

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: VT-500 - Vermont Balance of State CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

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

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

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

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| 1B-1. | Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b. | |
| | You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | |
| | Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition. | 09/12/2022 |

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| 1B-2. | Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a. | |
| | You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | |
| | Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition: | |
| | 1. Established total points available for each project application type. | Yes |
| | 2. At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH). | Yes |
| | 3. At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness). | Yes |

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| 1B-3. | Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b. | |
| | You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | |
| | 1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)? | Yes |
| | 2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced? | Yes |
| | 3. If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22. | 10/05/2022 |

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| 1B-3a. | Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b. | |
| | You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | |
| | Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22. | 10/05/2022 |
| 1B-4. | Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b. | |
| | You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | |
| | Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings. | 10/13/2022 |

2A. System Performance

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| 2A-1. | Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors. | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b. | |
| | Describe in the field below: | |
| 1. | how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time; | |
| 2. | how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and | |
| 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families. | |

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1) VT-500 BoS CoC continues to identify risk factors through the review of interview data conducted with participants by CoC providers, income at entry from coordinated entry forms, and housing needs assessments (includes disabling conditions, fleeing DV, etc.). ESG Recipient (Agency of Human Services) reviews data reports for statewide prevention/diversion programs. CoC members work with local agencies & peer groups to identify risk factors within subpopulations through partnerships & data analysis (i.e., General Assistance Motel Voucher Program, Mental Health bed stays, LGBTQ+ youth factors with Foster Care Program, VT Governor’s Opioid Coordination Council, Peer Organizations, and Early Childhood Council with pediatricians who screen for housing instability).

2) VT BoS best practices & strategies to address families at risk of homelessness includes connections to financial resources support and voluntary case management services. RESOURCES - VT ESG. PREVENTION – CARES Act/American Rescue Act funds for VT Rental Housing Stabilization Program & VT Emergency Rental Assistance Program (back rent, security deposits, short-term rent & utility assistance), childcare referrals; and resources to help stretch limited household income like food shelves & transportation vouchers. INCOME/EMPLOYMENT – CoC providers connect at-risk persons with VT Dept. of Labor (Career Resource Centers/state Workforce Innovation plan to remove barriers to employment), VT Dept. of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living; VT SOAR trained staff for successful SSI/SSDI applications; financial coaching with Family Self-Sufficiency Program/VT TANF. SERVICES – care coordination; benefits/housing counseling; tenant-landlord mediation; substance disorder/mental health; VA Medical Center (CoC Board member) coordinates statewide strategies to assist Veterans remain stably housed with prevention services.

3) The executive director of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness is responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce first time homelessness.

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| 2A-2. | Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c. | |

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

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1) VT-500 BoS CoC strategy to reduce Length of Time homeless included increasing housing stock (using ARPA and Cares funding, 1,200 new affordable units since the onset of the pandemic, many with homeless set-asides and referred from CoC Coordinated Entry with highest needs/longest time homeless) due to ongoing housing crisis (<1% unit vacancy) intensified by COVID-19 pandemic. VT BoS worked with VT Agency of Human Services to expand Landlord Liaison Project (ESG-CV) and increase voluntary services/resources (Care Coordination and “Rapid Resolution Housing Initiative”). VT BoS engaged VT State Housing Authority (PHA) to successfully expand “Move-Up” homeless preference to serve up to 500 participants in multiple homeless programs (TH, RRH, PSH serving youth, DV/SV, chronic homelessness, families, veterans, and households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic). Referrals for specialized care are made to remove housing barriers and help with service connections (Back Rent/Security Deposits, Legal, DV/SV, mental health, substance use, other medical care).

2) VT BoS CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) continues to identify people with the longest Length of Time homeless with HMIS data review and by interviewing people with the housing assessment prioritization tool to gather location and Length of Time homeless. Interviews and record gathering are utilized when homeless episodes for people living in shelters and places not meant for human habitation were not in HMIS. Local coordinated entry teams utilize this data for case conferencing & prioritized referrals based upon complex service needs score & longest Length of Time homeless. Veterans committee meets bi-weekly to review By-Name List and ensure connections with VA and non-VA funded resources. All CoC RRH and PSH receive prioritized CE referrals of persons with longest Length of Time homeless.

3) The executive director of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness is responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce the Length of Time people are experiencing homelessness.

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

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1) VT-500 BoS CoC's strategy to increase exits to permanent housing (PH) for people in shelter (ES), transitional housing (TH), and rapid rehousing (RRH) included increasing subsidized exit options, expanding Landlord Liaison Project to identify units, and using housing first practices in projects. Using ARPA and Cares funding, 1,200 new affordable units since the onset of the pandemic, with homeless set-asides; ongoing 15% set-aside for people who are homeless in publicly funded housing. Supporting self-sufficiency by increasing income with VT SOAR trained staff, VocRehab, and VT Dept. of Labor.

CoC requested (6/15/21) and received (7/1/2021) expansion of Homeless Admission Preferences at VT State Housing Authority (VSHA) (largest VT PHA) for expanded "Move-Up Strategy" to serve persons residing in RRH projects (state-fund, YHDP funded, SSVF and ESG-CV vouchers), Domestic Violence TH (DOJ and ESG-funded) and Family Unification Program (at-risk and homeless families/youth).

PHA-CoC-VT Network for DV/SV MOU to serve persons fleeing DV/SV (including from ES/TH/RRH/PSH) with new Emergency Housing Vouchers (99). New VSHA PSH projects serving 30 households connected to CoC-funded services and Rutland Housing Authority (10 households) with dedicated project-based vouchers for persons experiencing homelessness. There are no Safe Haven projects in Vermont.

2) VT BoS strategies to increase rate of stayers in permanent supportive housing (PSH) and leavers to a PH destination are: VT BoS Written Standards policy to only terminate as an option of last resort; effective connection to/coordination of supportive services, retention assistance & income supports to maintain their housing; PSH leavers maintain connections to supportive services, linkages to income & prevention resources at exit to ensure maintaining PH; expansion of CoC move-on strategy so PSH/RRH households may transition to Section 8 HCV to ensure PH stability/financial feasibility; and review of housing retention outcomes to ensure people are maintaining or exiting to PH.

