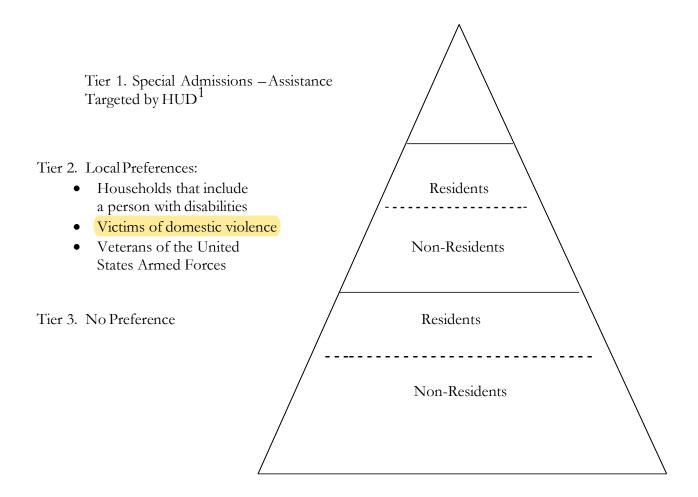
In selecting applicants for participation, the DCA will first offer assistance to Tier I applicants. If there are no Tier I applicants on the jurisdiction's waiting list, assistance is offered to Tier II applicants. If there are no Tier II applicants on the waiting list, assistance is offered to Tier III applicants. (see Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-1).

Applicants selected from the waiting list must provide all required documentation within fifteen (15) business days of the date of the notice from the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Extenuating circumstances will be considered in order to provide a reasonable accommodation, on a case-by-case basis. Programs that require variations to the standard selection policy are identified in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-4).

#### 5.1 Single Member Households

In accordance with 24 C.F.R. §982.207, Waiting list: Local preferences in admission to program, the DCA provides a preference for the admission of single persons with disabilities over other single person households.

#### ILLUSTRATION OF THE DCA'S APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The DCA will select a household that is not included on the waiting list, or without considering the household's waiting list position, if HUD awards the program funding that is targeted for households living in specified units.

#### EXHIBIT 5.2

#### Verification Standards for the Local Preferences

All documents received to verify a local preference must be dated and current. To be considered "current" a document must not be dated more than sixty (60) days before the issuance date of a Voucher to an applicant household. All certifications from a third party (including facsimile transmissions) must be on the agency's letterhead, dated and signed by the appropriate representative of the agency. If verifications are more than sixty (60) days old before a Voucher is issued, new written verifications must be obtained.

#### Households That Include a Person with Disabilities

- 1. Documentation from the Social Security Administration that a member of the household is a disabled person who is receiving Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income benefits; or
- 2. Certification from a physician, on a Certification of Disability form (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-3), that a member of the household is a person with disabilities.

#### Victims of Domestic Violence

Official correspondence from a social services agency, the local police department, a court of competent jurisdiction, or a public or private facility that provides shelter or counseling to victims of domestic violence that the applicant:

- 1. Is currently living in a housing unit in which a member of the household engages in such violence. The actual or threatened violence must be of a continuing nature and have occurred within the past 120 days; or
- 2. The applicant has been displaced because of domestic violence and is not currently residing in standard, permanent replacement housing, to avoid the threat of continued abuse.

#### Veteran of the United States Armed Forces

Only veterans discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable

# 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference

1. New Jersey DCA Moving On Plan

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY 2018 Annual Action Plan



State of New Jersey Phil Murphy, Governor

Department of Community Affairs

Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner

500 households who are involved with the child welfare system.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

New Jersey will continue its continuum of care approach to address and identify the needs of the homeless. This includes programs and services addressing each stage of the homeless continuum: homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, temporary housing assistance and permanent supportive housing programs.

Homelessness Prevention: The State of New Jersey will continue to provide temporary financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeless households in imminent risk of homelessness due to a rental eviction through the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP). The HPP can provide the following types of assistance:

- 1. Rental Arrears a maximum of 3 months' back rent plus any court fees, legal fees and other late fees included as rent in a written lease.
- 2. Relocation: security deposit of up to 1 ½ months' rent and 2 months' rent.

ESG: The State of New Jersey will continue to provide rapid re-housing assistance through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program to homeless households at or below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI). Rapid re-housing assistance includes financial assistance, case management, housing search and placement, credit repair, money management and budgeting.

#### Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The State will continue to provide funds to maintain shelter facilities through the ESG Program. The program provides funding to do the following:

- 1. Address life and safety issues in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.
- 2. Purchase equipment and furnishings that will provide direct benefits to the shelter's residents.
- 3. Create new emergency shelter beds when needed.

DCA and the State Parole Board will also continue the Another Chance program. The program expands housing resources available to inmates released from prison without a stable living arrangement. The program provides temporary housing assistance (up to six months) to offenders being released from designated Department of Corrections' facilities that do not have an approved residence of record. The program is currently operating in Camden, Newark, New Brunswick and Trenton.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families

Annual Action Plan 2018 with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The State will continue to apply for HUD Continuum of Care funding (CoC) provide rental assistance to homeless persons with disabilities, in collaboration with local social service providers. Funds for this program have been granted in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Warren Counties. In addition, the State through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program will continue to provide rapid re-housing assistance to households up to 30% of Area Median Income.

The State's Housing First Initiative awarded 500 tenant-based State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) vouchers and \$250,000 in supportive service funding to 12 agencies across the state. 425 vouchers will provide housing for chronically homeless people who are frequent users of public systems, and 75 vouchers will provide housing for homeless veterans. To date, 468 applicants were approved and 392 were leased up.

The State's Moving On Initiative provides SRAP vouchers to people in permanent housing programs who no longer need a high level of services. As people move on to the SRAP vouchers, currently homeless individuals and families will backfill the vacancies in the existing permanent supportive housing programs.

Rental assistance will continue to be provided to people who are homeless and working towards self-sufficiency through the Housing Choice Voucher, State Rental Assistance and the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

DCA also administers 832 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and 273 project-base Housing Choice Vouchers for homeless and at-risk veterans. In addition, DCA has "graduated" 32 formerly homeless veterans from VASH to Housing Choice Vouchers.

DCA has also committed rental assistance to the Keeping Families Together Initiative with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). This program targets rental assistance and supportive services to extremely vulnerable families who are homeless or live in unstable housing, and who are involved with the child welfare system. The goal is to ensure that children are not removed from their families, or that families can reunify, with stable housing and services designed to support their tenancy. DCA committed 50 project-based Housing Choice Vouchers to this program in 2015 and 2016, and will commit an additional 100 vouchers in 2017. In addition, DCA has committed 100 vouchers for homeless and at-risk youths.

Rental assistance will continue to be provided to people who are homeless and working towards self-

sufficiency through the Housing Choice Voucher, State Rental Assistance and the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The State will continue to use a portion of its Emergency Solutions Grant funds along with State Homelessness Prevention funds to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent households from becoming homeless or rapidly re-house those who are homeless. In addition, the State will utilize Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program vouchers, recently awarded, along with State Rental Assistance Program and Division of Developmental Disabilities vouchers to provide rental assistance to low-income individuals being discharged from institutions.

#### Discussion

#### **State Rental Assistance Program: Moving On Initiative**

#### Introduction:

The NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will issue up to 500 State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) tenant-based vouchers to eligible disabled households who are currently receiving rental assistance from a HUD Continuum of Care (CofC) permanent supportive housing voucher program or are a recipient of another supportive housing voucher program and no longer require the level of supportive services associated with that program. This initiative will do the following:

- 1. Enable tenants who have achieved stability in supportive housing to transition to more independent living.
- 2. Enable the CofCs to refill their vacated vouchers with individuals or families in need of supportive housing.

#### **SRAP Moving On:**

SRAP provides an unlimited-term, tenant-based rental assistance voucher to eligible disabled households. Under the program, a disabled head of household will pay 25% of their adjusted income for their portion of the rent.

#### **Eligibility Requirements for SRAP Tenancy:**

- 1. Be an active participant on a HUD CofC permanent supportive housing voucher program or other supportive housing voucher program.
  - a. No longer require the level of supportive services associated with that program, as demonstrated by an assessment according to the CSH Acuity Index\*; and
  - b. Be in good standing with the current program's regulations and policies.
- 2. Have household income at or below 30% of Area Median Income.
- 3. Have not been convicted of a violent criminal act in the last 5 years; please note that DCA will consider extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis.
- 4. Are not subject to a lifetime registration requirement under the State sex-offender registration program.

\*Please utilize the attached matrix created by the Corporation for Supportive Housing to assist you in identifying potential households (please note that the matrix was based on the Connecticut Supportive Housing Assessment and Acuity Index).

#### **Next Steps:**

**Letter of Intent:** DCA is requesting a Letter of Intent from interested New Jersey Continuum of Care lead representatives. The Letter of Intent which is due to DCA by January 11, 2017 must identify the following:

- A description of the targeted population for the SRAP vouchers using HMIS and any other relevant data
- 2. A commitment by the CofC to backfill any voucher program slots vacated by tenants moving onto the SRAP vouchers with eligible homeless households. Please also include a brief description of the CofC's need for these slots and timeline/outreach plan for backfill.

- 3. The number of SRAP vouchers being requested; please note that there is no guarantee that a CofC will receive a certain number of SRAP vouchers. These vouchers will be issued on a first come/first serve basis statewide with the assumption that all SRAP participants will be leased up within a 60 day timeframe. Due to this strict timeline, leasing in place will be encouraged. Successful CofCs will have a mechanism in place to ensure that complete and accurate SRAP applications are submitted in a timely fashion. If this timeline is not met, the SRAP voucher may be withdrawn and issued to another eligible household, and the tenant will remain on the CofC permanent housing voucher.
- 4. A description of case management follow-up; DCA will require the CofC to ensure that the current permanent supportive housing grantee agency follow-up at least once a month during the six months of SRAP tenancy, to ensure that the program participants are transitioning appropriately.
- 5. Contact person's name, phone number and e-mail address.

**Conference Call:** DCA has scheduled a conference call for Friday, January 6, 2017 at 10 AM to answer questions on this initiative. Please e-mail Lisa Downes at <a href="mailto:lisa.downes@dca.nj.gov">lisa.downes@dca.nj.gov</a> if you are interested in participating in the call.

**Notification:** DCA will notify the CoCs that have been selected to participate in this initiative by January 30, 2017. A conference call to discuss the application process will be scheduled shortly after the announcement. After notification by DCA, selected CofCs may begin submitting SRAP applications. Please note that selected CofCs are not guaranteed access to SRAP vouchers; the number of SRAP vouchers awarded to the selected CofCs will be dependent on the timeliness of the SRAP application submission and the amount of funds available.

Attachment

# 1E-1. Local Competition Announcement

- Public Announcement Request for Letter of Intent (RLI) for New & Renewal Projects
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1. Public Announcement – Request for Letter of Intent (RLI) for New & Renewal Projects

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Subject: RE: Tri-County CoC FY 2021 RLI

#### Good Afternoon,

I wanted to clarify that the letters are due on FRIDAY June 18, 2021. The attached document reflects this update. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

# Meagan Q. O'Reilly

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Subject: Tri-County CoC FY 2021 RLI

Hello Tri-County Community Agencies:

Please see the attached letter regarding the Tri-County Continuum of Care 2021 Notice of Intent.

The attached Tri-County FY2021 RLI includes background information regarding the grant, eligible project components, the new project application and the renewal project application.

Please email Lisa Falcone at <a href="mailto:lfalcone@monarchhousing.org">lfalcone@monarchhousing.org</a> with any questions regarding the 2021 Tri-County Notice of Intent process. Thank you!

