

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MI-505 - Flint/Genesee County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Metro Community Development

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Metro Community Development

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1B-2.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC annual open invitation for new members consists of formal and informal strategies aimed at fostering a diverse membership base. The official invitation to join the general membership occurs annually in the first quarter and continues throughout the year. During the CoC February 2023 monthly meeting there were discussions regarding the March 2023 CoC New Membership Campaign. To kickstart this campaign, the CoC Chair and the VP for the Lead Agency collaborated to craft a joint press release, effectively communicating to the broader community that the Flint/Genesee County CoC was open to welcoming new members. Further strengthening this effort, the CoC Chair and the VP of the Lead Agency organized a "Lunch and Learn" session, providing insight into the CoC's mission and the fundamental principles of CoC membership. This event also featured a dedicated Question and Answer session for prospective members. To ensure widespread awareness, the press release and the flyer announcing the lunch and learn were sent to the CoC Listserv and posted to the CoC website. Expanding our Governance Council has also contributed to our year-over-year growth. Several Coc Agencies reached out and invited the Tribal Organizations.

1B-2.2. All Flint/Genesee County CoC communication offers accessible electronic formats. Web post formats (PDF, WordDocx, PowerPoint) and virtual meetings accommodate disabilities, and a resource list ensures accessibility. The CoC website is compliant with screen reader technologies and tabbing.

1B-2.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC is unique in that our CoC is quite diverse in ethnicity, cultures, sexualities, gender identification, and disabilities. The Executive Committee and Governance Council are also diverse and are a solid representation of our clients and community. For the first time, two clients that are currently experiencing homelessness (from CoC membership organizations) agreed to represent the CoC in the role of diversity and inclusion facilitator for the state initiative on equity. Our monthly CoC meetings are lively, primarily due to the diversity and the openness to express all perspectives. We have multiple agencies that represent Black, Latino, LGBTQ+ and clients with disabilities. Our diverse membership and leadership include Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, diverse religious affiliation, housing insecurity experiences, and various age groups.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1B-3.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC actively seeks diverse viewpoints through monthly meetings, subcommittee gatherings, Community Conversations, online surveys (SurveyMonkey, Google Forms), and consultant engagements that have knowledge in preventing and ending homelessness. Our monthly CoC meetings regularly attract over 50 community partners representing a wide range of organizations, including individuals with personal experiences of homelessness.

1B-3.2. A consistent practice in all CoC meetings, including Governance Council, Executive Committee, subcommittees, and community conversations, is to create an inclusive environment for sharing and feedback. Responses are encouraged, and ample time is allocated for discussion and planning next steps. Many CoC members actively engage with public meetings, panels, business groups, civic organizations, and elected officials to address homelessness, combat misinformation and stigma, share critical data like the Housing First approach, and practice active listening to relay feedback to the CoC leadership.

1B-3.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC ensures that all communication materials are accessible in electronic formats, such as PDFs, WordDocx, and PowerPoint. Virtual meetings are designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities, and we maintain a resource list to promote accessibility. Our CoC website adheres to screen reader technologies and tabbing practices, ensuring universal accessibility.

1B-3.4. The CoC actively implements suggestions based on input from our MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) representative. For instance, to improve client readiness for housing referrals, we instituted a 30-day homeless verification review process. This change enhanced the timing of housing security and secured placements on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) list. Additionally, the CoC has received valuable insights from the Engagement Committee.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1B-4.1. On July 27, 2023, The Flint/Genesee County CoC made its formal local competition process announcement and request for proposals public posting to Flint / Genesee County CoC website (FY2023 NOFO section), posting to the Genesee County and City of Flint websites, by email sent to CoC Listserv, it was also announced in the CoC membership meetings open to the public. In the RFP, agencies that had not previously received CoC funding were encouraged to apply (if HUD and local CoC thresholds were met). A FY2023 Timeline was released on July 27th which advised the applicants the technical assistance dates (NOFO office hours) available to support applicants during the process. Highlighted in the call for application was new project applications can be funded through CoC Bonus project or DV projects. Also, the Annual Revenue Demand was discussed. Subsequently, one new agency responded, unfortunately, the new application could not move forward in the FY2023 NOFO process due to not meeting the HUD and CoC threshold requirements.

1B-4.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC NOFO provided four (4) NOFO office hours held by Zoom discussing the detail of application submission for the local RFP and a detailed FY2023 NOFO Timeline of all actives related to the local competition process. The submission dates, timelines, requirements and local NOFO competition expectations were clearly communicated and technical assistance via office hours was provided.

1B-4.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC advised the public that the HUD Rating and Ranking Tool would be utilized to rank order project applications for submission to HUD on September 28, 2023. It was explained that the process is data driven utilizing data from various HUD systems; SAGE, HDX1.0, HDX2.0 and eSNAPS; data from subrecipient monitorings and CE reports was also factors contributing to the score. The CoC was invited to participate in the September 6, 2023, prioritization meeting and vote on the projects that would be submitted in the FY2023 CoC program NOFO. Results were emailed on September 11th to the Listserv, as well as posted to the CoC Website. The CoC voted to accept the project rankings.

1B-4.4. All Flint/Genesee County CoC communicate offers accessible electronic formats. Web post formats (PDF, WordDocx, PowerPoint) and virtual meetings accommodate disabilities, and a resource list ensures access.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

18.	Health Care Providers, Legal Services Agencies	Yes
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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-2.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC leadership participates in the creation of ESG RFPs (MSHDA) for allocation, setting priorities and needs of populations along with the review and ranking of applications and providing insight and data on service provider alignment and performance across the homeless crisis response system. The process is different for the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) and The City of Flint ESG projects. The CoC has an opportunity to vote to approve and/or suggest allocations. Collaborating on ESG projects also provides for leveraging coordination of state and other funding sources. The MDHHS Salvation Army ESG does not involve the CoC in funding decisions.

1C-2.2. The Executive Committee evaluates the current programming (applications) to ensure the projects submitted support the agreed upon priorities while addressing gaps and housing the clients. HMIS System Administrator provides the ESG data reporting along with HUD SPMs to assist in the evaluation and performance of ESG projects.