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

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1) The VT-500 BoS CoC strategy to identify people returning to homelessness includes: a partially open HMIS to identify if previous shelter or housing was provided to allow staff to reconnect households to known resources; reviewing Coordinated Entry (CE) reports to identify trends/reasons for homeless returns by exited participants, and each local CoC reviews common factors of people who return. Tracking returns to homelessness on a CE By-Name List enhances real time understanding of causes for returns to inform prevention programming. We utilize information from a statewide Eviction Prevention Initiative review of over 3,000 units which reviewed reasons for evictions and household demographics (race/gender/age/household size) and, in partnership with VT Legal Aid, identify possible system-level interventions and resources.

2) Current VT BoS strategies to reduce the rate of people returning to homelessness are: training property managers on substance use issues & trauma to decrease evictions & increase referrals to supportive services; educating households & providers on tenant-landlord rights and referrals to VT Tenants Inc.; increasing HMIS project participation to understand homeless recurrence & factors faced by those households; follow-up care/ongoing services after project exits; VT SOAR trained providers increased participant incomes; Housing Resource Orientation and housing retention training for providers to assist those at-risk of returning. The Vermont State Housing Authority provides eviction prevention assistance thru CARES funding to help and now federal ERAP to help maintain housing. Housing Stability Service grants support over 20 agencies to offer assistance and education on eviction prevention and tenant rights.

3) The executive director of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness is responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce returns to homelessness.

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| 2A-5. | Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f. | |

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| Describe in the field below: | |
| 1. | the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources; |
| 2. | how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and |
| 3. | provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase income from employment. |

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1) VT-500 BoS CoC strategy to increase employment income: assist with job applications, on-going staff education on vocational programs & mainstream resources, provide job connections/readiness skills & resources to reduce employment barriers. PSH & RRH project service partners provide direct employment services or through partnerships, on the job training, readiness training & self-employment resources. Providers are informed of local/state employment resources through CoC meetings, listserv notices & CE case conferencing. Gains/deficits in employment linkages are identified by reviewing HMIS data and sharing best practices between local CoCs. Agencies cultivate relationships with employers and staffing agencies and provide job training, trials, and on the job support to help people return to work. Local CoC strategies to increase employment access opportunities are partnerships with VT Dept. of Aging & Independent Living/VocRehab, VT Adult Learning; in-house employment programs; employer outreach; Employment 101 trainings; and participation in a job club organized by local Mental Health Agencies.

2) VT BoS builds relationships with mainstream employment organizations to ensure participant access to job listings, fairs, readiness resources (assistance with resumes/interview skills & attain interview clothing). CoC invites employment organizations to present their programs & receive feedback on participant challenges. Project staff link people to community resources to assist with childcare & transportation to remove barriers to sustaining employment. OUTREACH to strengthen partnerships with/involvement of employment-focused entities like VT Dept. of Labor (Career Resource Centers/state Workforce Innovation plan to remove employment barriers); VT Dept. of Labor/Community Colleges of VT classes; TANF work assistance; J.O.B.S Program for Youth (16-21); Creative Workforce Solutions. Voc Rehab services provided virtual access during pandemic, removed barriers of transportation and travel time, which increased enrollment and access to help for people with a disability. People were connected to free classes/trainings funded by American Rescue Plan from VT State College System & VT Dept of Labor to increase skills to secure employment income.

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| 2A-5a. | Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—Strategy. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f. | |
| | Describe in the field below: | |
| | 1. the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income; | |
| | 2. your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and | |
| | 3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income. | |

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1) The VT-500 BoS CoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income includes education, resource connections and follow-up services to ensure linkages of eligible participants to applicable resources. The CoC continues to promote/support additional providers to become SOAR-trained, including a strong relationship with the VT Dept. of Mental Health (CoC Board member) who oversees the statewide VT SOAR program to ensure increased access to SSDI by getting assistance with application and appeal process. Projects are also scored on their success in linking eligible participants to non-employment income sources to incentivize income as an integral part of every project. The CoC offers free on-line training modules to orient new staff to mainstream non-employment cash resource options for people.

2) The VT-500 BoS CoC strategy to increase access to non-employment income includes conversations with State agencies to reduce barriers to the application process and conversations to identify resources to assist eligible participants to receive benefits without multiple appeals. All VT BoS CoC funded projects are supported by VT Agency of Human Services to train providers to assist participants complete VT Consolidated Benefits Application, access other income (SSA/VA/child support), as well as linkages to legal services as needed. Mainstream benefit programs are members of the CoC and are invited to present on benefit availability & eligibility, the application process and any changes that would assist providers in better linking eligible people.

3) The executive director of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness is responsible for overseeing strategies to increase non-employment cash income.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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| 2B-1. | Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1) | |

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:

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

| | Organization/Person | Participated in CoC Meetings | Voted, Including Electing of CoC Board Members | Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System |
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| 1. | Affordable Housing Developer(s) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 2. | Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 3. | CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 4. | CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers | No | No | No |
| 5. | CoC-Funded Youth Homeless Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 6. | Disability Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 7. | Disability Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 8. | Domestic Violence Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 9. | EMS/Crisis Response Team(s) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 10. | Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons | Yes | Yes | No |
| 11. | Hospital(s) | No | No | Yes |
| 12. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent | No | No |
| 13. | Law Enforcement | Yes | No | No |
| 14. | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 15. | LGBTQ+ Service Organizations | No | No | No |
| 16. | Local Government Staff/Officials | No | No | No |
| 17. | Local Jail(s) | No | No | No |
| 18. | Mental Health Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 19. | Mental Illness Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| 20. | Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 21. | Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 22. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | No | No | No |
| 23. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 24. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 25. | Other homeless subpopulation advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 26. | Public Housing Authorities | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 27. | School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons | Yes | No | Yes |
| 28. | Street Outreach Team(s) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 29. | Substance Abuse Advocates | Yes | No | Yes |
| 30. | Substance Abuse Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 31. | Youth Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 32. | Youth Service Providers | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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| 2B-2. | Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VT-500 BoS communicates an invitation to new members to join the CoC in several ways: (1) we convene CoC board and member meetings ten times per year. Invitations to these meetings go out to our 450-person listserv with “everyone is invited” message; (2) we solicit membership and participation at public events, including this year the Homelessness Awareness Day, Summit on Homelessness statewide gathering, and a statewide meeting for housing practitioners and advocates. Lastly, our most effective outreach is through 11 Local Housing Coalitions:

Vermont has a network of 11 Local Housing Coalitions (LHCs) that are responding to homelessness in their communities. These coalitions each meet 10-12 times per year (a total of 110-132 meetings annually!) and participation includes representatives from shelter and services providers, affordable housing developers/owners, school systems (LEAs), DV shelter and service providers, people with lived experience, municipalities, state agency of human services, and advocates. The 11 LHCs elect a voting member of the BoS Board. Chairs of the LHCs meet monthly for planning, evaluation, and promotion of best practices, convened by the BoS CoC. The LHCs are a vital component of our outreach and communication efforts.

2) VT-500 BoS ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities by making electronic formats accessible through website/email/phone, PDF, virtual meetings, Teletype machines and language translation services through VT 211.

3) The CoC conducts outreach to persons with lived experience of homelessness primarily through relationships of VtBoSCoC staff and current and former board members who work with people who are unhoused, are in shelter, or have recently moved into temporary or permanent housing. We also recruit participation through CoC listserv with messaging seeking diverse participation in board and committee meetings.

4) The following organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the VT-500 BoS CoC were invited (via direct outreach of Membership Committee, email listserv, as well as local CoC and individual CoC member outreach), to and participated in, VT-500 BoS CoC activities: Peer Orgs serving persons with disabilities (Another Way, Peer Plus-CoC Board, Pathways VT-CoC Board, VT Center for Independent Living), Civil/Human Rights (VT Human Rights Commission & VT Legal Aid), LGTBQ & DV/SV (VT Network-CoC Board), and VT 211.

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| 2B-3. | CoC’s Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3) | |

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC: | |
| 1. | solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness; |
| 2. | communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and |
| 3. | took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness. |

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1) VT-500 BoS solicited & considered opinions to prevent/end homelessness from a broad array of organizations & individuals: 9/15/21 public meeting (99 people) included multiple sub-populations (affordable housing/funders, shelters, youth, mental health, veteran, disability, seniors, families, DV/SV, substance use) with state/federal reports homeless/housing strategy & public discussion; Local Housing Coalitions present local priorities/updates at monthly BoS CoC public meetings; CoC conducted outreach to persons experiencing homelessness and CoC Board has included (over past year) 2 paid representatives with lived homeless experience, surveys & focus groups, multiple organizations & 11 Local Housing Coalitions (100+ members); invited/hosted focused forums (VT Dept. of Health-COVID, VT Human Rights Commission); CoC membership committee ensures ongoing assessments/recruitment.

2) VT-500 BoS maintains public CoC website & listserv to provide information & seek public input. Invitations to Board and Member meetings go out to our 450-person listserv with “everyone is invited” message; we provide and solicit information at public events, including this year the Homelessness Awareness Day (to recognize the deaths of people experiencing homelessness over the last year), Summit on Homelessness statewide gathering, and a statewide meeting for housing practitioners and advocates. Local Housing Coalition and BoS CoC meeting minutes are distributed widely.

3) VT-500 BoS considered information gathered in public meetings to address improvements/new approaches to preventing/ending homelessness: VT Covid-19 Homeless Response Team (bi-monthly meetings to ensure safety, food, services and transportation of homeless population); public hearings on the Consolidated Plan; ongoing special discussions on changes to Vermont’s Motel Program and alternative projects (motel conversion, diversion/prevention, new/expanded shelters); CoC discussions/approval of new Emergency Housing Vouchers (to serve DV/SV); updated policies and discussion (HMIS, Coordinated Entry, Veterans, Project Ranking, CoC Strategic Planning); participate in over 100 meetings of Local Housing Coalitions.

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| 2B-4. | Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4) | |

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public: | |
| 1. | that your CoC’s local competition was open and accepting project applications; |
| 2. | that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding; |
| 3. | about how project applicants must submit their project applications; |
| 4. | about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and |
| 5. | how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats. |

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1) On July 19, 2022, the VT-500 BoS Board, membership present, voted to submit an application in response to the Special NOFO for rural homelessness. On August 9th a BoS public meeting convened to solicit input on the NOFO and present a timeline that set the application deadline of Sept. 20. This meeting was publicized through social media and the VCEH listserv. A recording and slides from this meeting were published on the BoS website. The BoS solicited optional letters of interest from potential applicants and held a public meeting on Aug. 22 with this group. A third public meeting – publicized through the VCEH listserv/website – was held to solicit input and to communicate the application deadline of Aug. 29.

2) VT-500 BoS listserv notices included links to public meeting announcements/recordings and to CoC project RFP & related documents. The website and RFP states “ALL eligible entities, including those that do not currently receive CoC Program funds, are encouraged to submit an application.” This message was echoed in the 3 public meetings referenced above and resulted in two successful applications from organizations not previously receiving CoC funding directly.

3. VT-500 BoS listserv notice, website and RFP document directed all project applicants to complete local application form (one Project request per form) and submit it electronically before 4:00 PM EST Sept. 20, 2022 to the Collaborative Applicant.

4. A 3-person Project Scoring Committee was appointed and the BoS Board approved the Project Scoring tool. The tool was published on the BoS website as a draft for input and as the final board-approved version. VT BoS policy states, “The CoC Project Ranking Committee will meet to review each CoC Program project application against the approved scoring criteria established in the CoC Project Rating Tool(s) which will include: minimum grant threshold requirements, objective scoring criteria, performance data and established CoC priorities. These combined factors will inform the CoC Project Ranking Committee in the determination of a CoC project ranking list and, if applicable, any necessary funding reductions to one or more projects.”