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Good Afternoon,

Attached you will find the following Tri-County CoC RFP documents.

- 1. 2021 Tri-County CA RFP Final- Explains the Request for Proposal including the scope of service, applicant requirements and application instructions
- 2. Tri County CoC RFP Application form- Scoring Guide 5.21.2021- a PDF version of the Application form and Scoring guide
- 3. Tri County CoC RFP Application form- Scoring Guide 5.21.2021- a fillable word document

There is a virtual TA session scheduled for Friday June 11th at 3pm regarding this RFP. Please send an email to Meagan O'Reilly (moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us) to register for the TA Session by June 1, 2021. Thank you!

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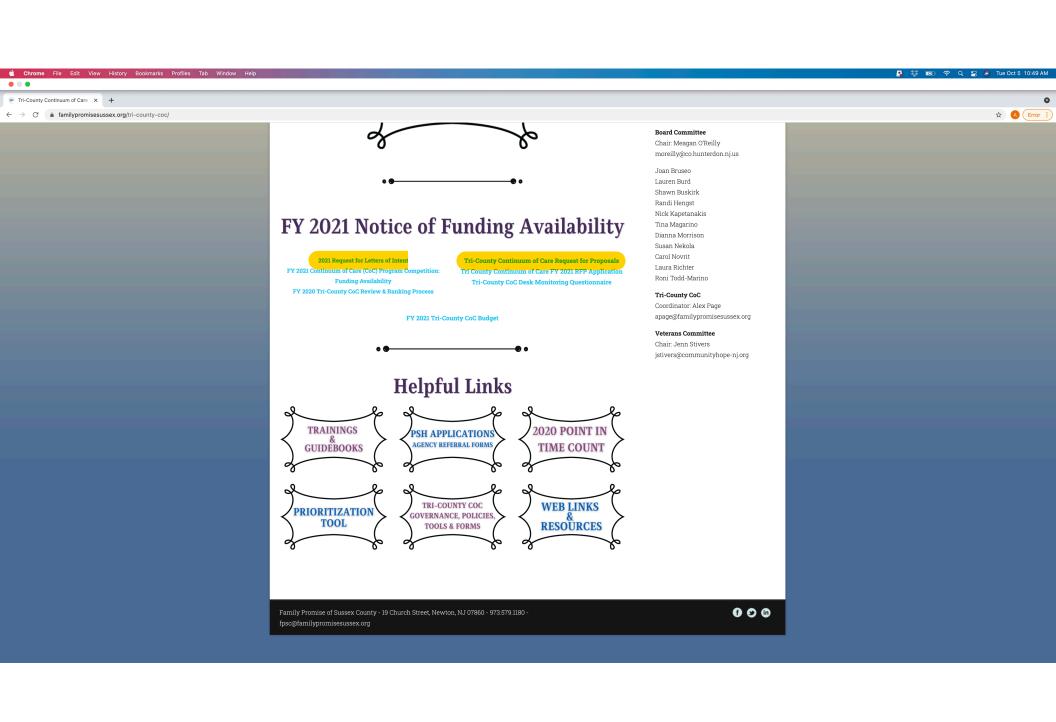
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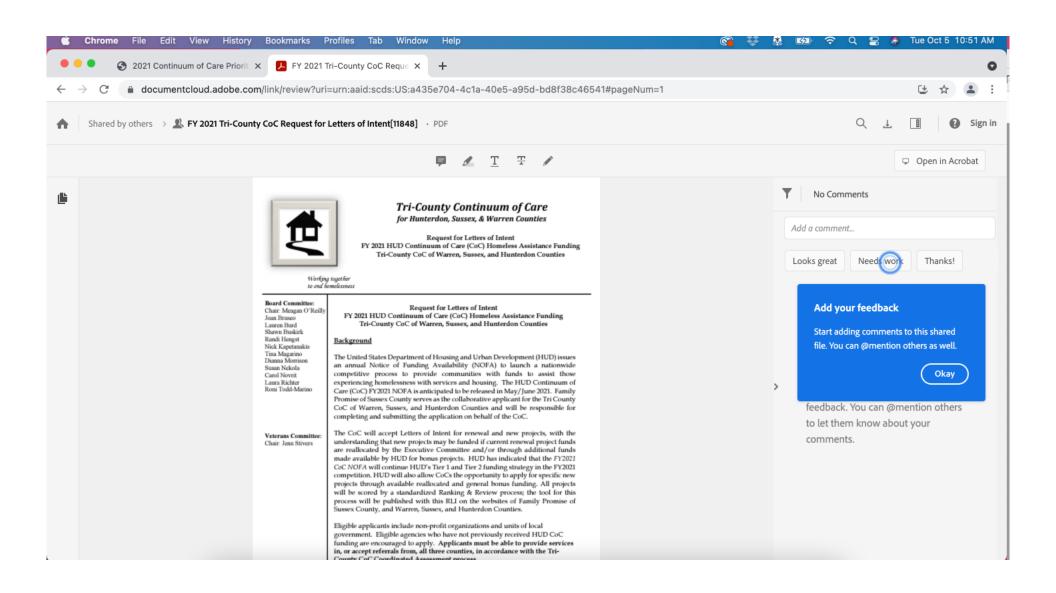


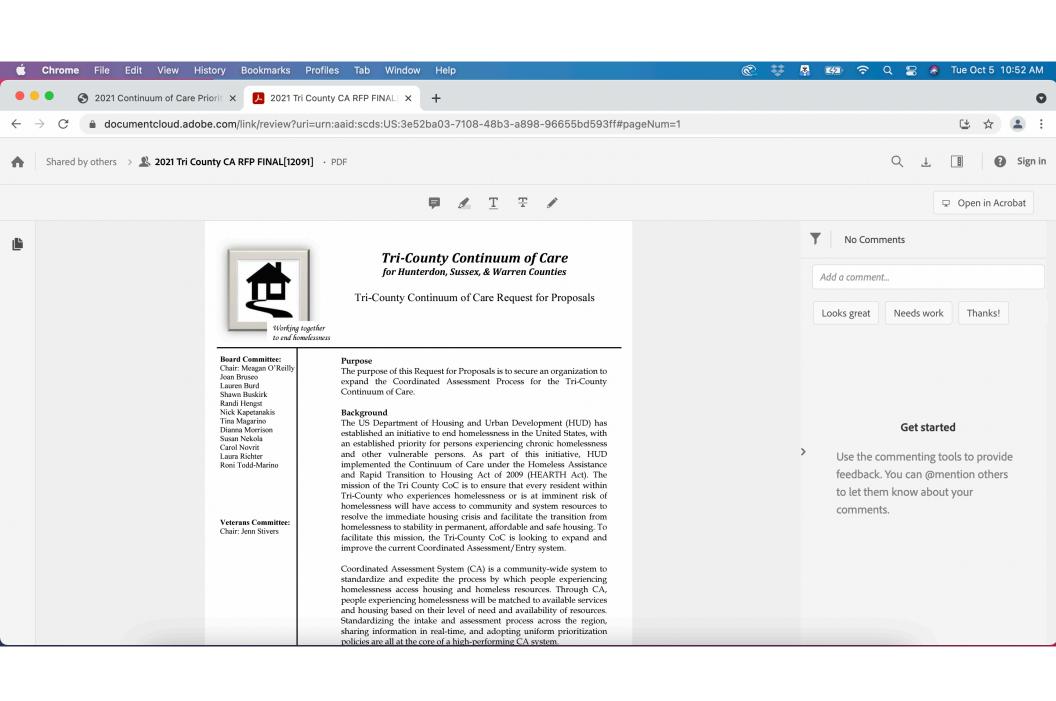




# 3. Website Posting







4. Request for Letters of Intent/Instructions



# Tri-County Continuum of Care

for Hunterdon, Sussex, & Warren Counties

Request for Letters of Intent
FY 2021 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Funding
Tri-County CoC of Warren, Sussex, and Hunterdon Counties

Working together to end homelessness

#### **Board Committee:**

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**Veterans Committee:** Chair: Jenn Stivers

Request for Letters of Intent
FY 2021 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Funding
Tri-County CoC of Warren, Sussex, and Hunterdon Counties

#### **Background**

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to launch a nationwide competitive process to provide communities with funds to assist those experiencing homelessness with services and housing. The HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) FY2021 NOFA is anticipated to be released in May/June 2021. Family Promise of Sussex County serves as the collaborative applicant for the Tri County CoC of Warren, Sussex, and Hunterdon Counties and will be responsible for completing and submitting the application on behalf of the CoC.

The CoC will accept Letters of Intent for renewal and new projects, with the understanding that new projects may be funded if current renewal project funds are reallocated by the Executive Committee and/or through additional funds made available by HUD for bonus projects. HUD has indicated that the *FY2021 CoC NOFA* will continue HUD's Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding strategy in the FY2021 competition. HUD will also allow CoCs the opportunity to apply for specific new projects through available reallocated and general bonus funding. All projects will be scored by a standardized Ranking & Review process; the tool for this process will be published with this RLI on the websites of Family Promise of Sussex County, and Warren, Sussex, and Hunterdon Counties.

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and units of local government. Eligible agencies who have not previously received HUD CoC funding are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be able to provide services in, or accept referrals from, all three counties, in accordance with the Tri-County CoC Coordinated Assessment process.

Applicants are responsible for reading the FY 2021 HUD Notice of Funding Availability when it is released: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices</a>

HUD requires an electronic submission of all applications in E-snaps; applicants will be required to finish the draft application, with all required attachments, approximately three weeks prior to the HUD deadline. The CoC will review the draft prior to submission.

https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf.

A mandatory technical assistance session for interested applicants will be provided on May 24th at 11 a.m. via ZOOM. Attending the session is mandatory for all agencies submitting both new and renewal proposals. Applicants must register for the meeting to <a href="mailto:LFalcone@monarchhousing.org">LFalcone@monarchhousing.org</a> and Meagan O'Reilly at <a href="mailto:MOreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us">MOreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us</a>.

Providers must submit Letters of Intent to the CoC no later than Tuesday June 18th, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Electronic submissions are acceptable and may be emailed to <a href="LFalcone@monarchhousing.org">LFalcone@monarchhousing.org</a> and Meagan O'Reilly at <a href="MOreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us">MOreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us</a>.

### **Scope of Services**

### **Purpose**

To provide funding to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families, promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs and optimize self-sufficiency by those experiencing homelessness (the HUD homeless definition can be found at: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/">https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/</a>

# **Eligible Components**

Permanent Supportive Housing
Rapid Re-Housing
Supportive Services only (Coordinated Entry only) See RFP Release listed below
Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing
Homeless Management Information Systems

Tri - County Local Selection Process 2021 Funding Priorities
Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing Projects using Housing First Methodology
Supportive Service Only projects that expand and/or Improve Coordinated Entry

## **New Projects**

The Tri County CoC will accept applications for new projects prioritizing those project types listed above.

Applicants are expected to align projects with the goals of HUD's Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness and *Home, Together,* which can be found at <a href="http://usich.gov/">http://usich.gov/</a>

#### **RFP Release**

The Tri-County CoC will release an RFP on June 21, 2021 regarding Coordinated Entry/Coordinated Assessment.

A separate Q & A session will be announced in the RFP.

### Match & Leverage

All applicants should start to plan for and secure commitments of match and leveraging sources.

**Match –** a 25% cash or in-kind match is required for all program components except leasing. Match is required for both new and renewal projects.