1C-2.3 The HMIS System Administrator provides data perspective on unmet needs, trends in homelessness, HIC, PIT, LSA, SPM annual reports and CAPER data. Key staff provide any data requested for writing action plans, or data can be accessed on the website.

1C-2.4. The Flint/Genesee County CoC collaborates closely with the Consolidated Plan jurisdiction, Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) to ensure the Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data is provided. This data is also shared with the entire CoC community via email to Listserv and posted to the CoC website.

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-4a. As a partner in the Flint/Genesee County CoC, the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) engages with Local Educational Agencies (LEA) and public-school academies on eligibility and identification for McKinney-Vento educational services. As a partner the Genesee Intermediate School District hosts ongoing in-person and virtual professional development for local school district, public school academy school employees and other community partners on outreach, identification and eligibility of educational McKinney-Vento support. The McKinney-Vento Specialist presents at numerous community meetings as well as served as a yearly presenter at the Michigan Department of Education Special Populations conference. The GISD has formal partnerships with five of the area's local family and youth shelters and a case management agency to provide educational support (mentorship/ tutoring program), supplies and services to the areas youth and families residing in area shelters. This includes REACH/Traverse Place, Shelter of Flint, Carriage Town Ministries, YWCA and Family Promise.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-4b. The Flint/Genesee County CoC utilizes the Genesee Intermediate School District as a primary conduit to Local Educational Agencies (LEA) and public school academies on the eligibility of and identification of homeless families for McKinney-Vento educational supports. The Genesee Intermediate School District provides written outreach materials such as the distribution of brochures, posters, at LEA's and Public-School Academies, Local homeless shelters and community location and local resource fairs in the area. The Genesee Intermediate School district also provides outreach utilizing digital advertisements on local social media platforms. The shelters play a significant role in in informing families of educational services. When a family meets with shelter case management the case manager connects the family with the McKinney-Vento representative in the school of choice.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
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	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

Organizations		
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has ongoing, robust partnerships with victim service providers, communication with law enforcement, and public and private health providers help the CoC create policies for effective, safe, and empowering responses to violence, assault, and human trafficking. Participation with the State Office Emergency Services connects the CoC to larger policy discussions. State policies offer protection beyond VAWA. At the local service level coordination with homeless service organizations, VSP, groups coalesced around ending human trafficking including innovative faith-based and education responses, and champions in the legal system (like the Office of the Public Defender) provide data, information, and best-practice strategies for consideration and create enduring relationships.

1C-5a.2 The CoC's VSP employees are required to attend a 40-hour training offered through the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) upon hiring. This training provides a comprehensive foundation to ensure services are survivor-driven and trauma-informed. In addition, employees must complete 16-20 total hours of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Stalking and Survivors Best Practices training yearly. The YWCA is committed to educating our community by providing these trainings, working to change the societal norms, practices, and behaviors that allow or condone perpetration of abuse. Also, the county mental health provider, Genesee Health System's training department offers training on a number of areas related to expanding awareness and effective services to diverse populations including trauma informed, underserved and marginalized communities, such as the Deaf Community and LGBTQ+.

1C-5b.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

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

1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5b.1. YWCA of Greater Flint employees are required to attend a 40-hour training offered through the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) upon hiring. This training provides a comprehensive foundation to ensure services are survivor-driven and trauma-informed. In addition, employees must complete 16-20 total hours of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Stalking and Survivors Best Practices training yearly. The YWCA is committed to educating our community by providing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Stalking and Survivors Best Practices presentations as we work to change the societal norms, practices, and behaviors that allow or condone perpetration of abuse.

1C-5b.2. The Coordinated Entry staff which consists of one Coordinated Entry Specialist, one YWCA Housing Outreach Advocate and two Coordinated Entry Intake specialists worked closely with the YWCA staff and are advised on the appropriate safety and best practices. In addition, the CE staff receives case by case instruction from the designated YWCA contact. The Coordinated Entry staff also received Trauma Informed training through Genesee Health System training which is offered bi-annually. The YWCA team provides training bi-annually.

1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:

1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5c.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Coordinated Entry System team and the YWCA Housing Outreach Advocate make safety a priority. We recognize that every DV client has unique needs. Consequently, our case-by-case strategy ensures every DV client can safely and anonymously have choices in selecting housing. Examples of ensuring safety are: case managers locate housing with security at the entrance; approval for additional security systems; installation of steel doors; and in some cases bars on windows and screens. The YWCA staff works with survivors to develop a comprehensive safety plan specific to their circumstances. Safety plans are revised as a survivor's circumstances change. For example, a survivor safety plan while in shelter will change as they move into housing.

1C-5c.2. Flint/Genesee County CoC agencies are prohibited from sharing any information about a survivor without their written consent. Survivors are informed that they are 100% in control of what information is shared, to whom the information is shared with, and what period of time the information can be shared. Survivors complete an authorization for release of information that includes the above-mentioned information.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5d.1. The YWCA utilizes an HMIS comparable database, Empower DB, to collect and report de-identifying aggregate data. The database is compliant with both the Violence Against Women Act, which prohibits victim service providers to report identifying information and HUD reporting requirements. Throughout 2022 HUD and the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) worked together to release a request for proposals and selected a database provider, Apricot, to create a more effective reporting system specific for domestic violence service providers. The Apricot database is expected to roll out in 2023.

1C-5d.2. The Flint Genesee County CoC utilizes the YWCA de-identified aggregate information along with the advice of the YWCA advocates to determine the most appropriate plan to address the most immediate and urgent need. The YWCA and Coordinated Entry teams operate as one unit to protect the identity and to move clients safely to housing stability.