5. VT-500 BoS effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities by making CoC Project RFP available in Microsoft Word and on multiple electronic formats; CoC-affiliated board member (VT 211) maintains TTY and language translation services; CoC staff were available by phone, email, in public meetings, and in-person to assist with accessibility.

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

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| 2C-1. | Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b. | |
| | In the chart below: | |
| | 1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC’s coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or | |
| | 2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC’s geographic area. | |

| | Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects | Coordinates with Planning or Operations of Projects |
|-----|---|---|
| 1. | Funding Collaboratives | Yes |
| 2. | Head Start Program | No |
| 3. | Housing and services programs funded through Local Government | Yes |
| 4. | Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC) | Yes |
| 5. | Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations | Yes |
| 6. | Housing and services programs funded through State Government | Yes |
| 7. | Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) | Yes |
| 8. | Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) | Yes |
| 9. | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) | No |
| 10. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent |
| 11. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | No |
| 12. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons | No |
| 13. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities | No |
| 14. | Private Foundations | Yes |
| 15. | Public Housing Authorities | Yes |
| 16. | Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) | Yes |
| 17. | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | Yes |
| | Other:(limit 50 characters) | |
| 18. | | |

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| 2C-2. | CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The VT-500 BoS CoC sole ESG recipient, State of Vermont/Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), administers ESG as part of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP). Multiple OEO staff are active VT BoS members on: CoC Board; HMIS Advisory Board; Coordinated Entry Committee/Lead; Education Committee; and Strategic Planning Committee, to ensure feedback was received on impact of ESG funding priorities and allocations. OEO receives CoC input through postings for feedback to State/CoC websites; public presentations at VT BoS Board and membership meetings. VT BoS consulted with OEO on the strategic allocation of ESG funds to support HMIS which serves all federal homeless programs in Vermont.

2)The ESG recipient (OEO) solicits input on performance measures & priorities through meetings with CoC members and other interested parties. ESG performance outcomes and evaluation standards are discussed at CoC Board and general member meetings. There are quarterly evaluations of subrecipient performance by OEO, all HOP (ESG+) subrecipients are required to present outcomes of their project at least annually to their local CoC. In April 2022, OEO presented an annual report on ESG priorities, performance measures, and proposed changes to standards – this report was discussed by the Board and membership.

3)CoC staff provide PIT, HIC, subpopulation data and any annual homeless data reports to the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD), the jurisdiction responsible for preparing Vermont's Consolidated Plan.

4)Every five years DHCD prepares a statewide Con Plan Housing Needs Assessment to assist in guiding Vermont's investment in affordable housing and our response to homelessness. The CoC provides data and feedback on this needs assessment through members and staff. On an annual basis, the CoC supports Con Plan updates through input from Board and Membership and ongoing engagement with DHCD (CDBG) and the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (HOME and Housing Trust Fund). The VT BoS CoC Executive Director serves on the Vermont's Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee.

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| 2C-3. | Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants) |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c. |

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

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

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| 2C-4. | CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants) |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d. |

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

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

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| 2C-4a. | CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants) |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d. |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and |
| 2. | the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4. |

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VT-500 BoS CoC maintains a formal partnership with SEA VT Agency of Education (AOE), through a continually active memorandum of understanding in place since April 2018 which details each other’s role in implementation of VT YHDP Community Plan to prevent and end youth homelessness. Per the MOU, the parties, “agree to collaborate on the CoC’s planning and implementation of a comprehensive community plan to prevent and end homelessness among youth and young adults throughout the State of Vermont. This MOU recognize the parties’ shared goal of preventing and reducing homelessness among unaccompanied youth in Vermont schools by keeping these youth in school with stable housing and supports, and their mutual commitment to identify strategies and reduce barriers to doing so.” The AOE shares aggregate data on homeless households experiencing homelessness where there are children and youth as they are reported by LEAs to inform CoC assessment of community need.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VT-500 BoS CoC and the VT Agency of Education-AOE (SEA, CoC member and CoC Youth Homeless Prevention Planning Committee member) adopted CoC Governance Policy “Educational Services for Children Policies & Procedures” in the CoC Written Standards to ensure individuals, youth & families are informed of service eligibility during the intake process and designated staff ensures school enrollment & connections with service planning when education needs are unmet.

The VT AOE-Education for Homeless Children & Youth Program (EHCYP) monitors equal access for homeless students to receive the same free, appropriate, public education (including public preschool) provided to other VT children, to meet the same challenging state content & student performance standards. EHCYP, supported by McKinney-Vento/Every Students Succeeds Act and ARP, continues to maintain/disseminate: 1. contact list for VT Homeless Liaisons; 2. Homeless Liaison Responsibilities; 3. VT Homeless Education Data; 4. Homeless Education: M-V Homeless Assistance Act; 5. EHCYP: Non-Regulatory Guidance; and 6. M-V Act: Appeal Processing Procedure.

To ensure operationalization of educational requirements, CoC Program project design & execution requires that recipients/subrecipients/partners designate staff who are responsible for informing individuals/youth/families of their eligibility for educational services & linkage to the local McKinney-Vento liaisons within the school district of their choice at intake. Further, the CoC embedded a question relating to educational service eligibility within the Coordinated Entry Assessment tool and provides informing individuals, youth and families of applicable educational service eligibility. The CoC and providers encourage households to contact Vermont 211 to access a statewide referral service and web-based inventory to access additional education services and other resources.

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| 2C-5. | Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e. | |

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

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

You must select a response for elements 1 through 6 in question 2C-5.

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| 2C-5a. | Mainstream Resources–CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e. | |

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| | 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, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area; |
| 2. | works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance; |
| 3. | provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and |
| 4. | works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VT-500 BoS CoC (VT BoS) Board and membership meets monthly. Recent meetings included presentation of the SOAR program by Policy Research Associates; review of a report by the Corporation for Supportive Housing that addresses improving the delivery of housing services in Vermont for people experiencing homelessness; and discussion and training on the successes and challenges in providing access to health services for those who are unsheltered, in emergency shelter, in temporary housing, or are in hotels. These meetings are supplemented by routine distribution through our listserv of information from SAMHSA and the National Alliance to End Homelessness on best practices to create access to mainstream resources. The CoC's website includes a training module on connecting clients with benefits.