**Leverage –** an effort to leverage local resources is required by HUD for all projects.

If selected for funding Letters and/or MOUs documentation match & leveraging are due with the draft application prior to submission in E-snaps. Further guidance is available from HUD at:

https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3113/importance-of-documenting-match-under-the-coc-program/

### **Project Rating Process for Renewal Projects**

Upon submission of applications, the Tri-County Selection Committee will evaluate programs using the approved scoring criteria (attached) and data generated from HMIS based on the CoC System Performance Measures: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/System-Performance-Measures-Introductory-Guide.pdf">https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/System-Performance-Measures-Introductory-Guide.pdf</a>

Projects are required to participate in:

Coordinated Assessment, Housing First Philosophy and use of the Chronically Homeless Definition.

Special consideration will be given to project proposals that expand housing using a housing first philosophy and projects that expand and/or improve coordinated assessment/entry.

# **Continuum of Care Membership**

The Tri-County Continuum of Care annually welcomes new members and member agencies who seek to join in the mission of ending homelessness for persons in Warren, Hunterdon, and Sussex Counties. The CoC considers opinions pertaining to planning and strategic resource allocation from any individuals and organizations with knowledge of homelessness in the geographic area or an interest in preventing or ending homelessness in the Tri-County region.

#### **Definitions**

Chronically Homeless – the new definition for Chronically Homeless went into effect on January 4, 2017 and is as follows: An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition, or an adult member of a homeless family who has a disabling condition, who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four (4) occasions of homelessness in the past 3 years, where all combined occasions has to total a length of time of at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least 7 nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven. The term "homeless," in this case, means a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets), in an emergency homeless shelter, or in a Safe Haven as defined by HUD.

Disabling Condition - A disabling condition is defined as: (1) a disability as defined in Section 223 of the Social Security Act; (2) a physical, mental, or emotional impairment which is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and of such a nature that the disability could be improved by more suitable conditions; (3) a developmental disability as defined in

Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act; (4) the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any conditions arising from the etiological agent for acquired immune deficiency syndrome; or (5) a diagnosable substance abuse disorder. A disabling condition limits an individual's ability to work or perform one or more activities of daily living.

Housing First - a model of housing assistance that is offered without preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals. Research shows that it is effective for the chronically homeless with mental health and substance abuse disorders, resulting in fewer inpatients stays and less expensive intervention than other approaches. Permanent Supportive Housing projects should use a Housing First approach in the design of the program.

5. New and Renewal Applications & Scoring Tools

# Tri County Continuum of Care FY 2021 Renewal Project Application

	Project Information				
Project Name	•				
Current Grant #:		Expiration	ı date:		
Total 1 Year HUD Request: \$					
Project Type: Support Services Only	y				
Rapid Re-Housing					
Permanent Supportive	e Housing				
Joint Transitional/Rap	· ·				
Homeless Managemen	nt Information Syst	tems			
Recipien	nt Organization Inf	formation			
Organization Name:	0				
Address:					
City:	Zip Code:				
Telephone:	Fax Number:				
If NJ Medicaid provider, indicate ID#: Federal ID#:					
Application	n Contact Person I	nformation			
Name:	ii Contact I cison I				
	T. 7. 11				
Telephone:	E-Mail:				
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Total # of units:		Total # of be	ds:		
Priority Populations		r of Beds		of Units	
, -	Prioritized	Dedicated	Prioritized	Dedicated	
Chronically Homeless					
Veterans Vouth agad 18 24					
Youth aged 18-24 Families					
Survivors of Domestic Violence					
<u> </u>		1	ı	1	

Total Number Available to Any Subpopulation or Client	

## RENEWAL PROJECTS FISCAL INFORMATION

1.	Have you requested an extension for your most recent contract year?    Yes    No
2.	Start and end date of your most recent HUD award ( <u>current contract year</u> ): (If extension has been granted, make sure current contract year reflects the extension granted)
	to
3.	Total amount of award: \$
4.	Do you anticipate that you will have unexpended funds at the expiration date of your current contract?  Yes No If yes, how much? \$
5.	Have you had unexpended HUD funds at the expiration of grant terms in the past 3 years?
	Yes No If yes, how much? 2020 \$ 2019 \$ 2018 \$
	Please include a copy of your most recent grant closeout statement, and a printout of your eLOCCS voucher payments showing the past 12 months of grant payment requests.

Please describe any changes that have occurred to your original program and/or significant accomplishments not reflected in your APR.

Has your program had any significant changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Please describe project admission and termination criteria. Specifically address how the items listed below will impact admission and termination within the project as applicable.

Admission Criteria:

- Having too little or no income
- Active or history of substance abuse
- Having a criminal record with exception for state-mandated restrictions
- History of domestic violence

#### **Termination Criteria:**

- Failure to make progress on a service plan
- Loss of income or failure to improve income

- Being a victim of domestic violence
- Any other activity not covered in a standard lease agreement

How many referrals from the Tri-County Continuum of Care Coordinated Assessment Process has your project received since July 1, 2019? How many of these referrals were accepted and rejected? Please explain the reason for any rejected referral.

# ASSURANCES for NEW and RENEWAL PROJECTS Tri County CoC

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information in this application is true and correct. The governing body of the applicant has duly authorized submission of this document and the applicant will comply with the following:

- Applicant will complete the HUD Project Application forms with the same information as contained in this application.
- Applicant agrees to participate fully in the NJ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
   Domestic Violence providers agree to provide non-identifying data from a HMIS-comparable tracking system.
- Applicants agree to complete a HUD Annual Progress Report (APR).
- Project agrees to participate in the Coordinated Entry system, which includes the use of a Common
  Assessment tool, attend Case Conferencing, Data Quality, Full Tri County CoC and participate in at least
  one subcommittee meeting. If there is a change in staff within your agency within one month you will be
  required to update the CoC with the new contact information.
- Applicant understands that HUD CoC-funded homeless projects are monitored by the Tri County CoC.
   This can include an annual site visit, annual submission of the applicant's most recent APR submitted to HUD and participation in the Tri County Continuum of Care.

Name:	
(please type)	
Title:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Signature:(if	
application is	
scanned)	
Electronic	☐ I agree that checking this box is the legal equivalent of my manual
signature	signature on this agreement. You confirm that you have reviewed
authorization:	and agree with the conditions above.
Date:	

# Tri County Continuum of Care FY 2021 New Project Application

Proje	ct Informatio	n		
Project Name:				
Total HUD Request: \$				
Proposed start date:				
Project Type: Permanent Housing				
Kasey? Rapid Re-Housing				
Permanent Supportive				
☐ Joint Transitional Hous				
☐ Homeless Management	t Information	Systems		
Recipient Org	ganization Inf	ormation		
Organization Name:	,			
Director:				
Address:				
City: 2	Zip Code:			
Telephone: Fa	x Number:			
If NJ Medicaid Provider, ID#: Federal ID#:				
Are there Sub-Recipient Organizations for this project? Yes No If yes, which organization(s)?				
Application Co.	ntact Darcon I	nformation		
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Name.				
Telephone: E-	Mail:			
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Total # of units: Total # of beds:				
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Chronically Homeless				
Veterans				
Youth aged 18-24				
Families				
Total # of units:  Priority Populations  Chronically Homeless  Veterans  Youth aged 18-24	Number	Total # of be	Number	1

Survivors of Domestic Violence		
Total Number Available to Any		
Subpopulation or Client		

### Tri County CoC FY 2021 NEW PROJECT NARRATIVE

Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project, including but not limited to target population, proposed services, length of assistance, etc. Explain how your project will be in line with HUD strategic goals and enable households to achieve housing and greater self-sufficiency.

https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FederalStrategicPlan\_Presentation.pdf

Please also describe project admission and termination criteria. Specifically address how the items listed below will impact admission and termination within the project as applicable.

Admission Criteria:

- Having too little or no income
- Active or history of substance abuse
- Having a criminal record with exception for state-mandated restrictions
- History of domestic violence

#### **Termination Criteria:**

- Failure to make progress on a service plan
- Loss of income or failure to improve income
- Being a victim of domestic violence
- Any other activity not covered in a standard lease agreement

#### Please include a budget summary to include:

Expense	Year 1	Total Request
1. Leased Units	\$	\$
New construction, acquisition, rehab	\$	\$
3. Rental Assistance	\$	\$
4. Supportive Services	\$	\$
5. Operating	\$	\$
6. Sub-total Expenses	\$	\$
7. Administration (7% max.)	\$	\$
8. Total HUD Request	\$	\$
Total Match	\$	

## New project leasing and rental assistance budgets must be based on FY 2021 HUD FMRs which can be found at the following link:

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html

The Tri County Continuum of Care has established a transparent framework for the decision-making process guiding the annual CoC application for HUD funding for homelessness assistance projects. Performance measures and scoring criteria are adjusted annually to maintain alignment with HUD priorities and local objectives.

The Selection Committee consists of non-biased persons; i.e. members of the CoC who do not represent or have any formal association with an agency submitting an application to the CoC. The Selection Committee will receive copies of all project proposals prior to meeting and be prepared to:

- Conduct a review of each application
- Evaluate each application against defined criteria
- Rank each proposal in order
- Provide recommendations to the CoC Executive Committee regarding whether a
  proposal should be submitted for funding and how it should be ranked against other
  proposals.

Each individual who participates in the review process agrees to hold all information related to the proposals in confidence before, during and after the review proceedings. Rankings and scores will be shared with applicants prior to presentation to the CoC. Findings of the committee will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Tri-County CoC for final approval.

#### New Projects

- Applicant is a 50l(c)(3) not for profit or a local unit of government.
- Projects must meet all HUD eligibility criteria.
- Applicant must have the organizational capacity to implement a project in alignment with all HUD standards and cannot have a history of findings or unresolved issues with HUD or the State of NJ or counties of Warren, Sussex or Hunterdon.

#### Renewal Projects

Projects will be evaluated on a 105-point basis. The Selection Committee members are asked to assign a score based on information in the application, performance review, and local and HUD priorities. All projects are scored together and then ranked from highest to lowest score. A minimum score of 60 is required to be included in the FY 2021 application.

A new or renewal project application must meet the priority threshold, or it will be automatically rejected by the Selection Committee. Applications also must use a housing first approach, agree to participate in the Coordinated Entry System, commit to a policy of non-discrimination, and comply with all other provisions of the Policies & Procedures of the Coordinated Entry System.

Upon a project application submission, the Selection Committee will first closely review the information in order to ensure that:

- All proposed program participants will be eligible for the program component type selected;
- The organization is eligible to submit a project application;
- The proposed activities are eligible under the 24 CFR part 578;
- Each project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all
  criteria for that question as required by the NOFA's detailed instructions provided in esnaps;
- The data provided in various parts of the project application are consistent; and
- All required attachments, such as letters of commitment correspond to the attachments list in e-snaps and the attachments contain accurate and complete information.

Applications submitted may be returned for suggested modifications or amendments. Those project applications that are accepted for submission may be invited to present their project to the Selection Committee. The dates, times and location will be emailed to the organization. Interviews are meant to clarify the applications only and are not meant to be used to provide new information that could affect scoring.

Shortly after the presentations, the projects within each priority will then be scored by the Selection Committee according to the criteria set by the CoC Executive Committee.