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

	2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
	3. the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5e.1. The Flint/Genesee County Emergency Transfer Plan was adopted by the Flint /Genesee County CoC in 2019. It is the authority utilized when DV clients are in crisis. In 2019 and 2021 there were two instances where the Emergency Transfer Plan (the VAWA) was emailed to leasing agencies to keep the DV client safely housed. Statistically, 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence, more than 3 women are murdered by their partner each day, 1 in 5 women have been raped in their lifetime. And between 22%- 57% of women who are homeless report that intimate partner violence was the immediate cause of their homelessness. In addition, 80% of homeless mothers have experienced severe physical and or sexual abuse during their lifetime. We recognize the safety and confidentiality of victims is a priority.

1C-5e. 2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Emergency Transfer process includes four steps; a) initiate a request with the YWCA advocate. The request can be verbal, text or email whichever is the safest way to communicate; b) The Transfer Plan is individualized and client's options are discussed. Options can include location, transportation, housing type and connection to DV supportive services. c) transportation needs to a safe location is identified and d) Follow up with the client.

1C-5e.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC process to respond to individuals and families emergency transfer requests is to honor the recommendation of the VSP or the agency serving the client. All agencies will utilize the emergency transfer plan adopted by the CoC in 2019.

	1C-5f. Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

	1. ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and	
	2. proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5f.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking work closely with Coordinated Entry, the HARA, and Outreach teams to communicate and facilitate all housing and services. The YWCA Housing Outreach Advocate position is solely dedicated to work with survivors to ensure all the necessary assessments (CESA/VI-SPDAT) are completed and submitted to the CE Specialist. The Housing Outreach Advocate coordinates with other service providers to address the specific needs of each survivor.

1C-5f.2. The CoC consistently demonstrates its commitment to eliminating or reducing systemic barriers within response system that delay our survivors of domestic violence access to safe and free from violence housing. There are numerous monthly workgroup and subcommittees that work on solution every month.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

C-5g.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has numerous survivors with lived domestic violence experience and they contributed to the development of nearly all CoC-wide policy and programs. Some openly share and other share in private. The YWCA distributes a satisfaction survey to current survivors to gain feedback and often the feedback offers a wide range of suggestions that are share in case management meetings.

1C-5g.2. As stated above, the survey has questions and has a section to offer any feedback or suggestions not offered in the questions which allows for understanding and addressing the unique and complex needs of survivors and implementing changes to better serve.

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

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-6a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC actively engage in ongoing dialogue and collaboration with LGBTQ+ advocacy groups and community organizations. This includes attending meetings, forums, and events to better understand the evolving needs and concerns of the LGBTQ+ community. The CoC regularly reviews and updates the anti-discrimination policy, incorporating feedback and insights from LGBTQ+ organizations. This ensures that the policy remains responsive to changing legal standards and best practices. The CoC participates in training sessions and workshops organized by LGBTQ+ organizations to enhance our understanding of the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Wellness Services has a full clinic with a physician that does gender-affirming care for the LGBTQ+ community as well as HIV care. Wellness Services work with the Genesee County Health Department for vaccines. Wellness Services organizes and hosts Flint's Pride Fest for the LGBTQ+ community and allies. This year, Flint's Pride Fest was a teaching moment when protesters came and began to spread misinformation. Wellness Services offers trainings for community members on helping people who service the LGBTQ+ community and advocating for their well-being and respect. Lastly, Wellness Services offers a Narcan program, training community members to help with overdoses.

1C-6a.2. The CoC assists providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that align with the CoC-wide policy. We collaborate with providers to review their project-level policies, ensuring alignment with our CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy and adherence to legal requirements.

1C-6a.3. Our CoC is exploring a possible process for evaluating compliance with our anti-discrimination policies. This process involves: audits, client feedback, data analysis and site visits.

1C-6a.4. The CoC follows a structured process for addressing grievances including this. It requires housing and service providers to take immediate corrective action to rectify noncompliance and prevent further discrimination. We partner with LSEM and LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations to offer technical assistance and guidance to help them achieve compliance and implement necessary changes to their policies and practices.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area--New Admissions--General/Limited Preference--Moving On Strategy.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.
	You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with--if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
MSHDA	77%	Yes-Both	Yes

Flint Housing Commission	25%	Yes-Both	Yes
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1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-7a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has a collaborative partnership with MSHDA relating to homeless admission preference. The representative assigned to our CoC is involved and contributes regularly with insights gained from the knowledge of working with other CoCs. The HARA, the CoC Lead Agency, BECKA Management and Coordinated Entry regularly discuss admission preferences that may need to be updated or adjusted. One example is the accommodation of a particular voucher, for example EHV, which had different characteristics than other vouchers.

1C-7a.2. The Flint Housing Commission has experienced fluctuations in their staffing, primarily on the HCV side. Since FY2022 positions have been filled, we have engaged to work with new staff. The CoC Coordinated Entry is working with the Flint Housing Commission HCV Program manager to provide The Director (position held for multiple years) of the Public Housing side of the Flint Housing Commission contributes to the NOFO every year

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

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

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

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

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

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

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program. Not Scored–For Information Only	
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	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

PHA
MSHDA

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

Name of PHA: MSHDA

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1. Foster Care	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	11
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	11
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-2a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC evaluates every project (application). Housing First is a HUD and CoC Threshold requirement that must be met to move the application forward to prioritization. The applicants submitted applications, and the Housing First supplement which asked the same questions that are found in E-SNAPS. All applications in this submission are Housing First and the CEOs and Executive Directors signed the document committing to following the housing first approach.

1D-2a.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC list of housing first factors and performance indicators include; 1) Is the agency committed to Low Barrier Access (six yes or no questions that have to be answered yes), 2. is the agency committed to housing retention (five additional yes or no questions), and 3) is the agency committed to ensuring the client has choice - participant engagement (three yes or no questions). To substantiate that the agency is housing first we will use Coordinated Entry number of referrals received, number of referrals housed, and reasons not housed; the CoC will also look at Annual Performance Reviews including System Performance Measures, customer interviews, and examination of policies during monitoring. The CoC did not receive any grievances this year.