2) In December 2021, the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) announced the availability of funding in Health Equity funding from the CDC to enable nonprofit housing and service providers to collaborate with public health and health care agencies in addressing COVID-19 and related health needs. This funding opportunity was deployed with the collaboration of the VT BoS CoC through its local members and \$723,214 was awarded to ten regional organizations. The purpose of this funding is to expressly promote and enhance collaborations with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist those who are experiencing homelessness to receive healthcare services. In addition to this initiative the CoC shares information about treatment options through partners and makes local connections between provider agencies as need arises.

3) The SOAR effort in Vermont is an initiative designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. It is coordinated by the VT Dept. of Mental Health (CoC Board member), and there are SOAR trained staff at many service provider organizations. These Caseworkers participate in refresher courses and quality review of applications.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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| 3A-1. | Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only). Special NOFO Section VII.A. | |
| If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | | |
| Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs? | | No |

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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| 3B-1. | Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.C. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

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| | 1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete. |
| | 2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes' |
| | 3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images and reduces file size. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print Option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube. |
| | 4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with. |
| | 5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. |
| | 6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either. - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time). - We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment. |
| | 7. Open attachments once uploaded to ensure they are the correct attachment for the required Document Type. |

| Document Type | Required? | Document Description | Date Attached |
|---|-----------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1B-1. Local Competition Announcement | Yes | | |
| 1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool | Yes | Local Competition... | 10/12/2022 |
| 1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced | Yes | | |
| 1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted | Yes | | |
| 1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application | Yes | | |
| 3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs | No | | |
| 3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes | No | | |
| P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment | No | | |
| P-1a. PHA Commitment | No | | |
| P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment | No | | |
| P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter | No | | |
| Plan. CoC Plan | Yes | | |

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Submission Summary

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

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| 1A. CoC Identification | 10/12/2022 |
| 1B. Project Review, Ranking and Selection | 10/12/2022 |
| 2A. System Performance | 10/12/2022 |
| 2B. Coordination and Engagement | 10/12/2022 |
| 2C. Coordination and Engagement–Con't. | 10/12/2022 |
| 3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction | No Input Required |
| 3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes | 10/12/2022 |
| 4A. Attachments Screen | Please Complete |
| Submission Summary | No Input Required |

Local Competition Scoring Tool (1B-2)
Attachment Coversheet

| FY2022 VT BoS CoC SPECIAL NOFO Project Scoring Tool | | | | | |
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| Project Name: _____ | | Project Agency: _____ | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ | | Date: _____ | | | |
| | | POSSIBLE POINTS | | | |
| | | PSH | RRH | TH-RRH | SSO |
| PART A: THRESHOLD - ALL PROJECTS | | | | | |
| 1 Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type | | Y/N | | | |
| 2. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type | | Y/N | | | |
| 3. Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities | | Y/N | | | |
| 4. Match is greater than or equal to 25% | | Y/N | | | |
| 5. Applicant agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and VT HMIS or comparable database for victim service providers | | Y/N | | | |
| 6. Applicant agrees to use Housing First principles and operate as low barrier | | Y/N | | | |
| 7. Applicant is not on the State Debarment list nor excluded or suspended from federal funds | | Y/N | | | |
| 8. Applicant has a UEI number | | Y/N | | | |
| 9. For PSH and RRH Projects: Application includes an MOU or letter of commitment to leverage new units with services. | | Y/N | | | |
| IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD | | | | | |
| PROJECT TYPE (No Points) | | | | | |
| 1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | | | | | |
| 2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) | | | | | |
| 3. Joint Transitional Housing-RRH (TH-RRH) | | | | | |
| 4. Supportive Services Only (SSO) | | | | | |
| PART B: Past & Current Experience and Administrative Capacity | | | | | |
| The applicant has experience with administering PSH and/or RRH or SSO projects for homeless households and has described their strategies for helping to prevent people from returning to homelessness | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | | | | |
| Applicant has experience administering a project of similar scope and size | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) has experience in effectively administering federal funding of a similar to proposed budget | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has experience leveraging matching funds | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has financial management structure and systems sufficient to administer funds, including subrecipient(s) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The organization has had a Single Audit conducted within the past 5 years. | | | | | |
| * Without any audit findings regarding program non-compliance and/or internal control deficiency | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The applicant currently participates in VT HMIS (or if a Victim Service Provider: Osnum) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The applicant does not have any unresolved HUD Monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings from a previous grant. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL PART B: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| PART C: Project Application Alignment with Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs | | | | | |

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|---|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Project Name: _____ | Project Agency: _____ | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ | Date: _____ | | | | |
| The project description provides a clear, detailed description of project type, scale, location, target population, housing and supportive services needs, projected outcomes, and coordination with other organizations. (3B1) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| The Supportive Service and/or Housing proposed budget is clear and realistic to carryout proposed activities. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| The multi-year project budget accounts for increasing cost each year through grant, match or leveraged funds. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The Applicant anticipates the project will be at or near 100% capacity | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Within 4 months = 2 pts | | | | | |
| Within 6 months = 1 pt | | | | | |
| More than 6 months or no response = 0 pts | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1. LEVERAGING HOUSING | | | | | |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects: The quality of the MOU or Letter of Commitment to pair new units with services. | | | | | |
| Subsidies or housing units are NOT funded by CoC or ESG (such as HCV, HOME-ARP or HOPWA) | | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| If a PSH project, 10-24% of units = 4 pts, 25-49% of units = 7 points, 50% or more units = 10 points | | 10 | | | |
| If a RRH (or TH-RRH) Project, of the RRH participants - 10-24% of participants = 2 pts, 25-49% of participants = 4 points, 50% or more participants = 5 points | | | 5 | 5 | |
| Project leverages new units created through VHIP or VHCB funding | | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| For RRH and TH-RRH Projects, there is intent from one or more Public Housing Authorities supporting a "move-on" preference to transition participants to a permanent Housing Choice Voucher | | | 5 | 5 | |
| For SSO Projects, project design identifies partnerships are in place to leverage rental assistance and units to help homeless households into permanent housing. | | | | | |
| Service Provider (Applicant and/or Subrecipient(s)) will be a Coordinated Entry Assessment Partner and ensure project participants are offered and supported in participating in Coordinated Entry | | | | | 6 |
| One or more Letters of Support from permanent housing providers (including private landlords, PHAs, and/or affordable housing managers) in support of the Project Application | | | | | 2 |
| The applicant describes specific landlord recruitment/engagement strategies which may include the structure of staffing and/or leveraging other landlord tools in their community to reduce the length of time of homelessness. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
| C.2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICE PLAN - INCLUDING, LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Health care services are committed in support of the project as demonstrated by an MOU or Letter of Commitment (if yes, 8 points <u>minimum</u>) | | 15 | 15 | 15 | 17 |
| For SSO projects, project will provide flexible and all-encompassing services from unsheltered to temporary housing to permanent housing. | | | | | 6 |