#### Scoring Criteria and Application Scorecard-Renewal Projects

#### Desk Monitoring Scoring Criteria:

- 1. Client Review
- 2. HMIS Compliance
- 3. Client Feedback/Staff Training
- 4. Financial Review
- 5. Project Administration
- 6. Coordination & Housing First
- 7. CoC Participation

Scoring Criteria	<b>Points</b>
Client Review	9
HMIS Compliance	8
Client Feedback/Staff Training	5
Financial Review	12
Project Administration	8
Coordination & Housing First	18
CoC Participation	5
Total Points Possible	65

#### Scoring Criteria and Application Scorecard- New Projects

New Project Scoring Criteria:

- 1. Submission
- 2. HMIS Compliance/Data Quality
- 3. Housing First
- 4. Match & Leverage
- 5. CoC Participation
- 6. Bonus Points

Category	Explanation	Max. Points (50)
Submission	Project is submitted on time and is aligned with HUD/CoC priorities	10
HMIS Compliance/Data Quality	Serves Eligible clients (5 pts)	5
Housing First Orientation in Admission and Termination Criteria	RLI & supportive documentation demonstrate housing first philosophy	10
Match & Leverage	25% match 150% leverage	5
CoC Participation	Project participates in Exec. Committee, sub-committee, and/or Coordinated Assessment	10
Bonus Points	Dedicated/Prioritized for the Chronically Homeless	10

#### **Appeals Process**

If an applicant organization feels it was denied the right to reasonably participate in the local application process or has been unfairly eliminated from either the local or the federal competition, that a decision made by the CoC Selection Committee regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, unsubstantiated by project performance, or in violation of the 2020 Continuum of Care Guidelines, the applying agency and sponsor, if any, may file an appeal to be reconsidered for inclusion in either the local competition or federal competition.

A written appeal request must be submitted to the CoC within one week of the notice of the decision by email to Chair, Meagan O'Reilly (<a href="moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us">moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us</a>). The Tri-County Selection Committee will hear all appeals. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to address each area(s) identified as a factor(s) of the funding decision in a manner that could result in a more favorable decision.

Decisions of the Selection Committee will be presented to the Tri County CoC for public comment.

6. Monitoring Forms for Renewal

## Tri-County CoC of Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon Counties Desk Monitoring Questionnaire

Agency Name:				
Project Name:				
CLIENT REVIEW (9 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Are clients eligible based on homeless status?			,	
2. Are clients eligible based on disabling conditions?				
3. Do the clients served in the project match the subpopulations the				
project has applied for?				
Notes:			l	
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HMIS COMPLIANCE (8 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the project's HMIS data have less than 10% of responses for				
Universal Data Elements listed as "don't know" or "refused"?				
2. Does the project's HMIS data have less than 10% of responses for				
Universal Data Elements as null or missing values?				
3. Does the project intake clients within the required 48 hour window?				
4. Does the project input the required annual updates within the 60 day				
window?				
Notes:				
CLIENT FEEDBACK/STAFF TRAINING (5 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
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1. Did the project submit the most recent Annual Performance Report to HUD within the 90-day window?				
2. Does the agency have a copy of the most recently signed grant				
agreement with HUD for this project?  3. Does the project have any outstanding audit/monitoring findings with				
HUD? Notes:				
COORDINATION & HOUSING FIRST (18 points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the agency fill vacancies through the coordinated assessment process?				
2. Do program policies reflect use of coordinated assessment process?				]
3. Does program eligibility and termination criteria support Housing First framework?				
Notes:				
CoC PARTICIPATION (5 points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the agency/project participate on the Board, sub-committees, and/or Coordinated Assessment?			-	
Notes:				ı
	Total S	core: _		
Additional Notes/Comments:				
Completed by:				
Date completed:				

Score

Yes

No

N/A

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION (8 points)

The scoring tool for Program Performance is included below:

Program Performance				
Goals	Required Performance Standards		%	Points Awarded
Project maintains an appropriate	At least an 85% utilization average	≥85%=5		
utilization rate for the year	for the year	70%-84%= 3		
dilization rate for the year	for the year	50%-69%= 1		
Households receive some form of	54% of households have some	≥54%= 5		
earned or unearned income	form of income	40%-53%= 3		
earried of diffeatried income	Torrit of income	25%-39%= 1		
Adults that are not enrolled in	20% of adults not enrolled will	≥20%= 5		
SSDI/SSI process will have some level	have earned income	15%-19%= 3		
of earned income	nave earned income	10%-14%= 1		
Households have increased their level	54% of households have increased	≥54%= 3		
of income from project entry to exit		40%-53%= 2		
(or update)	their income	25%-39%= 1		
Harrisch alde eine en nachted be	FC0/ -f	≥56%= 5		
Households are connected to	56% of households are connected	45%-55%= 3		
mainstream non-cash benefits	to noncash benefits	35%-44%= 1		
louseholds obtained mainstream		≥56%= 3		
non-cash benefits from project entry	56% of households obtained	45%-55%= 2		
to exit (or update)	noncash benefits	35%-44%= 1		
Households remain in or are being	80% of households	≥80%= 5		
discharged to a permanent	remain/discharged to permanent	75%-79%= 3		
destination	housing	70%-74%= 1		
Households being discharged from		<10%= 4		
projects due to noncompliance or a disagreement with the project rules or persons	Less than 10% of households are discharged due to negative causes	10%-15%= 2		
Households being discharged are not		<10%= 5		
discharged to another transitional	Less than 10% of households are	10%-15%= 3		
housing project, emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation	discharged to identified locations	15%-20%= 1		
			Total Score	
			Total Possible	40

7. Request for Proposal - New Coordinated Entry Application Instructions



## Tri-County Continuum of Care for Hunterdon, Sussex, & Warren Counties

Tri-County Continuum of Care Request for Proposals

#### **Board Committee:**

Chair: Meagan O'Reilly
Joan Bruseo
Lauren Burd
Shawn Buskirk
Randi Hengst
Nick Kapetanakis
Tina Magarino
Dianna Morrison
Susan Nekola
Carol Novrit
Laura Richter
Roni Todd-Marino

Veterans Committee: Chair: Jenn Stivers

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to secure an organization to expand the Coordinated Assessment Process for the Tri-County Continuum of Care.

#### Background

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has established an initiative to end homelessness in the United States, with an established priority for persons experiencing chronic homelessness and other vulnerable persons. As part of this initiative, HUD implemented the Continuum of Care under the Homeless Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). The mission of the Tri County CoC is to ensure that every resident within Tri-County who experiences homelessness or is at imminent risk of homelessness will have access to community and system resources to resolve the immediate housing crisis and facilitate the transition from homelessness to stability in permanent, affordable and safe housing. To facilitate this mission, the Tri-County CoC is looking to expand and improve the current Coordinated Assessment/Entry system.

Coordinated Assessment System (CA) is a community-wide system to standardize and expedite the process by which people experiencing homelessness access housing and homeless resources. Through CA, people experiencing homelessness will be matched to available services and housing based on their level of need and availability of resources. Standardizing the intake and assessment process across the region, sharing information in real-time, and adopting uniform prioritization policies are all at the core of a high-performing CA system.

The Tri County CoC Review Committee is seeking proposals from qualified housing and service organizations to work collaboratively to improve the Coordinated Assessment (CA). The selected proposer will be the organization that has the strongest application showing a clear vision and an innovative plan for how they will create a high performing CA system in collaboration with the full Tri County CoC. The Tri County CoC Review Committee has the ability, if deemed necessary, to reissue this RFP if no qualified providers have submitted a proposal.

The successful proposer's role in the Tri County Homeless system will be to assist the Tri County lead agency in expanding and improving the CA.

The Tri County CoC Review Committee will determine the funding amount for the Coordinated Assessment Agency, with the possibility of additional funding upon implementation if awarded once the NOFA has been released. All funds awarded are subject to the availability of federal appropriations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The funds will be awarded for one year followed by at least one-year renewable option based on availability of funding. The renewable option will be executed on review by the **Executive Board Subcommittee.** 

#### **Detailed Scope of Services**

The key to the Coordinated Assessment System is standard assessment and referral to client appropriate service and housing opportunities in the community. Services and outcomes that will be expected of the Coordinated Assessment agency are as follows:

#### 1. Improve and Expand the Coordinated Assessment by including the following:

- a. Expand physical site(s) and/or virtual site(s)\* in each county.
- b. Establish a call line.
- c. Define a process for after-hours where agencies can educate the client on where and when they can complete a Housing Prioritization Tool
- d. Assure that all homeless clients are being assessed using the Housing Prioritization tool and are entered into the Tri-County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- e. Educate agencies on the CE/CA and HPL and provide an assessor training annually either in person or by webinar
- f. Assure the CE/CA process is transparent and well-advertised and accommodates the needs of special populations

#### 2. Create and develop a "housing hub" that functions as follows

- a. Hire and train a housing navigator(s) to serve in all 3 counties
- b. Provide a job description that includes but is not limited to:
  - i. Fosters and develops relationships with landlords while informing them of the benefits of voucher programs
  - ii. Conducts assessment interviews with eligible referred households to determine their needs and identify any obstacles that they may face in a search for housing.
  - iii. Identify potential housing opportunities; assist households with completing housing

<sup>\*</sup>Access Points. Access points are the places-either virtual or physical-where an individual or family in need of assistance accesses the coordinated entry process. These can include the following examples: a. a central location or locations within a geographic area where individuals and families present to receive homeless housing and services; b. a 211 or other hotline system that screens and directly connects callers to appropriate homeless housing and service providers in the area; c. a "no wrong door" approach in which a homeless family or individual can present at any homeless housing and service provider in the geographic area but is assessed using the same tool and methodology so that referrals are consistently completed across the CoC; d. a specialized team of case workers that provides assessment services at provider locations within the CoC; or e. a regional approach in which "hubs" are created within smaller geographic areas

- applications
- iv. Advocate for the household with prospective landlords
- v. Provide written information about the landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities to both program participants and landlords
- vi. Educate and provide assistance to possible eligible consumers on the documentation needed to submit a successful application to the housing providers
- vii. Review and explain the requirements of the lease in order to assist the program participants so they understand their responsibilities
- viii. Collaborate with case conferencing lead and all relevant partners to assist households with finding permanent housing outside of the CoC funded PSH units when available

#### 3. CoC Participation

- a. Be an active member of the CoC
- b. Create and chair a Permanent Housing Subcommittee with the approval of the Executive Board that reviews the goals of the CA and explores best practices and quality improvements.

#### **Applicant Qualifications**

- Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with proven experience serving homeless populations in case management.
- Applicants should have an awareness of existing resources and services within the Tri County community.
- The selected agency must be accessible by phone and/or through the official office location as established .
- The selected agency must be willing to work with chronically homeless and similar populations with high service needs and barriers to housing
- The selected agency should be familiar with various permanent housing strategies, including rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and rental assistance.
- The selected agency should incorporate Housing First principles and other evidence-based practices
- The selected agency must be a licensed user of HMIS or willing to engage in the process of becoming a licensed HMIS user.
- The selected agency must enter data into HMIS and ensure client privacy is maintained
- The selected agency must provide bi-monthly reports to the Tri-County CoC Executive Committee which will include data on program performance as prescribed by the Executive Committee
- An updated database of available housing resources must be developed, maintained and progress submitted to the Tri-County CoC Executive Committee with the bi-monthly statistics report.

#### **Application Instructions**

Please provide the following information as part of your proposal:

- 1. Experience
  - Applicant will provide a narrative demonstrating experience with a CoC funded project or similar projects including experience serving the target population and providing the identified service.