1D-2a.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC regularly evaluates programs utilizing data from onsite monitoring reviews and policy reviews, Coordinated Entry System, case conferencing meetings, and HMIS reports to collaboratively discuss and evaluate the Housing First model explanation for denial. In most cases, it is due to the lack of current contact information, or the client having solved their housing crisis on their own and is not due to preconditions of program participants.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-3.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC offers regular consistent Street Outreach to all of Genesee County. The team is comprised of 13 individuals (Street Outreach and PATH Outreach) who go out in teams of two and canvass the community hot spots, identified as places where those experiencing homelessness are known to congregate. They visit these locations as well as other locations that are brought to their attention by individuals who are homeless, other social service workers, police and first responders and government officials. The team collaborates with the Coordinated Entry team and the HARA to connect with those who are homeless for resource development, homeless verifications, distribution of emergency care kits, food items and clothing. The Street Outreach team members approach those who are identified as homeless or those expected to be homeless and offer an array of services under a harm reduction model of care. The Flint/Genesee County CoC also has a PATH Outreach team that executes the same duties listed above but is specifically focused on those individuals who have severe mental challenges. This team is focused on getting their clients enrolled into SOAR. This team also works with a team of doctors, nurses and interns that accompany them in Street Outreach activities, known as Spartan Medicine. The Spartan Medicine team takes blood pressure, temperatures, checks wounds, and provides over-the-counter pain relievers, and will determine the next best step related to addressing their health needs.

1D-3.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Street Outreach team efforts cover 100 percent of CoC's geographic area.

1D-3.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Street Outreach team is active in the community from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Friday, Noon to 10:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday.

1D-3.4. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Street Outreach team tailors its strategy to focus on the population that is least likely to receive assistance. The Street Outreach Team brings decades of experience.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		
	Homeless Court	Yes	Yes

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	103	97

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-6a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants within our geographic area. Representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services are involved in the CoC monthly meetings and keeps the CoC informed of mainstream updates. When there is something new and relevant it is a.) shared during the CoC monthly meetings or b.) shared via email to the CoC Listserv. Information is regularly forwarded from MDHHS, the State and local SOAR teams. Community presentation is an options offered also.

1D-6a.2. To ensure collaboration with the CoC’s healthcare, substances abuse treatment and mental health treatment organizations, The Flint/Genesee County CoC HARA, Street Outreach, PATH Outreach, and Coordinated Entry Specialists communicate numerous times a day with those organization to strategize the most appropriate connection based on the need of the program participants. The Flint/Genesee County CoC supports Genesee Health Plan, Hamilton Community Health Network, Genesee Community Health Center, Oak Street Health, and Blue Care Network during their open enrollment periods and throughout the year. The case managers also assist the healthcare organizations, mental health agencies and substance use agencies to enroll clients in their services. The Greater Flint Health Coalition is also an active contributor within the CoC.

1D-6a.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has an active SOAR team that has brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to our clients. Combined they have a high application success rate. The Chair of the SOAR Workgroup consistently encourages community members to become navigators who will assist the community from their agency. This last year, the SOAR team had a 75% approval rate for SSI/SSDI benefits. This workgroup is chaired by Genesee Health System, an active voting member of the Continuum and a MDHHS credentialed SOAR service provider. Before its formal adoption in the CoC governance process, the contributions of SOAR and the accomplishments of SOAR-trained staff were recognized and reported back to the CoC membership at its monthly meetings. The SOAR Across Michigan Initiative is recognized by the Continuum Membership, Governance Council and Executive Committee as a critical adjunct to supporting the mission and values of the Continuum of Care and its partner agencies and service providers.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-7. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has identified increasing non-congregate sheltering as an urgent and emerging need to address. Our Street and PATH Outreach and case conferencing case managers have strongly stated that increasing non-congregate sheltering would significantly reduce the unsheltered population. Many of these clients, due to severe mental challenges or extreme trauma, choose to stay in a place not meant for human habitation, such as an abandoned house or building, their car, or on the streets instead of in a traditional shelter. It would also create a safer environment in the congregate settings. Non-congregate sheltering is the preferred option for our most vulnerable clients with severe mental challenges. The CoC voted unanimously to approve the GPD Capital Proposal request to move My Brother’s Keeper Veteran GPD program from our current location to 11280 Hegel Rd, Goodrich MI. This opportunity provides independent style rooms to increase the standard of living for 18 veterans by decreasing congregate living in the current 18 beds allotted for veteran. Ten of the eighteen veterans beds moved to a different location in Genesee County. These veterans will have their own bedroom and bathroom, this move allows the 8 remaining veterans access to a non-congregate sleeping area, but shared bathrooms. Reducing shared living space in Genesee County aligns with the national goal to meet social determinates by providing a better quality of living and reducing the harm of being expose to communicable viruses in a safe environment in Genesee County.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

ID-8.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC collaborates with public health agencies to respond to and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We also forward CDC information to the CoC.

ID-8.2. The Emergency Shelters and Outreach employ strategies recommended by MSHDA, CDC, and HUD to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-8a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit outbreaks by sharing information related to public health and homelessness.

1D-8a.2. The CoC created weekly COVID-19 conference calls that included Health Department, representation from the Governor’s office, MDHHHS, the emergency shelters, housing programs, community health program, emergency manager, Red Cross, data shared from HUD, CDC, MCAH and MSHDA. Needs and concerns were discussed, and strategies and resources were committed during the meetings. Outbreaks were contained. The Flint/Genesee County CoC was asked to speak and share the homelessness response with other cities on community calls.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system:

1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC’s geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-9. 1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Coordinated Entry System covers 100% of the geographic area.

1D-9. 2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Coordinated Entry System utilizes a standardized assessment process. The CoC has two standardized assessment tools as part of that process. Every client that enters the CoC homeless response system can enter multiple ways into the system ("no wrong door approach"); 98% of those engaging in the homeless response team enters through the HARA, Flint/Genesee County Homeless Help Line or Street Outreach teams. The agency completes the CESA (Coordinated Entry System Assessment Form) with the client. Within five days, if the client has not self-resolved, the VISPDAT is administered and scored. It is sent to the Coordinated Entry Specialist and placed on the QBNL in acuity order based on the responses of the VISPDAT. Most agencies within the CoC are familiar with the standardized processes.