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| Project Name: _____ | Project Agency: _____ | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ | Date: _____ | | | | |
| The applicant describes a supportive services plan that specifically integrates one or more other mainstream social services and employment programs to be able to meet the needs of individuals and families with any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3. PROJECT WILL REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| For SSO Projects, project design focuses on outreach services to reach households experiencing unsheltered homelessness where they reside and assist them to quickly connect to permanent housing options. | | | | | 4 |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects, the project application includes specific strategies and partnerships with homeless outreach partners/projects and/or funding to increase organization capacity. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Applicant describes the coordination necessary to reach and serve unsheltered households. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application identifies specific strategies and partnerships to lower barriers to shelter (for SSO projects only) and/or permanent housing (all projects) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| For those who are unsheltered or have a history of unsheltered homelessness, applicant identifies how the project will engage and support people moving to permanent housing | | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| C.4. INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| The application describes how people with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness will be involved in the delivery of services. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application describes a plan to hire and support people who have experienced unsheltered homelessness, or people who have fled domestic/sexual violence. | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) includes representation from more than one person with lived experience of homelessness. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| The project will serve a "structurally disadvantaged area" as defined by the VCEH Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, and the project application describes how the area has not been served by CoC programs. | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Application identifies specific partnerships with BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+ organizations to reach these populations and improve service delivery. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) include people who identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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| Project Name: _____ Project Agency: _____ | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| Applicant will commit to working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS/ Comparable database data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age within the next year. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Subtotals, Part: | | | | | |
| B | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| C | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1 | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
| C.2 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3 | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| C.4 | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 |

| FY2022 VT BoS CoC SPECIAL NOFO Project Scoring Tool | | | | | | | | |
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| Project Name: Groundworks "ReachOutWorks" Project Agency: Groundworks | | | | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | POSSIBLE POINTS | | | | |
| | | | | PSH | RRH | TH-RRH | SSO | |
| PART A: THRESHOLD - ALL PROJECTS | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 2. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 3. Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 4. Match is greater than or equal to 25% | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 5. Applicant agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and VT HMIS or comparable database for victim service providers | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 6. Applicant agrees to use Housing First principles and operate as low barrier | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 7. Applicant is not on the State Debarment list nor excluded or suspended from federal funds | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 8. Applicant has a UEI number | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| 9. For PSH and RRH Projects: Application includes an MOU or letter of commitment to leverage new units with services. | | | | Y/N | | | | |
| IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD | | | | | | | | |
| PROJECT TYPE (No Points) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Joint Transitional Housing-RRH (TH-RRH) | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Supportive Services Only (SSO) | | | | X | | | | |
| PART B: Past & Current Experience and Administrative Capacity | | | | | | | | |
| The applicant has experience with administering PSH and/or RRH or SSO projects for homeless households and has described their strategies for helping to prevent people from returning to homelessness | | | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

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| Project Name: Groundworks "ReachOutWorks" Project Agency: Groundworks | | | | | |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | | | | |
| Applicant has experience administering a project of similar scope and size | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) has experience in effectively administering federal funding of a similar to proposed budget | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has experience leveraging matching funds | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has financial management structure and systems sufficient to administer funds, including subrecipient(s) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The organization has had a Single Audit conducted within the past 5 years. | | | | | |
| * Without any audit findings regarding program non-compliance and/or internal control deficiency | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The applicant currently participates in VT HMIS (or if a Victim Service Provider: Osniium) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The applicant does not have any unresolved HUD Monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings from a previous grant. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL PART B: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
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| PART C: Project Application Alignment with Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs | | | | | |
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| The project description provides a clear, detailed description of project type, scale, location, target population, housing and supportive services needs, projected outcomes, and coordination with other organizations. (3B1) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
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| Project Name: Groundworks "ReachOutWorks" Project Agency: Groundworks | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| The Supportive Service and/or Housing proposed budget is clear and realistic to carry out proposed activities. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| The multi-year project budget accounts for increasing costs each year through grant, match or leveraged funds. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The Applicant anticipates the project will be at or near 100% capacity | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Within 4 months = 2 pts | | | | | |
| Within 6 months = 1 pt | | | | | |
| More than 6 months or no response = 0 pts | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1. LEVERAGING HOUSING | | | | | |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects: The quality of the MOU or Letter of Commitment to pair new units with services. | | | | | |
| Subsidies or housing units are NOT funded by CoC or ESG (such as HCV, HOME-ARP or HOPWA) | | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| If a PSH project, 10-24% of units = 4 pts, 25-49% of units = 7 points, 50% or more units = 10 points | | 10 | | | |
| If a RRH (or TH-RRH) Project, of the RRH participants - 10-24% of participants = 2 pts, 25-49% of participants = 4 points, 50% or more participants = 5 points | | | 5 | 5 | |
| Project leverages new units created through VHIP or VHCB funding | | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| For RRH and TH-RRH Projects, there is intent from one or more Public Housing Authorities supporting a "move-on" preference to transition participants to a permanent Housing Choice Voucher | | | 5 | 5 | |
| For SSO Projects, project design identifies partnerships are in place to leverage rental assistance and units to help homeless households into permanent housing. | | | | | |