#### 2. Need

- Describe the anticipated population to be served.
- Identify anticipated service needs related to housing stabilization. Ability to describe the need within Hunterdon, Sussex, and Warren Counties

#### 3. Scope of Services

- Provide an estimate of the number of households to be served at a point-in-time and within a 12-month timeframe
- Include a narrative addressing the scope of the project, demonstrating how you will fulfill the requirements identified in the scope of services.
- Describe any additional services (if any) you will provide to augment the scope and success of the program
- Describe how you will operationalize a Housing First philosophy in program implementation
- If applicable, identify any other evidence based practices you will employ: describe the practice, discuss how it will be implemented in your program design, and explain how the practice will enhance service provision/program implementation

### 4. Staffing/Capacity

- Describe anticipated staffing at full capacity providing an organizational chart and basic job descriptions which include responsibilities and qualifications.
- Discuss your capacity to use HMIS and safeguards to be put in place (or those which are currently in place) to protect client data/privacy
- Describe any relevant professional memberships, certifications, and/or trainings completed by your agency/staff

#### 5. Community Collaboration

- Describe current partnerships/collaborations with relevant community partners. Identify specific partners and describe the type(s) of partnership in place, how they are relevant to the program, and the specific ways in which you work with them.
- Provide support letters from all partners identified describing the type of partnership and how they currently work with your agency and/or how they will work with this program.
- Discuss your current level (or proposed level) of participation in the CoC planning process.
- Describe a clear and conscise plan to increase partnerships over the course of the grant period

### 6. Implementation Timeline

- Describe the implementation timeline from contract signing date to full program implementation. Please include the following:
- Staffing (identifying and/or hiring staff for program. If staffing is phased in please describe your phase-in plan)
- Training (identify anticipated training needs and timeframe for completion according to anticipated staffing plan)
- Service provision (according to the scope of services described in your proposal, identify the proposed timeframe when each service will become available)

#### 7. Budget

- Please provide an attached budget based on the full cost of project implementation.
- Include a budget narrative which describes the staffing & rates for each identified line it e m and briefly describe the activities/costs to be covered
- Indicate the anticipated matching and leveraging resources to be secured for the project. Please include letters of potential commitment for every match or leverage resource identified.

• Include a sustainability plan if HUD or the Committee is not able to award your program as requested.

**Application Deadline:** All applications must be submitted by close of business on **June 30th 2021**.

#### **Submission:**

Submit 1 (one) electronic copy to Lisa Falcone at LFalcone@monarchhousing and Meagan Q. O'Reilly at moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated on a **120** point scale. Evaluation criteria will include the following:

- Agency qualifications and experience 20 points
- o Understanding of need 20 points
- o Scope of Services 20 points
- Staffing & Capacity 25 points
- o Community Collaboration 20 points
- o Implementation Timeline 10 points
- Budget 5 points

#### **Additional Resources**

For further information regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements around coordinated entry, please visit the following website:

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/responsibilities-and-duties/#coordinated-entry

#### Contact

If you have questions, please submit them in writing to:

Lisa Falcone (email <a href="mailto:lisa">lfalcone@monarchhousing.org</a>) and Meagan O'Reilly (moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us)

#### **TA Session**

There will be a virtual TA session on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Please send an email to Meagan O'Reilly (<a href="mailto:moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us">moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us</a>) to register by June 1, 2021.

#### **Appeals Process**

If an applicant organization feels it was denied the right to reasonably participate in the local application process or has been unfairly eliminated from either the local or the federal competition, that a decision made by the CoC Selection Committee regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, unsubstantiated by project performance, or in violation of the 2021 Continuum of Care Guidelines, the applying agency and sponsor, if any, may file an appeal to be re-considered for inclusion in either the local competition or federal competition.

A written appeal request must be submitted to the CoC within one week of the notice of the decision by email to Chair, Meagan O'Reilly (<a href="mailto:moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us">moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us</a>). The Tri-County Selection Committee will hear all appeals. It is the

responsibility of the Applicant to address each area(s) identified as a factor(s) of the funding decision in a manner that could result in a more favorable decision.

Decisions of the Selection Committee will be presented to the Tri County CoC for public comment.

## 8.RFP-CE Application & Scoring Tool

# Tri County Continuum of Care FY 2021 RFP Application

Project Information		
Project Name:		
Total HUD Request: \$		
Proposed start date:		
Project Type: Coordinated Assessment		
Recipient Organization Information		
Organization Name:		
Director:		
Address:		
City: Zip Code:		
Telephone: Fax Number:		
If NJ Medicaid Provider, ID#: Federal ID#:		
Are there Sub-Recipient Organizations for this project? Yes No If yes, which organization(s)?		
Application Contact Person Information		
Name:		
Telephone: E-Mail:		
1. Qualifications and Experience		
2. Need		

3. Scope of Services
5. Scope of Services
4. Staffing/Capacity
5. Community Collaborations
5. Community Conaborations
6. Implementation Timeline
7. Budget (please add additional pages or spreadsheets). Ensure that you include the Total
HUD Request and list any source of matching funds.

#### Tri- County RFP Scoring Guide

#### Agency qualifications and experience - 20

Success with HUD /Similar projects - 5

 Applicant has run CoC or similar projects and demonstrates capacity to meet the administrative requirements of the project

Agency Financial Capacity- 5

Applicant demonstrates financial capacity and stability

Experience serving target population – 5

 Applicant has vast experience with clients and projects similar in size, scope and complexity

Experience providing identified service - 5

• Applicant has vast experience in providing services comparable to this project

#### Understanding of need - 20

Anticipated Population – 10

- Applicant accurately and extensively describes anticipated population to be served
- Population described by applicant matches expected population

Anticipated Service Needs - 10

- Applicant accurately and extensively describes anticipated service needs of identified population
- Applicant's description of service needs is reasonable based on population they identified and expected population needs.

#### Scope of services - 20

Program Scope & Design -10

- Applicant demonstrates understanding of Coordinated Assessment and proposes a program design that sufficiently meets Tri-County CoC core expectations.
- Applicant has sufficient access opportunities throughout Tri-County CoC area, phone/call in options, reasonable & sufficient after-hours plan
- Applicant provides reasonable and sufficient estimates of clients to be served Housing First 5
  - Applicant demonstrates understanding of the Housing First philosophy
- Applicant demonstrates ability to implement a Housing First philosophy
   Filling Gaps 5

- Applicant demonstrates knowledge of and ability to employ evidence-based practices
- Applicant demonstrates capacity to provide appropriate array of additional services based on anticipated needs

#### Staffing Capacity - 25

Staffing Job descriptions - 10

• Applicant provides staff qualifications that are reasonable and appropriate for the anticipated scope of services

Staffing Capacity & Structure - 10

- Applicant demonstrates adequate number of staff dedicated to the project
- Applicant demonstrates an appropriate supervision and reporting structure

HMIS Capacity & Staff Training/Certification - 5

- Applicant demonstrates sufficient capacity to utilize HMIS
- Applicant has participated in and completed relevant trainings and has relevant certifications

#### Community Collaborations - 20

Experience with Tri-County CoC Agencies - 5

- Applicant demonstrates experience in collaborating with Tri-County CoC service agencies
- Applicant demonstrates clear understanding of community partners and available services

Proposed Partnerships - 10

- Applicant proposes sufficient and appropriate partnerships given proposed scope of services
- Applicant provides firm commitments from identified partners
- Applicant provides strong plan to increase partnerships

Tri-County CoC participation - 5

 Applicant indicates sufficient participation (or proposed participation) in Tri-County CoC and/or subcommittees

### **Implementation Timeline - 10**

Timeline Feasibility – 5

 Applicant proposes reasonable implementation timeline given staffing and startup activities

Timeline Compatible with Tri-County CoC Goals – 5

 Applicant's proposed timeline meets Tri-County CoC expectations with regards to program start up and implementation

### **Budget - 5**

Budget Feasibility - 3.5

- Budget is reasonable and appropriate based on proposed services and staffing Match/Leveraging 1.5
  - Sustainability plan is included.
  - All in-kind or cash support provided by outside agencies are supported by an MOU

Total Points available: 120

# 1E-2 Project Review and Selection Process

- New and Renewal Application & Scoring Tools
- 2. Monitoring Tools for Renewals
- 3. New Coordinated Entry Application & Scoring
- 4. Overall Scoring
- 5. Sample Renewal Project Scorecard
- 6. Scored & Ranked Project Listing

1. New and Renewal Application & Scoring Tools

# Tri County Continuum of Care FY 2021 Renewal Project Application

Project Information				
Project Name				
Current Grant #:	Current Grant #: Expiration date:			
Total 1 Year HUD Request: \$				
Project Type: Support Services Only	y			
Rapid Re-Housing				
Permanent Supportive	e Housing			
Joint Transitional/Rap	· ·			
Homeless Managemen	nt Information Syst	tems		
Recipien	nt Organization Inf	formation		
Organization Name:	0			
Address:				
City:	Zip Code:			
Telephone: Fax Number:				
If NJ Medicaid provider, indicate ID#: Federal ID#:				
Application Contact Dayson Information				
Application Contact Person Information Name:				
Telephone:	E-Mail:			
PROJECT OVERVIEW				
Total # of units: Total # of beds:				
Priority Populations		r of Beds		of Units
, -	Prioritized	Dedicated	Prioritized	Dedicated
Chronically Homeless				
Veterans Vouth agad 18 24				
Youth aged 18-24 Families				
Survivors of Domestic Violence				
<u> </u>		1	ı	1

Total Number Available to Any Subpopulation or Client	

## RENEWAL PROJECTS FISCAL INFORMATION

1.	Have you requested an extension for your most recent contract year?    Yes    No
2.	Start and end date of your most recent HUD award ( <u>current contract year</u> ): (If extension has been granted, make sure current contract year reflects the extension granted)
	to
3.	Total amount of award: \$
4.	Do you anticipate that you will have unexpended funds at the expiration date of your current contract?  Yes No If yes, how much? \$
5.	Have you had unexpended HUD funds at the expiration of grant terms in the past 3 years?
	Yes No If yes, how much? 2020 \$ 2019 \$ 2018 \$
	Please include a copy of your most recent grant closeout statement, and a printout of your eLOCCS voucher payments showing the past 12 months of grant payment requests.

Please describe any changes that have occurred to your original program and/or significant accomplishments not reflected in your APR.

Has your program had any significant changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Please describe project admission and termination criteria. Specifically address how the items listed below will impact admission and termination within the project as applicable.

Admission Criteria:

- Having too little or no income
- Active or history of substance abuse
- Having a criminal record with exception for state-mandated restrictions
- History of domestic violence

#### **Termination Criteria:**

- Failure to make progress on a service plan
- Loss of income or failure to improve income

- Being a victim of domestic violence
- Any other activity not covered in a standard lease agreement

How many referrals from the Tri-County Continuum of Care Coordinated Assessment Process has your project received since July 1, 2019? How many of these referrals were accepted and rejected? Please explain the reason for any rejected referral.

# ASSURANCES for NEW and RENEWAL PROJECTS Tri County CoC

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information in this application is true and correct. The governing body of the applicant has duly authorized submission of this document and the applicant will comply with the following:

- Applicant will complete the HUD Project Application forms with the same information as contained in this application.
- Applicant agrees to participate fully in the NJ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
   Domestic Violence providers agree to provide non-identifying data from a HMIS-comparable tracking system.
- Applicants agree to complete a HUD Annual Progress Report (APR).
- Project agrees to participate in the Coordinated Entry system, which includes the use of a Common
  Assessment tool, attend Case Conferencing, Data Quality, Full Tri County CoC and participate in at least
  one subcommittee meeting. If there is a change in staff within your agency within one month you will be
  required to update the CoC with the new contact information.
- Applicant understands that HUD CoC-funded homeless projects are monitored by the Tri County CoC.
   This can include an annual site visit, annual submission of the applicant's most recent APR submitted to HUD and participation in the Tri County Continuum of Care.