1D-9. 3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has devoted more time to Coordinated Entry than any other process. The CoC has engaged consultants and shared two surveys. Feedback and updates relating to households and projects are exchanged at the monthly case conference meeting and the bi-weekly CE referral meeting. When a service gap or client barrier is uncovered via feedback from community members including clients, the CoC will investigate barriers and how to minimize or eliminate them. The CoC has committed many review hours, employed consultants, and designated various subcommittees to constantly refine the CES. We also have utilized the expertise of two consultants, dialogue at monthly CE meetings, Community Conversations, community mapping, referral meetings, and feedback from our funders. Our MSHDA representative has helped us define gaps and has offered solutions that were implemented to close interagency gaps.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-9a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC CES works closely with both outreach teams to reach people that will not engage in the homeless response system. Street Outreach and PATH Outreach frequent the places where the clients that suffer from severe and persistent mental health or substance use challenges, bring them into the homeless response system daily. Without these teams, these clients would not likely engage. The Outreach teams have gained trust and have helped the most difficult homeless clients get beyond their fears and engage in the housing stability process. Our PATH Outreach team is specifically trained in engaging the most difficult to reach clients.

1D-9a.2. The Flint/Genesee County CES utilizes a county-wide Quality by Name List (QBNL) that is organized highest to lowest acuity score based on the standardized assessment tool, VI-SPDAT. This list ensures that the clients with the highest needs (based on the VISPDAT acuity score) are housed first and prioritized above those with a lower score. Currently, there are 155 that have scored for RRH and 75 for PSH. Seven PSH programs and the referrals will be given to the agencies requesting referrals.

1D-9a.3. The Flint /Genesee County CoC CES prioritizes clients on the QBNL based on an acuity score and chronicity. The appropriate VI-SPDAT tool score is provided based on individual needs. The client is placed on the QBNL based on acuity in order from high to low. The PSH scoring range for the VI-SPDAT is 8-17 and the RRH scoring range is 4-7. Due to the severe lack of safe and affordable housing stock in Genesee County, housing in a timely manner is currently a major challenge. There have been two new affordable housing units recently built in the community that have the capacity for housing 18 clients. A common practice in our CoC is to encourage the clients to find the housing that best meets their preferences.

1D-9a.4. The CoC has implemented several improvements to reduce the burden on the client by reducing the complexity of engaging the homeless response system. A significant starting point has been to devote more time on the front end explaining the process and making warm handoffs, this reduces some anxiety. We also let the clients know they have a voice in their housing stability journey.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-9b.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC collaborates with the HARA, Street Outreach, and other CoC agencies to disseminate information about housing and services. The CoC receives 3000 calls between the HARA and the Housing Crisis Help Line a month regarding the CoCs housing services. The CoC assists those that are in need regardless of race, color, national origin religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, family status or disability.

1D-9b.2. The Flint /Genesee County CoC is committed to upholding fair housing and civil rights of all program participants. To inform our clients of their rights and remedies under federal, state, and local fair housing laws, we implement the following measures: we provide program participants with educational materials that outline their fair housing rights and remedies. Our case managers engages in one-on-one counseling session during which fair housing rights and address and participants provided a warm handoff to Legal Services of Eastern Michigan fair Housing Attorney SME. The CoC also provides workshops and training for everyone in the community.

1D-9b.3. Fair housing is of paramount priority for the CoC. When conditions or actions are identified that impede fair housing choice for current or perspective program participants, the CoC takes the following steps: 1.) document any instances of conditions that raise concerns, 2.) gather evidence and statements and/or refer them to Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, 3.) the CoC works collaboratively with entities to investigate and address any identified issue and ensure compliance with fair housing laws.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/01/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-10a. 1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC utilizes data from a variety of data sources HUD CoC Analysis Tool: Race and Ethnicity (Version 3.0)HMIS, CES records, HIC, PIT and project APRs that indicate there are disparities. This conclusion was further validated in our work with the State of Michigan (MCTEH) and C4 collaboration. The CoC has collaborated with the state initiative on racial equality in homelessness facilitated by MCTEH in collaboration with C4 Innovations. The HMIS administrator with C4 and MCTEH provided real data around the picture of racial inequity in our community. Analyzing the data through a racial equity lens, the CoC has a few areas of concern: the time required for a referral to obtain housing, landlord rejection, landlord eviction, and how many clients scored into RRH vs PSH. The CoC identified a limited number of projects that had racial inequalities at that time. For this year, the CoC collaborated with the state initiative on racial equity to identify and address inequality. The modeling of implementation within the CoC, the approaches, the discussions, the outcomes were informative and beneficial. These findings were utilized beginning in the fourth quarter of 2022.

1D-10a. 2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has identified BIPOC individuals represent 20% of Flint/Genesee County households and account for 64% of PIT Count and the American Community Survey. This data indicates BIPOC household are 3.2 time more likely to be represented in the 2021 PIT Count and the rate of return to homelessness is 61% for black households and 2% for white households.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes

10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-10c. The Flint/Genesee County CoC had two listening sessions, one workgroup meeting, and has taken the following steps to address disparities: a.) acknowledged that there were disparities that needed to be addressed. b.) collected data via survey to the CoC members in September 2021 to gain insights on racial equity perspectives in our community. C.) identified opportunities to learn more and seek technical assistance. In September 2021 the CoC submitted a request to participate in Round 2 of the HUD SNAPS CE Equity Demo. The CoC was invited to participate in a Zoom interview, and the unequal treatment by mainstream services; lack of access to crisis response in BIPOC neighborhoods; need for cultural and linguistic competence in service agencies; limited opportunity for leadership by BIPOC persons with lived experience; stereo-typing of BIPOC by case managers; limited understanding of the particular health and hygiene needs of BIPOC; failure to abide by antidiscrimination and equal access rules; discrimination by law enforcement and justice systems; general lack of concern/interest in listening to BIPOC consumers in program design. The concerns of consumers are being addressed by engaging Equity in Action experts and All of Us or None to provide guidance in provision of direct services; Gaining commitments from each HUD-funded provider to furthering Equality through 5 actions: 1.) staff training, 2.) review of program policies, protocols, and update them to ensure inclusion and cultural competence. 3.) identifying barriers to service for under-served groups within the agency. 4.) training all staff on specific diversity, equity and inclusion topics: implicit bias, creating an equitable culture, understanding the effects of racial trauma, racism, oppression, or disability. 5.) ensure staff are trained and implement antidiscrimination and equal access rules; promoting a person-centered approach that insists on listening and responding to client experiences and needs as valid concerns; center program adjustments on the voices of persons with lived experience (PLE); Address false narratives by active dialog with BIPOC, creating agency consumer advisory boards; including a diversity of PLE in hiring and program operations; offering stipends or other supports (childcare, food, transportation) to reduce barriers to consumer participation; empower clients and Black-led organizations through mentorship.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-10d.1 The Flint/Genesee County CoC has the following measures in place to the track progress of preventing and eliminating disparities, they include but are not limited to data collection and analysis, performance metrics, equity audits, client feedback, comparative analysis, policy reviews, partnerships and training and awareness. These measures will help the CoC assess progress in addressing disparities in homeless assistance and work towards more equitable outcomes for all individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Data can be filtered by multiple parameters to create custom reports readily accessible for ongoing comparison. Annual completion of the Racial Disparities Tool, Equal Access Self-Assessment, and progress on actions in the Commitment to Further equity help gauge progress.

1D-10d.2 The Flint/Genesee County CoC employs various tools that include data management such as System Performance Measures, Stella P, HUD HIC and PIT Count, Coordinated Entry System utilization and outcomes, census data, national, state and local data, equity assessment tools, client surveys and listening sessions, partners on community mapping comparative statistical data, and qualitative research methods, and community engagement platforms. The CoC data, however, cannot stand alone in tracking progress on preventing and eliminating inequities that are influenced by broader systems. Meaningful cross-system data sharing with mainstream resources and other institutions is crucial to understanding and addressing disparities. Partnering with justice systems, health and behavioral health, foster care, law enforcement, and non-HUD funded providers such as those offering crisis response to periodically assess system effectiveness and progress may be challenging but is essential to success. External, publicly available data, like that offered through State HDIS, employment development, or population characteristics offer baselines and context for CoC tracking and analysis.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC’s outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-11 - The Flint/Genesee County CoC outreach efforts to engage individuals with lived experience are currently targeted, with the goal of expanding to include social media in the future. Our approach primarily involves seeking recommendations and input from our valued partners in the community. Several members of the Flint/Genesee CoC have shared their own experiences of homelessness. Their firsthand experiences have made them passionate advocates for change and eager to take on leadership roles within our CoC. They actively contribute their perspectives on all policies and initiatives, which has proven to be invaluable in shaping our approach to addressing homelessness. To further enhance our efforts, we have recently included clients who are currently receiving support through our homeless response system. This addition ensures that the CoC has a current, real-time lived experience voice at the table, allowing us to better understand the challenges our clients face and to tailor our services to their unique needs. The CoC remains committed to fostering an inclusive environment where the voices of those with lived experience are not only heard but actively incorporated into the CoC's decision-making processes. Their insights continue to influence the CoC's mission to provide effective and compassionate assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness in Flint/Genesee County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-11b. The Flint/Genesee County CoC is committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone has the chance to thrive. The CoC member organizations provide several avenues for professional development and/or employment opportunities. The CoC uses internships, continuing education and skills-based training. It also provides professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness. The CoC has partnerships with organizations such as GST Works!, MRS, Mott Community College, St. Luke's, Catholic Charities, and MADE Institute, that offer training programs tailored to the unique needs and aspirations of individuals with lived experience. These programs encompass a range of skills, including job readiness, communication, and leadership development. The CoC collaborates with local educational institutions and vocational training centers to ensure access to quality training. CoC members offer the following: mentorship programs, employment partnerships, resume building and interview coaching; job placement services, entrepreneurship support; Advocacy and Leadership. By offering these comprehensive professional development and employment opportunities, the CoC aims to empower individuals with lived experience to achieve their career goals, regain independence, and make positive contributions to our community. The CoC is committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone in the community has the chance to thrive.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.r.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and	
3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-11c.1 The Flint/Genesee County CoC employs a multifaceted approach that includes regular outreach to shelters, program case managers, meal programs, and street-based services. The CoC trained outreach teams engage with individuals in a respectful and empathetic manner to solicit their input. Additionally, the CoC conducts anonymous surveys at shelter facilities and community events, seeking perspectives on service quality, barriers to access and suggestions for improvements.

1D-11c.2. To ensure the CoC capture the experiences and opinions of those who have received assistance through our CoC or ESG programs, the CoC administers post-assistance survey. These surveys are sent electronically or conducted via phone or face to face interviews, allowing the recipients to provide feedback on their experience with case management, housing placements, and supportive services. The CoC also organizes listening sessions to delve deeper into experiences and to gather qualitative insights. In addition, the CoC engages recipients' periodic check-ins to obtain real time feedback and address any emerging concerns.

1D-11c.3. When individuals with lived experience of homelessness raise challenges or concerns, the CoC takes immediate and comprehensive action. This includes a grievance policy that is shared with program participants to report any grievances that may occur. The CoC engages the agency and leadership by offering trainings on advocacy and cultural sensitivity. If needed, there will also be procedure and policy adjustments such revising program guidelines, updating eligibility criteria, and modifying service delivery. The steps the Flint/Genesee County CoC implements to address challenges raised by people with lived experience are a) collect specific information about the challenge, b) determine if its systemic or agency related, c) make sure CoC leadership is aware, d) discuss with community and e) explore remedies to adjust.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1D-12.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has strongly advocated with local elected officials to reform zoning laws to allow diverse types of housing to be built, not solely the detached single-family homes or large apartment buildings we see now. CoC members have met with local and state elected officials and specifically advocated for more support for missing middle housing and local land use law reform. A particular success that came from this work was that on July 25th, 2022, the City of Flint adopted its first new zoning code since 1974. This code explicitly permits by-right many more types of housing like duplexes, triplexes, small apartment buildings, mixed use developments, and more in areas that previously focused on single-family detached housing. This new code also dramatically simplifies the approval process, allowing for considerably more housing to be built through administrative processes rather than complicated, time consuming, and costly Planning Commission hearings and approvals. Beyond the advocacy that helped to pass this ordinance, CoC member Communities First, Inc. is currently creating a video for the general public to explain the impact of these zoning changes and why allowing for a diverse housing stock is key to solving the crisis of homelessness and the overall housing shortage.