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| Project Name: Groundworks "ReachOutWorks" Project Agency: Groundworks | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| Service Provider (Applicant and/or Subrecipient(s)) will be a Coordinated Entry Assessment Partner and ensure project participants are offered and supported in participating in Coordinated Entry | | | | | 6 |
| One or more Letters of Support from permanent housing providers (including private landlords, PHAs, and/or affordable housing managers) in support of the Project Application | | | | | 2 |
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| The applicant describes specific landlord recruitment/engagement strategies which may include the structure of staffing and/or leveraging other landlord tools in their community to reduce the length of time of homelessness. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
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| C.2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICE PLAN - INCLUDING, LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE RESOURCES | | | | | |
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| Health care services are committed in support of the project as demonstrated by an MOU or Letter of Commitment (if yes, 8 points <u>minimum</u>) | | 15 | 15 | 15 | 17 |
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| For SSO projects, project will provide flexible and all-encompassing services from unsheltered to temporary housing to permanent housing. | | | | | 6 |
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| The applicant describes a supportive services plan that specifically integrates one or more other mainstream social services and employment programs to be able to meet the needs of individuals and families with any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |

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| Project Name: Groundworks "ReachOutWorks" Project Agency: Groundworks | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3. PROJECT WILL REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| For SSO Projects, project design focuses on outreach services to reach households experiencing unsheltered homelessness where they reside and assist them to quickly connect to permanent housing options. | | | | | 4 |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects, the project application includes specific strategies and partnerships with homeless outreach partners/projects and/or funding to increase organization capacity. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Applicant describes the coordination necessary to reach and serve unsheltered households. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application identifies specific strategies and partnerships to lower barriers to shelter (for SSO projects only) and/or permanent housing (all projects) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| For those who are unsheltered or have a history of unsheltered homelessness, applicant identifies how the project will engage and support people moving to permanent housing | | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| C.4. INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| The application describes how people with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness will be involved in the delivery of services. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application describes a plan to hire and support people who have experienced unsheltered homelessness, or people who have fled domestic/sexual violence. | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) includes representation from more than one person with lived experience of homelessness. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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| Project Name: Groundworks "ReachOutWorks" Project Agency: Groundworks | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| The project will serve a "structurally disadvantaged area" as defined by the VCEH Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, and the project application describes how the area has not been served by CoC programs. | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Application identifies specific partnerships with BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+ organizations to reach these populations and improve service delivery. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) include people who identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant will commit to working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS/ Comparable database data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age within the next year. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Subtotals, Part: | | | | | |
| B | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| C | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1 | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
| C.2 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3 | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| C.4 | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 |

| FY2022 VT BoS CoC SPECIAL NOFO Project Scoring Tool | | | | | |
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| Project Name: "Partners in Housing and Support" Project Agency: HCRS | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| | | POSSIBLE POINTS | | | |
| | | PSH | RRH | TH-RRH | SSO |
| PART A: THRESHOLD - ALL PROJECTS | | | | | |
| 1 Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type | Y/N | | | | |
| 2. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type | Y/N | | | | |
| 3. Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities | Y/N | | | | |
| 4. Match is greater than or equal to 25% | Y/N | | | | |
| 5. Applicant agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and VT HMIS or comparable database for victim service providers | Y/N | | | | |
| 6. Applicant agrees to use Housing First principles and operate as low barrier | Y/N | | | | |
| 7. Applicant is not on the State Debarment list nor excluded or suspended from federal funds | Y/N | | | | |
| 8. Applicant has a UEI number | Y/N | | | | |
| 9. For PSH and RRH Projects: Application includes an MOU or letter of commitment to leverage new units with services. | Y/N | | | | |
| IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD | | | | | |
| PROJECT TYPE (No Points) | | | | | |
| 1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | X | | | | |
| 2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) | | | | | |
| 3. Joint Transitional Housing-RRH (TH-RRH) | | | | | |
| 4. Supportive Services Only (SSO) | | | | | |
| PART B: Past & Current Experience and Administrative Capacity | | | | | |
| The applicant has experience with administering PSH and/or RRH or SSO projects for homeless households and has described their strategies for helping to prevent people from returning to homelessness | | | | | |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | | | | |
| Applicant has experience administering a project of similar scope and size | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) has experience in effectively administering federal funding of a similar to proposed budget | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has experience leveraging matching funds | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has financial management structure and systems sufficient to administer funds, including subrecipient(s) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The organization has had a Single Audit conducted within the past 5 years. | | | | | |
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| The applicant currently participates in VT HMIS (or if a Victim Service Provider: Osnum) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The applicant does not have any unresolved HUD Monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings from a previous grant. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL PART B: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
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| PART C: Project Application Alignment with Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs | | | | | |
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| The project description provides a clear, detailed description of project type, scale, location, target population, housing and supportive services needs, projected outcomes, and coordination with other organizations. (3B1) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
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| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| The Supportive Service and/or Housing proposed budget is clear and realistic to carry out proposed activities. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| The multi-year project budget accounts for increasing costs each year through grant, match or leveraged funds. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The Applicant anticipates the project will be at or near 100% capacity | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Within 4 months = 2 pts | | | | | |
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| SUBTOTAL: | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1. LEVERAGING HOUSING | | | | | |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects: The quality of the MOU or Letter of Commitment to pair new units with services. | | | | | |
| Subsidies or housing units are NOT funded by CoC or ESG (such as HCV, HOME-ARP or HOPWA) | | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| If a PSH project, 10-24% of units = 4 pts, 25-49% of units = 7 points, 50% or more units = 10 points | | 10 | | | |
| If a RRH (or TH-RRH) Project, of the RRH participants - 10-24% of participants = 2 pts, 25-49% of participants = 4 points, 50% or more participants = 5 points | | | 5 | 5 | |
| Project leverages new units created through VHIP or VHCB funding | | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
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| For SSO Projects, project design identifies partnerships are in place to leverage rental assistance and units to help homeless households into permanent housing. | | | | | |