Name:	
(please type)	
Title:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Signature:(if	
application is	
scanned)	
Electronic	☐ I agree that checking this box is the legal equivalent of my manual
signature	signature on this agreement. You confirm that you have reviewed
authorization:	and agree with the conditions above.
Date:	

# Tri County Continuum of Care FY 2021 New Project Application

Project Information				
Project Name:				
Total HUD Request: \$	Total HUD Request: \$			
Proposed start date:				
Project Type: Permanent Housing				
Kasey? Rapid Re-Housing				
Permanent Supportive				
☐ Joint Transitional Hous				
☐ Homeless Management	t Information	Systems		
Recipient Org	ganization Inf	ormation		
Organization Name:	,			
Director:				
Address:				
City: Z	Zip Code:			
Telephone: Fa	x Number:			
If NJ Medicaid Provider, ID#: Federal ID#:				
Are there Sub-Recipient Organizations for this project? Yes No If yes, which organization(s)?				
Application Control Person Information				
Application Contact Person Information				
Name:				
Telephone: E-	Telephone: E-Mail:			
PROJECT OVERVIEW				
Total # of units: Total # of beds:				
Dujanity Danulations	Number	of Beds	Number	of Units
Friority ropulations	Prioritized	Dedicated	Prioritized	Dedicated
Chronically Homeless				
Veterans				
Youth aged 18-24				
Families				
Total # of units:  Priority Populations  Chronically Homeless  Veterans  Youth aged 18-24	Number	Total # of be	Number	1

Survivors of Domestic Violence		
Total Number Available to Any		
Subpopulation or Client		

### Tri County CoC FY 2021 NEW PROJECT NARRATIVE

Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project, including but not limited to target population, proposed services, length of assistance, etc. Explain how your project will be in line with HUD strategic goals and enable households to achieve housing and greater self-sufficiency.

https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FederalStrategicPlan\_Presentation.pdf

Please also describe project admission and termination criteria. Specifically address how the items listed below will impact admission and termination within the project as applicable.

Admission Criteria:

- Having too little or no income
- Active or history of substance abuse
- Having a criminal record with exception for state-mandated restrictions
- History of domestic violence

#### **Termination Criteria:**

- Failure to make progress on a service plan
- Loss of income or failure to improve income
- Being a victim of domestic violence
- Any other activity not covered in a standard lease agreement

#### Please include a budget summary to include:

Expense	Year 1	Total Request
1. Leased Units	\$	\$
New construction, acquisition, rehab	\$	\$
3. Rental Assistance	\$	\$
4. Supportive Services	\$	\$
5. Operating	\$	\$
6. Sub-total Expenses	\$	\$
7. Administration (7% max.)	\$	\$
8. Total HUD Request	\$	\$
Total Match	\$	

## New project leasing and rental assistance budgets must be based on FY 2021 HUD FMRs which can be found at the following link:

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html

The Tri County Continuum of Care has established a transparent framework for the decision-making process guiding the annual CoC application for HUD funding for homelessness assistance projects. Performance measures and scoring criteria are adjusted annually to maintain alignment with HUD priorities and local objectives.

The Selection Committee consists of non-biased persons; i.e. members of the CoC who do not represent or have any formal association with an agency submitting an application to the CoC. The Selection Committee will receive copies of all project proposals prior to meeting and be prepared to:

- Conduct a review of each application
- Evaluate each application against defined criteria
- Rank each proposal in order
- Provide recommendations to the CoC Executive Committee regarding whether a
  proposal should be submitted for funding and how it should be ranked against other
  proposals.

Each individual who participates in the review process agrees to hold all information related to the proposals in confidence before, during and after the review proceedings. Rankings and scores will be shared with applicants prior to presentation to the CoC. Findings of the committee will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Tri-County CoC for final approval.

#### New Projects

- Applicant is a 50l(c)(3) not for profit or a local unit of government.
- Projects must meet all HUD eligibility criteria.
- Applicant must have the organizational capacity to implement a project in alignment with all HUD standards and cannot have a history of findings or unresolved issues with HUD or the State of NJ or counties of Warren, Sussex or Hunterdon.

#### Renewal Projects

Projects will be evaluated on a 105-point basis. The Selection Committee members are asked to assign a score based on information in the application, performance review, and local and HUD priorities. All projects are scored together and then ranked from highest to lowest score. A minimum score of 60 is required to be included in the FY 2021 application.

A new or renewal project application must meet the priority threshold, or it will be automatically rejected by the Selection Committee. Applications also must use a housing first approach, agree to participate in the Coordinated Entry System, commit to a policy of non-discrimination, and comply with all other provisions of the Policies & Procedures of the Coordinated Entry System.

Upon a project application submission, the Selection Committee will first closely review the information in order to ensure that:

- All proposed program participants will be eligible for the program component type selected;
- The organization is eligible to submit a project application;
- The proposed activities are eligible under the 24 CFR part 578;
- Each project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all
  criteria for that question as required by the NOFA's detailed instructions provided in esnaps;
- The data provided in various parts of the project application are consistent; and
- All required attachments, such as letters of commitment correspond to the attachments list in e-snaps and the attachments contain accurate and complete information.

Applications submitted may be returned for suggested modifications or amendments. Those project applications that are accepted for submission may be invited to present their project to the Selection Committee. The dates, times and location will be emailed to the organization. Interviews are meant to clarify the applications only and are not meant to be used to provide new information that could affect scoring.

Shortly after the presentations, the projects within each priority will then be scored by the Selection Committee according to the criteria set by the CoC Executive Committee.

#### Scoring Criteria and Application Scorecard-Renewal Projects

#### Desk Monitoring Scoring Criteria:

- 1. Client Review
- 2. HMIS Compliance
- 3. Client Feedback/Staff Training
- 4. Financial Review
- 5. Project Administration
- 6. Coordination & Housing First
- 7. CoC Participation

Scoring Criteria	<b>Points</b>
Client Review	9
HMIS Compliance	8
Client Feedback/Staff Training	5
Financial Review	12
Project Administration	8
Coordination & Housing First	18
CoC Participation	5
Total Points Possible	65

#### Scoring Criteria and Application Scorecard- New Projects

New Project Scoring Criteria:

- 1. Submission
- 2. HMIS Compliance/Data Quality
- 3. Housing First
- 4. Match & Leverage
- 5. CoC Participation
- 6. Bonus Points

Category	Explanation	Max. Points (50)
Submission	Project is submitted on time and is aligned with HUD/CoC priorities	10
HMIS Compliance/Data Quality	Serves Eligible clients (5 pts)	5
Housing First Orientation in Admission and Termination Criteria	RLI & supportive documentation demonstrate housing first philosophy	10
Match & Leverage	25% match 150% leverage	5
CoC Participation	Project participates in Exec. Committee, sub-committee, and/or Coordinated Assessment	10
Bonus Points	Dedicated/Prioritized for the Chronically Homeless	10

#### **Appeals Process**

If an applicant organization feels it was denied the right to reasonably participate in the local application process or has been unfairly eliminated from either the local or the federal competition, that a decision made by the CoC Selection Committee regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, unsubstantiated by project performance, or in violation of the 2020 Continuum of Care Guidelines, the applying agency and sponsor, if any, may file an appeal to be reconsidered for inclusion in either the local competition or federal competition.

A written appeal request must be submitted to the CoC within one week of the notice of the decision by email to Chair, Meagan O'Reilly (<a href="moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us">moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us</a>). The Tri-County Selection Committee will hear all appeals. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to address each area(s) identified as a factor(s) of the funding decision in a manner that could result in a more favorable decision.

Decisions of the Selection Committee will be presented to the Tri County CoC for public comment.

2. Monitoring Tools for Renewals

# Tri-County CoC of Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon Counties Desk Monitoring Questionnaire

Agency Name:				
Project Name:				
CLIENT REVIEW (9 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Are clients eligible based on homeless status?			,	
2. Are clients eligible based on disabling conditions?				
3. Do the clients served in the project match the subpopulations the				
project has applied for?				
Notes:			l	
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HMIS COMPLIANCE (8 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the project's HMIS data have less than 10% of responses for				
Universal Data Elements listed as "don't know" or "refused"?				
2. Does the project's HMIS data have less than 10% of responses for				
Universal Data Elements as null or missing values?				
3. Does the project intake clients within the required 48 hour window?				
4. Does the project input the required annual updates within the 60 day				
window?				
Notes:				
CLIENT FEEDBACK/STAFF TRAINING (5 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
CLIENT FEEDBACK/STAFF TRAINING (5 possible points)  1. Does the agency administer a client satisfaction survey for this project?	Yes	No	N/A	Score
<ol> <li>Does the agency administer a client satisfaction survey for this project?</li> <li>Does the agency provide clients with the rules and regulations for the</li> </ol>	Yes	No	N/A	Score
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<ol> <li>Does the agency administer a client satisfaction survey for this project?</li> <li>Does the agency provide clients with the rules and regulations for the project?</li> <li>Does the agency provide clients with a means of expressing and</li> </ol>	Yes	No	N/A	Score
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1. Did the project submit the most recent Annual Performance Report to HUD within the 90-day window?				
2. Does the agency have a copy of the most recently signed grant				
agreement with HUD for this project?  3. Does the project have any outstanding audit/monitoring findings with				
HUD? Notes:				
COORDINATION & HOUSING FIRST (18 points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the agency fill vacancies through the coordinated assessment process?				
2. Do program policies reflect use of coordinated assessment process?				<u> </u>
3. Does program eligibility and termination criteria support Housing First framework?				
Notes:				
CoC PARTICIPATION (5 points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the agency/project participate on the Board, sub-committees, and/or Coordinated Assessment?			-	
Notes:				ı
	Total S	core: _		
Additional Notes/Comments:				
Completed by:				
Date completed:				

Score

Yes

No

N/A

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION (8 points)

The scoring tool for Program Performance is included below:

	<b>Program Performance</b>			
Goals	Required Performance Standards		%	Points Awarded
Project maintains an appropriate	At least an 85% utilization average	≥85%=5		
utilization rate for the year	for the year	70%-84%= 3		
dilization rate for the year	for the year	50%-69%= 1		
Households receive some form of	54% of households have some	≥54%= 5		
earned or unearned income	form of income	40%-53%= 3		
earned or unlearned income	Torrit of income	25%-39%= 1		
Adults that are not enrolled in	20% of adults not enrolled will	≥20%= 5		
SSDI/SSI process will have some level	have earned income	15%-19%= 3		
of earned income	nave earned income	10%-14%= 1		
Households have increased their level	54% of households have increased	≥54%= 3		
of income from project entry to exit		40%-53%= 2		
(or update)	their income	25%-39%= 1		
Harrisch alde oue connected to	56% of households are connected to noncash benefits	≥56%= 5		
Households are connected to		45%-55%= 3		
mainstream non-cash benefits		35%-44%= 1		
Households obtained mainstream	ECOV of the control to the latest and	≥56%= 3		
non-cash benefits from project entry	56% of households obtained	45%-55%= 2		
to exit (or update)	noncash benefits	35%-44%= 1		
Households remain in or are being	80% of households	≥80%= 5		
discharged to a permanent	remain/discharged to permanent	75%-79%= 3		
destination	housing	70%-74%= 1		
Households being discharged from		<10%= 4		
projects due to noncompliance or a disagreement with the project rules or persons	Less than 10% of households are discharged due to negative causes	10%-15%= 2		
Households being discharged are not		<10%= 5		
discharged to another transitional	Less than 10% of households are	10%-15%= 3		
housing project, emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation	discharged to identified locations	15%-20%= 1		
			Total Score	
			Total Possible	40

3. New Coordinated Entry Application & Scoring

# Tri County Continuum of Care FY 2021 RFP Application

Project Information
Project Name:
Total HUD Request: \$
Proposed start date:
Project Type: Coordinated Assessment
Recipient Organization Information
Organization Name:
Director:
Address:
City: Zip Code:
Telephone: Fax Number:
If NJ Medicaid Provider, ID#: Federal ID#:
Are there Sub-Recipient Organizations for this project? Yes No If yes, which organization(s)?
Application Contact Person Information
Name:
Telephone: E-Mail:
1. Qualifications and Experience
2. Need

3. Scope of Services
4. Staffing/Capacity
5. Community Collaborations
6. Implementation Timeline
7. Budget (please add additional pages or spreadsheets). Ensure that you include the Total
HUD Request and list any source of matching funds.