1D-12.2. With respect to reducing regulatory barriers to housing development, some CoC members have met with local elected officials to explicitly advocate for a more predictable development approval process. For instance, Communities First, Inc. is currently advocating for the passage of an automatic Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) ordinance in the City of Flint for affordable housing development to improve the financial viability of affordable housing development while removing an often costly and time-consuming step, obtaining discretionary PILOT approvals for each project. Additionally, CoC members have managed events such as 2022 Park(ing) Day, a day where entities across the community hosted events in parking spaces to show the benefits that can be seen when land mandated to serve as surface parking by minimum parking requirements is instead repurposed to more productive uses. CoC members continue to advocate for the reduction or elimination of these parking mandates which stand as a major regulatory barrier to housing development by mandating large parts of development sites be allocated to car storage, not homes.

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

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

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/28/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/28/2023

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
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1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes

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

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
 Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	250
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	11
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1E-2b.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC analyzes data to determine if the projects successfully housed the program participants in permanent housing. The following programs were used to ensure objective scoring: HMIS Business Objects, APRs, eLOCCS, HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0, Coordinated Entry data and feedback from the client and community partners.

1E-2b.2. The CoC used the APR length of time to project move-in (22c) and data from Coordinated Entry (date agency requested referral, date referral was sent to requesting agency and feedback from the housing manager when the client was housed). We also factored in the political climate, environmental, and severity of mental challenges of the program’s clients.

1E-2b.3. The CoC PSH and RRH subrecipients collaborate and discuss clients monthly during the QBNL meeting/Case conferencing to identify those who are most difficult to house. Considerations include barriers and strategies of the best approach to move the client to permanent housing. The acuity score is the leading indicator utilized to determine the clients with the most severe needs and discussion around placement. We consider all information in the rating and ranking process.

1E-2b.4. The CoC moved all projects forward to address those with the highest need. Although projects underperformed significantly but serves the hardest to house clients in the community continued to advocate for those who were high risk and clients with the greatest needs were served.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1E-3.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC included input from those that are over-represented in our homeless response system. Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) are over-represented 3.2 times than that of their white counterparts representing only 20% of the County residents. The Flint/Genesee County CoC is leadership consist of BIPOC individuals. The CoC shared the rating factors and offered the opportunity for all CoC members including BIPOC to comment and share insights.

1E-3.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC determined it would utilize the rating factors found in HUD rating and ranking tool. Persons of diverse races and ethnicities participated in the prioritization of the projects. Of those that voted, 50% were BIPOC.

1E-3.3. The CoC conducts several meetings a month where all programs are given the opportunity to discuss the hardest and most severe barriers they are facing. In these meetings several community voices contribute to providing solutions. All HUD and ESG program recipients participate in these meetings (IST, QBNL, Moving UP, CAI, CE Referral, HMIS administrator). Looking at the data reported in the various systems, CES and notes from the meetings is how we determine if the projects earned the equity points. We also look at equity inclusion in each applicant’s organization.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1E-4.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC looked at the projects that tend to have the lowest rank scores. Lone project serves the homeless youth in our community and the other provides PSH to our most vulnerable clients. Both projects spend down their grant dollars yearly. The clients in these programs have unique barriers that the community is continuing to determine how to address. Neither program had client grievances or complaints. Both projects are valuable to our community. Therefore, the CoC determined not to reallocate the two lower scoring projects.

1E-4.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC identified two projects that underperformed. Given the demographic and the severity of the needs for those clients served reallocation was not implemented.

1E-4.3. The Flint/Genesee County CoC did not reallocate low scoring projects because the projects are valuable to the community serving unique clients.

1E-4.4. The Flint/Genesee County CoC did not reallocate funds due to recognition of unique factors of these projects.

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

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

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	08/28/2023

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/26/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/25/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2A-4.1. The YWCA utilizes an HMIS comparable database, Empower DB, to collect and report de-identifying aggregate data. The database is compliant with both the Violence Against Women Act, which prohibits victim service providers to report identifying information and HUD reporting requirements. Throughout 2022 HUD and the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) worked together to release a request for proposals and selected a database provider, Apricot, to create a more effective reporting system specific for domestic violence service providers. The Apricot database is expected to roll out in 2023.

2A-4.2. The Flint Genesee County CoC utilizes the YWCA de-identified aggregate information along with the advice of the YWCA advocates to determine the most appropriate plan to address the most immediate and urgent need. The YWCA and Coordinated Entry teams operate as one unit to protect the identity and to move clients safely to housing stability. This process is compliant with HMIS Data Standards.

2A-4.3. The CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS data standards in meeting the security and privacy requirements of HUD VAWA, and other federal, state, and local laws; data collection of all required data elements (universal data elements and project data elements); and producing the required HUD standards other reports like HUD's annual performance report (APR) CAPER.

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.
 NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	372	33	285	84.07%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	88	0	65	73.86%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	97	0	97	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	295	0	295	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2A-5a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC recognizes the transitional housing (TH) project is administered exclusively by a non-participating agency. The CoC will take the following steps to increase TH bed coverage to at least 85 percent: a) actively engage with the TH programs; b) educate the transitional housing agencies on the benefits of increasing bed coverage rate; c) provide a support system and training for TH program agency staff; and d) utilize the HMIS Administrator to resolve technical issues and ensure data is accurately collected.