#### Tri- County RFP Scoring Guide

#### Agency qualifications and experience - 20

Success with HUD /Similar projects - 5

 Applicant has run CoC or similar projects and demonstrates capacity to meet the administrative requirements of the project

Agency Financial Capacity- 5

Applicant demonstrates financial capacity and stability

Experience serving target population – 5

 Applicant has vast experience with clients and projects similar in size, scope and complexity

Experience providing identified service - 5

• Applicant has vast experience in providing services comparable to this project

#### Understanding of need - 20

Anticipated Population – 10

- Applicant accurately and extensively describes anticipated population to be served
- Population described by applicant matches expected population

Anticipated Service Needs - 10

- Applicant accurately and extensively describes anticipated service needs of identified population
- Applicant's description of service needs is reasonable based on population they identified and expected population needs.

### Scope of services - 20

Program Scope & Design -10

- Applicant demonstrates understanding of Coordinated Assessment and proposes a program design that sufficiently meets Tri-County CoC core expectations.
- Applicant has sufficient access opportunities throughout Tri-County CoC area, phone/call in options, reasonable & sufficient after-hours plan
- Applicant provides reasonable and sufficient estimates of clients to be served Housing First 5
  - Applicant demonstrates understanding of the Housing First philosophy
- Applicant demonstrates ability to implement a Housing First philosophy
   Filling Gaps 5

- Applicant demonstrates knowledge of and ability to employ evidence-based practices
- Applicant demonstrates capacity to provide appropriate array of additional services based on anticipated needs

#### Staffing Capacity - 25

Staffing Job descriptions - 10

• Applicant provides staff qualifications that are reasonable and appropriate for the anticipated scope of services

Staffing Capacity & Structure - 10

- Applicant demonstrates adequate number of staff dedicated to the project
- Applicant demonstrates an appropriate supervision and reporting structure

HMIS Capacity & Staff Training/Certification - 5

- Applicant demonstrates sufficient capacity to utilize HMIS
- Applicant has participated in and completed relevant trainings and has relevant certifications

#### Community Collaborations - 20

Experience with Tri-County CoC Agencies - 5

- Applicant demonstrates experience in collaborating with Tri-County CoC service agencies
- Applicant demonstrates clear understanding of community partners and available services

Proposed Partnerships - 10

- Applicant proposes sufficient and appropriate partnerships given proposed scope of services
- Applicant provides firm commitments from identified partners
- Applicant provides strong plan to increase partnerships

Tri-County CoC participation - 5

 Applicant indicates sufficient participation (or proposed participation) in Tri-County CoC and/or subcommittees

### **Implementation Timeline - 10**

Timeline Feasibility – 5

 Applicant proposes reasonable implementation timeline given staffing and startup activities

Timeline Compatible with Tri-County CoC Goals – 5

 Applicant's proposed timeline meets Tri-County CoC expectations with regards to program start up and implementation

# **Budget - 5**

Budget Feasibility - 3.5

- Budget is reasonable and appropriate based on proposed services and staffing Match/Leveraging 1.5
  - Sustainability plan is included.
  - All in-kind or cash support provided by outside agencies are supported by an MOU

Total Points available: 120

# 4. Overall Scoring

**TriCounty CoC Scoring Reference** 

Agency	Project	Project Narra	ative	Moni	toring	Perforn	nance	Final Score	Final Possible	Percentage
Agency	rioject	Scored	Possible	Scored	Possible	Scored	Possible	i mai score	Tillal F033IDIE	reiteiltage
	NEW PROJECT		50	0	0	0	0		50	
	RENEWAL PROJECT	0	0		65		40		105	

	TriCounty CoC Final Scores										
	Dunio et Nove	Type of Project	Project I	Narrative	Monitoring		Performance		F: 16	51 15 11	
Agency	Project Name	Type of Project	Scored	Possible	Scored	Possible	Scored	Possible	Final Score	Final Possible	Percentage
	Warren County Lease Based										
Alternatives	2019	RENEWAL	0	0	54	65	28	40	82	105	78.10%
Easter Seals	Warren HUD 2019	RENEWAL	0	0	65	65	35	40	100	105	95.24%
	Sussex Supportive Living										
Advance Housing	Program	RENEWAL	0	0	57	62	28	40	85	102	83.33%
DCA	AS & 3AW CoC Renewal	RENEWAL	0	0	55	65	25	40	80	105	76.19%
	Renewal Grant Consolidation										
NORWESCAP	Applicatoin	RENEWAL	0	0	52	65	29	40	81	105	77.14%
Advance Housing	Demarest Farms	RENEWAL	0	0	49	62	40	40	89	102	87.25%
	2012 HUD CoC Program										
FPSC	(RRH)	RENEWAL	0	0	65	65	33	40	98	105	93.33%
	PSH for Chronically Homeless										
FPSC	2021	RENEWAL	0	0	63	65	38	40	101	105	96.19%
FPSC	New PSH Expansion	NEW	47.5	50	0	0	0	0	47.5	50	95.00%
	Roadway to Home CE										
FPSC	Program	NEW	109	120	0	0	0	0	109	120	90.83%
	Roadway to Home CE-DV										
FPSC	Program	NEW	109	120	0	0	0	0	109	120	90.83%
FPHC	Housing First	NEW	30	50	0	0	0	0	30	50	60.00%

# 5. Sample Renewal Project Scorecard

# Tri-County CoC of Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon Counties Desk Monitoring Questionnaire

**Agency Name: FPSC** 

**Project Name: PSH** 

CLIENT REVIEW (9 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Are clients eligible based on homeless status?	X			
2. Are clients eligible based on disabling conditions?	X			0
3. Do the clients served in the project match the subpopulations the project has applied for?	X			9
Notes:				

HMIS COMPLIANCE (8 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the project's HMIS data have less than 10% of responses for	v			
Universal Data Elements listed as "don't know" or "refused"?	^			
2. Does the project's HMIS data have less than 10% of responses for	v			
Universal Data Elements as null or missing values?	^			6
3. Does the project intake clients within the required 48 hour window?	X			
4. Does the project input the required annual updates within the 60 day		Х		
window?		٨		

Notes:

4: One record showed the individual was there over a year and 5 months and no annual update

CLIENT FEEDBACK/STAFF TRAINING (5 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the agency administer a client satisfaction survey for this project?	X			
2. Does the agency provide clients with the rules and regulations for the project?	X			
3. Does the agency provide clients with a means of expressing and resolving a complaint or appeal?	X			5
4. Is there a grievance procedure for the project?	X			
5. Does project staff have appropriate training for the level of services required for the grant?	X			
Notes:				

FINANCIAL REVIEW (12 possible points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Is the project sufficiently utilizing the funds awarded?	X			
2. Is the project drawing down funds from LOCCS on at least a quarterly	Χ			
basis?	^			
3. Does the agency have current/signed MOUs with any agency that is	Χ			12
providing any service or administrative activity for the project?	^			
4. Is the adequate match being provided by the project for all funds	Χ			
requested?	^			
Notes:				

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION (8 points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Did the project submit the most recent Annual Performance Report to	Χ			
HUD within the 90-day window?	^			
2. Does the agency have a copy of the most recently signed grant	X			8
agreement with HUD for this project?	Λ			
3. Does the project have any outstanding audit/monitoring findings with			Χ	
HUD?				
Notes:				
COORDINATION & HOUSING FIRST (18 points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the agency fill vacancies through the coordinated assessment	Х			
process?	^			
2. Do program policies reflect use of coordinated assessment process?	X			18
3. Does program eligibility and termination criteria support Housing	X			
First framework?	X			
Notes:				
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CoC PARTICIPATION (5 points)	Yes	No	N/A	Score
1. Does the agency/project participate on the Board, sub-committees,				5
and/or Coordinated Assessment?				
Notes:				
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	otal Sco	10	_00	
Additional Notes/Comments:				
Completed by: Lisa Falcons				
Date completed:July 14th, 2021				
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Agency: FPSC Project: PSH

**Year Performance was based on:** 5/1/19-4/30/20

Permanen	t Housing Program	Performance	<u> </u>	
Goals	Required Performance Standards		%	Points Awarded
Project maintains an appropriate utilization rate for the year	At least an 85% utilization average for the year	≥85%=5 70%-84%= 3 50%-69%= 1	158%	5
Households receive some form of earned or unearned income	54% of households have some form of income	≥54%= 5 40%-53%= 3 25%-39%= 1	79%	5
Adults that are not enrolled in SSDI/SSI process will have some level of earned income	20% of adults not enrolled will have earned income	≥20%= 5 15%-19%= 3 10%-14%= 1	22%	5
Households have increased their level of income from project entry to exit (or update)	54% of households have increased their income	≥54%= 3 40%-53%= 2 25%-39%= 1	29%	1
Households are connected to mainstream non-cash benefits	56% of households are connected to noncash benefits	≥56%= 5 45%-55%= 3 35%-44%= 1	100%	5
Households obtained mainstream non-cash benefits from project entry to exit (or update)	56% of households obtained noncash benefits	≥56%= 3 45%-55%= 2 35%-44%= 1	95%	3
Households remain in or are being discharged to a permanent destination	80% of households remain/discharged to permanent housing	≥80%= 5 75%-79%= 3 70%-74%= 1	100%	5
Households being discharged from projects due to noncompliance or a disagreement with the project rules	Less than 10% of households are discharged due to	<10%= 4	0%	4
or persons  Households being discharged are not	negative causes  Less than 10% of	10%-15%= 2 <10%= 5		
discharged to another transitional housing project, emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation	households are discharged to identified locations	10%-15%= 3 15%-20%= 1	0%	5
L			Total Score	38
			Total Possible	40