2A-5a.2. The agency Executive Directors and HMIS Administrator continue to engage in dialogue to explore HMIS participation and create a plan for increasing the bed coverage rate over 85%.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/25/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2B-3.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC engaged stakeholders by reaching out to McKinney-Vento liaisons in Genesee County, making presentations in local schools to keep communities informed and connecting with social workers and counselors.

2B-3.2. Connecting with these stakeholders enabled the Flint/ Genesee County CoC to identify youth experiencing homelessness that may be counted in PIT.

2B-3.3. The Flint/ Genesee County CoC Outreach teams performed the PIT count with knowledge of hangouts and areas where youth would be couch surfing on the night of PIT. Outreach teams also worked tirelessly to encourage youth to enter shelters and the warming centers. This was so effective the Warming Center doubled its number in our PIT count and the number of unsheltered populations decreased drastically.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2B-4.1. On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the Governor of Michigan lifted the social distancing ban allowing public places to be occupied at 100%. The Flint/Genesee County CoC utilized this information to encourage shelters to increase their bed capacity so that homeless clients can fill shelters to capacity. This increased our sheltered population.

2B-4.2. The Flint/ Genesee County CoC encouraged the Outreach Team to prepare for PIT by passing out blankets, socks, scarves, and hats. This measure was used to encourage the unsheltered population to seek shelter. As the PIT night grew closer Outreach Teams increased their efforts with the knowledge that January 26 would be the coldest night of winter.

2B-4.3. The effects of Flint/ Genesee County CoC's efforts increased the sheltered population from the previous year by more than 50 clients and decreased the unsheltered population.

2B-4.4 Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2C-1.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC, along with its partners (HARA, ESG prevention recipients, mental health agencies, MDHHS, LSEM, Outreach Teams, HMIS Administrator) worked together to determine risk factors. Some of the risk factors include families who are facing eviction or utility shut offs due to non-payment, mental or physical disabilities, domestic violence, medical emergencies, and/or past evictions.

2C-1.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC utilizes several strategies to address reducing first time homelessness. Activities include advertising eviction diversion programs, prevention resources, landlord education, site visits with property managers to make them aware of funding to prevent their tenants from being evicted. We also work closely with the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan and Legal Aid, and prevention referrals teams who kept the courts abreast of prevention resources to ensure clients are referred to Coordinated Entry for prevention services.

2C-1.3. The HMIS Program Administrator, CE Specialist, CoC Coordinator at Metro Community Development are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families.

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

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

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

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2C-2.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC has adopted housing first and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) strategies to reduce the duration of homelessness. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) utilizes the VI-SPDAT, TAY-VI-SPDAT, and F-VI-SPDAT to identify and prioritize the most vulnerable clients for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

2C-2.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC utilizes data from the Coordinated Entry's QBNL (Quality By Name List), case conferencing and HMIS to identify clients with the longest lengths of time homelessness. Housing agencies request referrals from the QBNL, and clients are referred to the agency according to their acuity score. Once a client is referred the housing search begins and housing placement occurs.

2C-2.3. The Coordinated Entry Specialist and HMIS Administrator of Metro Community Development are responsible for overseeing the COC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2C-3.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC utilizes case managers in the emergency shelters and transitional housing programs to assess the needs of the clients who are placed on the QBNL. Those who qualify utilize Rapid Rehousing programs to exit to permanent housing destinations. Clients who are in permanent housing projects receive supportive services that ensure that they have access to eviction diversion programs, bill pay programs and are connected to mental health housing counselors. Once the individual has been verified homeless a VI-SPDAT is done, and they are immediately referred to Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing. Rapid-Rehousing programs are used to quickly move individuals and families who qualify from Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing into permanent housing destinations.

2C-3.2. The Coordinated Entry Specialist works closely with the shelters, RRH case managers, Youth Transitional Case Managers, HCV Manager at the HARA, HCV manager at The Flint Housing Commission, PSH case managers and affordable housing agencies to identify resource availability. Once referrals have been requested from the HCV, EHV and PSH, case managers work tirelessly to ensure clients are leased up and moved into permanent affordable housing. Housing stock that is safe and affordable in Genesee County has become a major barrier for getting clients moved into permanent housing quickly.

2C-3.3. The Coordinated Entry Specialist at Metro Community Development is responsible for overseeing the Flint/Genesee County CoC's strategy to increase the rate of individuals and families to attain permanent affordable housing.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2C-4.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC Coordinated Entry team, the HARA and shelters utilize the Street Outreach Teams, HMIS data and case managers to identify clients who return to homelessness. These clients are deemed homeless and placed on the QBNL in order of their acuity score.

2C-4.2. The Flint/Genesee County CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns is to work with our programs, communicate through our monthly QBNL case conferencing meetings and identify trends based on HMIS data and feedback from Outreach Teams. We also provide additional wrap-around services to ensure that participants do not return to homelessness upon their exit.

2C-4.3. The HMIS Program Coordinator, CE Specialist and COC Coordinator housed at Metro Community Development are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the return to homelessness rate.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2C-5.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC's strategy to increase employment income relies on connecting participants to the employment agencies that best fit their capabilities partnered with case management. Our shelters, RRH and PSH case managers and the Disability Network work diligently with employment partners including the local Michigan Works! specialized and non-traditional employment agencies, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Peckham, and St Luke's who all are committed to increasing employment income.

2C-5.2. The employment agencies that work with the Flint/Genesee County CoC host job fairs at the shelters, create job shadowing opportunities, and provide transportation to the shelters to pick up residents.

2C-5.3. The HMIS Program Coordinator, CE Specialist and COC Coordinator at Metro Community Development are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the return to homelessness rate.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2C-5a.1. The Flint/Genesee County CoC refers clients who qualify for disability but have had issues filing paperwork and getting approval with the SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) Navigator. The SOAR Navigators assists participants who qualify with the applications for the following: the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Medicaid/Medicare, Unemployment compensation, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and other mainstream benefits.

2C-5a.2. The HMIS Program Coordinator at Metro Community Development is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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 V.F.	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

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