# 6. Scored & Ranked Project Listing

FY 2021 Tri County CoC Budget

		1			FT 2021 TIT COUNT			DtI	Dalash (Assess)	C	0			T-4-1	
Tier	Rank	Score	Agency	Project	Grant Number	Housing Type	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Rehab/Acqui. Construction	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	Admin	Total Request	Total Award
1	n/a	n/a	New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Fina		NJ0180L2F162012	HMIS	\$0	\$0	Construction	\$0	\$0	\$7,457	Ś0	\$7,457	\$7,457
1	1	96.19%	Family Promise of Sussey County	Permanent Supportive Housing for the Chronically Homeless	NJ0564L2F162003	PH	\$0	\$197,424		\$45,672	\$0	\$0	\$18,177	\$261,273	\$261,273
1	2	95.24%	EASTER SEALS NEW JERSEY	ESNJ Warren HUD 2019	NJ0179L2F162013	PH	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$9,420	\$0	\$619	\$10,039	\$10,039
1	3	95.00%	Family Promise of Sussex County	New Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion	NEW	PH		\$253,746		\$54,000			\$17,762	\$325,508	\$107,707
1	4	93.33%	Family Promise of Sussex County	2012 HUD Continuum of Care Program RRH	NJ0402L2F162007	PH	\$0	\$250,020		\$62,976	\$0	\$0	\$19,880	\$332,876	\$332,876
1	5	90.83%	Family Promise of Sussex County	Roadway to Home Coordinated Entry General Program	NEW	sso				\$99,275			\$6,949	\$106,224	\$ 106,224
1	6	90.83%	Family Promise of Sussex County	Roadway to Home Coordinated Entry Program DV	NEW	SSO				\$147,454			\$10,321	\$157,775	\$ 157,776
1	7	87.25%	Advance Housing, Inc.	Demarest Farms Service and Operating Program	NJ0317L2F162008	PH	\$0	\$0		\$10,980	\$30,368	\$0	\$2,357	\$43,705	\$43,705
1	8	83.33%	Advance Housing, Inc.	Sussex Supportive Living Program	NJ0188L2F162013	PH	\$58,696	\$0		\$30,997	\$0	\$0	\$5,156	\$94,849	\$94,849
1	9	78.10%	Alternatives, Inc.	Warren County Lease Based 2019	NJ0178L2F162013	PH	\$0	\$49,008		\$19,049	\$0	\$0	\$3,947	\$72,004	\$72,004
1&2	10	77.14%	Northwest NJ Community Action Partne	Renewal Grant Consolidation Application	NJ0313L2F162008	PH	\$297,232	\$0		\$0	\$21,293	\$0	\$19,714	\$338,239	\$202,239
2	11	76.19%	NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFF.	3AS & 3AW CoC Renewal 2019	NJ0272L2F162010	PH	\$0	\$92,256		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,940	\$98,196	\$83,196
	N/A		Family Promise of Sussex County	2021 Tri-County CoC Planning Project			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 37,759		\$ 37,759
						•				•			Total	\$1,840,688	\$1,517,104

					Reallocated Projects										Reallocation
1&2	10	77.14%	Northwest NJ Community Action Partn	Renewal Grant Consolidation Application	NJ0313L2F162008	PH	\$297,232	\$0		\$0	\$21,293	\$0	\$19,714	\$338,239	\$136,000
2	11	76.19%	NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFF	3AS & 3AW CoC Renewal 2019	NJ0272L2F162010	PH	\$0	\$92,256		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,940	\$98,196	\$15,000
														Total	\$151,000
															i
					Rejected Projects										
	N/A	60.00%	Family Promise of Hunterdon County	FPHC Housing First RRH	NEW	PH		\$82,000		\$11,000			\$7,000	\$100,000	
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Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$	1,258,638
Tri County CoC PPRN	\$	1,051,840
Anticipated Tier 1	\$	1,258,638
Total CoC Bonus	\$	62,931
Anticipated Tier 2	\$	1,321,569
Total DV Bonus 15% of PPRN	\$	157,776
Allowable Planning Grant	\$	37,759
Total Amount of Project Funding	\$	1,479,345
Total Amount of Funding	\$	1,517,104
Reallocation	\$	151,000.00
New Project Funding	Ś	371.707.00

# 1E-5. Public Announcement – Projects Reduced-Rejected

From: Meagan Q. O'Reilly moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us & Subject: 2021 Tri County CoC Review and Ranking Process

Date: September 21, 2021 at 4:34 PM

To: Markowski, Brandon [DCA] Brandon.Markowski@dca.nj.gov

Cc: Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org

### Good Afternoon,

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September 21, 2021 Brandon Markowski Supervisor, State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs P.O. Box 806

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Mr. Markowski:

Trenton, NJ 08625-0806

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri- County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal and is pleased to inform you that your renewal project has been supported for funding through the FY2021 application cycle. You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved project.

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Sincerely,

Meagan O'Reilly Chair, Tri-County Continuum of Care

**Date:** September 21, 2021 at 4:47 PM **To:** Chris Kirk kirkc@norwescap.org

Cc: Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org



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Dr. Chris Kirk Chief Program Officer, NORWESCAP 350 Marshall Street Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Dr. Kirk:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri- County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal and is pleased to inform you that your renewal project has been supported for funding through the FY2021 application cycle. You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved project.

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1&2	9	Renewal Grant Consolidation Application	\$338,239	\$202,239	77.14%	Project awarded reduced amount from total request*

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Sincerely,

Meagan O'Reilly Chair, Tri-County Continuum of Care From: Meagan Q. O'Reilly moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us & Subject: 2021 Tri County CoC Review and Ranking Process

**Date:** September 21, 2021 at 4:43 PM

**To:** Angela Fields angela@familypromisehc.org **Cc:** Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org



#### Good Afternoon,

Attached you will find a letter from the Tri County CoC regarding your new project proposal. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Angela Fields Family Promise of Hunterdon County 8 Bartles Corner Road, Suite 11 Flemington, NJ 08822

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Ms. Fields:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri-County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The Review Committee has evaluated your proposal. After careful consideration of the project information submitted, the Committee has determined your new project will not be supported for funding and will not be included in the FY2021 Continuum of Care process.

	Max Score	Project Score	Score %
Total Score	50	18	36%

Given the low score of the project application, the Committee has determined this project will not be funded in the FY2021 CoC application process. Should you wish to appeal this decision, please submit a written request for appealing this decision and the grounds for appeal no later than Friday, September 24, 2021 to Meagan O'Reilly at:

moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us. While we are not able to support this application for funding, we thank you for your continued services in assisting persons experiencing homelessness in Tri-County.

September 21, 2021

Sincerely,

Meagan O Reilly
Chair, Tri-County Continuum of Care

CoC Collaborative Applicant: Family Promise of Sussex County, 19 Church Street, Newton, NJ 07860 973-579-1180

**Date:** September 21, 2021 at 4:44 PM **To:** cbutto@familypromisesussex.org

Cc: Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org



#### Good Afternoon,

Attached you will find a letter from the Tri County CoC regarding your new and renewal projects. Please read the letter carefully. I have also attached pdf with web links. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Laura Richter

Roni Todd-Marino

Chris Butto

Executive Director, Family Promise of Sussex County

19 Church Street Newton NJ 07860

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Ms. Butto:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri-County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal and is pleased to inform you that your new and renewal project applications have been supported for funding through the FY2021 application cycle. You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved project.

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1	3	New Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion	\$325,508	\$107,707	95.00%	Project award reduced amount from total request*
1	4	2012 HUD Continuum of Care Program RRH	\$332,876	\$332,876	93.33%	Project awarded total request
1	5	New Roadway to Home Coordinated Entry General Program	\$106,224	\$106,224	90.83%	Project awarded total request
1	6	New Roadway to Home Coordinated Entry Program DV	\$157,776	\$157,776	90.83%	Project awarded total request

<sup>\*</sup>The total funding request for new projects exceeded the funding available in the budget. The project award was reduced to meet the CoC's needs.

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Meagan O'Reilly Chair, Tri-County Continuum of Care

# 1E-5a. Public Announcement – Projects Accepted

Date: September 21, 2021 at 4:30 PM

**To:** Darlene Hallock dhallock@advancehousing.org **Cc:** Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org



#### Good Afternoon,

Attached you will find a letter from the Tri County CoC regarding your renewal projects. Please review the letter carefully. I have also included a pdf version of the letter so you may access the web links. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you!

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Darlene Hallock 100 Hollister Road Teterboro, NJ 07608

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Ms. Hallock:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri- County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal and is pleased to inform you that your renewal projects have been supported for funding through the FY2021 application cycle. You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved project.

September 21, 2021

Tier	Rank	Project	Total Request	Total Award	Score %	Notes
1	8	Sussex Supportive Living Program	\$43,705	\$43,705	77.14%	Project awarded total request
2	11	Demarest Farms Service and Operating Program	\$98,849	\$98,849	70.48%	Project awarded total request

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Sincerely,

Meagan O'Reilly Chair, Tri-County Continuum of Care From: Meagan Q. O'Reilly moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us & Subject: 2021 Tri County CoC Review and Ranking Process

Date: September 21, 2021 at 4:32 PM

**To:** Kurdyla, Nicole KurdylaN@Alternativesinc.org **Cc:** Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org



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Nicole Kurdyla Alternatives, Inc. 600 1st Ave #1 Raritan, NJ 08869

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Ms. Kurdyla:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri-County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal and is pleased to inform you that your renewal project application has been supported for funding through the FY2021 application cycle. You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved project.

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1	7	Warren County Lease Based 2019	\$72,004	\$72,004	78.10%	Project awarded total request

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Date: September 21, 2021 at 4:41 PM

**To:** Denisse Bergondo dbergondo@nj.easterseals.com **Cc:** Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org



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Denisse Bergondo Clinical Director of Community Living Services 25 Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 600 East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Ms. Bergondo:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri-County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal and is pleased to inform you that your renewal project application has been supported for funding through the FY2021 application cycle. You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved project.

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Meagan O'Reilly Chair, Tri-County Continuum of Care

From: Meagan Q. O'Reilly moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us Subject: 2021 Tri County CoC Review and Ranking Process

Date: September 21, 2021 at 4:46 PM

To: Catherine Brewster CBrewster@njhmfa.gov Cc: Mathew, Ashni amathew@monarchhousing.org



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Catherine Brewster Director of HMIS, NJHMFA 637 South Clinton Ave., PO Box 18550 Trenton, NJ 08650

Re: 2021 Tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Review and Ranking Process

Dear Ms. Brewster:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Tri-County Continuum of Care Review Committee for FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal and is pleased to inform you that your renewal project application has been supported for funding through the FY2021 application cycle. You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved project.

Tier	Rank	Project	Total Request	Total Award	Score %	Notes
1	n/a	Tri County HMIS 2019	\$7,457	\$7,457	n/a	Project awarded total request

Should you wish to appeal this decision, please submit a written request for appealing this decision and the grounds for appeal no later than Friday, September 24, 2021 to Meagan O'Reilly at: <a href="mailto:moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us.">moreilly@co.hunterdon.nj.us.</a>

Please be aware that the following requirements and deadlines will be in effect for the FY2021 application cycle:

- Projects may not request more funding than is approved and shown in the above identified budget.
- Applications must be completed in their entirety in the e-snaps system.
- Once applications have been completed, **DO NOT** hit the submit button in the system.
- Applicants must email a PDF copy of the completed application to Ashni Mathew at amathew@monarchhousing.org for review.
- Applicants may only hit the submit button once the application has been reviewed and approved by Monarch.

You may access the E-snaps website at the following location:

https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf

All applicants must submit PDF copies of their application to Ashni Mathew by Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to access the resources below in completing their application:

HUD FY2021 CoC Competition page:

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2021-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/

E-snaps project applicant instructions:

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/

Monarch Housing E-snaps webinars:

Esnaps Renewal Projects Webinar:

https://youtu.be/9ioRvpTzBs0

Esnaps New Projects Webinar:

https://youtu.be/4hnve7KdCGU

Esnaps Applicant Profile Webinar:

https://youtu.be/Rm57uJ9KYpk

Thank you for your continued efforts to end homelessness in the Tri-County Continuum of Care.

Sincerely,

Meagan O'Reilly Chair, Tri-County Continuum of Care

# 1E-6 Web Posting - CoC-Approved Consolidated Application

- 1. Email announcement of web posting
- 2. Website posting of application & priority listing
- 3. Application & priority listing opened in web browser

From: Alexandrea Page apage@familypromisesussex.org & Subject: Tri-County CoC FY2021 Collaborative Application is Posted

Date: November 12, 2021 at 8:33 AM

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#### Tri-County CoC,

Please be advised that the FY2021 Tri-County Collaborative Application is now posted on the CoC's website. The application is attached, but can also be found at <a href="https://familypromisesussex.org/tri-county-coc/">https://familypromisesussex.org/tri-county-coc/</a>

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