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| Project Name: "Partners in Housing and Support" Project Agency: HCRS | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| Service Provider (Applicant and/or Subrecipient(s)) will be a Coordinated Entry Assessment Partner and ensure project participants are offered and supported in participating in Coordinated Entry | | | | | 6 |
| One or more Letters of Support from permanent housing providers (including private landlords, PHAs, and/or affordable housing managers) in support of the Project Application | | | | | 2 |
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| The applicant describes specific landlord recruitment/engagement strategies which may include the structure of staffing and/or leveraging other landlord tools in their community to reduce the length of time of homelessness. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
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| C.2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICE PLAN - INCLUDING, LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE RESOURCES | | | | | |
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| Health care services are committed in support of the project as demonstrated by an MOU or Letter of Commitment (if yes, 8 points <u>minimum</u>) | | 15 | 15 | 15 | 17 |
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| For SSO projects, project will provide flexible and all-encompassing services from unsheltered to temporary housing to permanent housing. | | | | | 6 |
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| The applicant describes a supportive services plan that specifically integrates one or more other mainstream social services and employment programs to be able to meet the needs of individuals and families with any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |

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| Project Name: "Partners in Housing and Support" Project Agency: HCRS | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3. PROJECT WILL REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| For SSO Projects, project design focuses on outreach services to reach households experiencing unsheltered homelessness where they reside and assist them to quickly connect to permanent housing options. | | | | | 4 |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects, the project application includes specific strategies and partnerships with homeless outreach partners/projects and/or funding to increase organization capacity. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Applicant describes the coordination necessary to reach and serve unsheltered households. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application identifies specific strategies and partnerships to lower barriers to shelter (for SSO projects only) and/or permanent housing (all projects) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| For those who are unsheltered or have a history of unsheltered homelessness, applicant identifies how the project will engage and support people moving to permanent housing | | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| C.4. INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| The application describes how people with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness will be involved in the delivery of services. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application describes a plan to hire and support people who have experienced unsheltered homelessness, or people who have fled domestic/sexual violence. | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) includes representation from more than one person with lived experience of homelessness. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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| Project Name: "Partners in Housing and Support" Project Agency: HCRS | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| The project will serve a "structurally disadvantaged area" as defined by the VCEH Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, and the project application describes how the area has not been served by CoC programs. | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Application identifies specific partnerships with BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+ organizations to reach these populations and improve service delivery. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) include people who identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant will commit to working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS/ Comparable database data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age within the next year. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Subtotals, Part: | | | | | |
| B | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| C | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1 | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
| C.2 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
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| C.5 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 |

| FY2022 VT BoS CoC SPECIAL NOFO Project Scoring Tool | | | | | |
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| Project Name: "RRH Rural Family Partnership" Project Agency: HPC | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| | | POSSIBLE POINTS | | | |
| | | PSH | RRH | TH-RRH | SSO |
| PART A: THRESHOLD - ALL PROJECTS | | | | | |
| 1 Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type | Y/N | | | | |
| 2. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type | Y/N | | | | |
| 3. Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities | Y/N | | | | |
| 4. Match is greater than or equal to 25% | Y/N | | | | |
| 5. Applicant agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and VT HMIS or comparable database for victim service providers | Y/N | | | | |
| 6. Applicant agrees to use Housing First principles and operate as low barrier | Y/N | | | | |
| 7. Applicant is not on the State Debarment list nor excluded or suspended from federal funds | Y/N | | | | |
| 8. Applicant has a UEI number | Y/N | | | | |
| 9. For PSH and RRH Projects: Application includes an MOU or letter of commitment to leverage new units with services. | Y/N | | | | |
| IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD | | | | | |
| PROJECT TYPE (No Points) | | | | | |
| 1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | | | | | |
| 2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) | X | | | | |
| 3. Joint Transitional Housing-RRH (TH-RRH) | | | | | |
| 4. Supportive Services Only (SSO) | | | | | |
| PART B: Past & Current Experience and Administrative Capacity | | | | | |
| The applicant has experience with administering PSH and/or RRH or SSO projects for homeless households and has described their strategies for helping to prevent people from returning to homelessness | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

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| Project Name: "RRH Rural Family Partnership" Project Agency: HPC | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | | | | |
| Applicant has experience administering a project of similar scope and size | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) has experience in effectively administering federal funding of a similar to proposed budget | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has experience leveraging matching funds | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has financial management structure and systems sufficient to administer funds, including subrecipient(s) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The organization has had a Single Audit conducted within the past 5 years. | | | | | |
| * Without any audit findings regarding program non-compliance and/or internal control deficiency | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The applicant currently participates in VT HMIS (or if a Victim Service Provider: Osniium) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| The applicant does not have any unresolved HUD Monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings from a previous grant. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL PART B: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
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| PART C: Project Application Alignment with Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| The project description provides a clear, detailed description of project type, scale, location, target population, housing and supportive services needs, projected outcomes, and coordination with other organizations. (3B1) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
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| Project Name: "RRH Rural Family Partnership" Project Agency: HPC | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| The Supportive Service and/or Housing proposed budget is clear and realistic to carry out proposed activities. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| The multi-year project budget accounts for increasing costs each year through grant, match or leveraged funds. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The Applicant anticipates the project will be at or near 100% capacity | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Within 4 months = 2 pts | | | | | |
| Within 6 months = 1 pt | | | | | |
| More than 6 months or no response = 0 pts | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1. LEVERAGING HOUSING | | | | | |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects: The quality of the MOU or Letter of Commitment to pair new units with services. | | | | | |
| Subsidies or housing units are NOT funded by CoC or ESG (such as HCV, HOME-ARP or HOPWA) | | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| If a PSH project, 10-24% of units = 4 pts, 25-49% of units = 7 points, 50% or more units = 10 points | | 10 | | | |
| If a RRH (or TH-RRH) Project, of the RRH participants - 10-24% of participants = 2 pts, 25-49% of participants = 4 points, 50% or more participants = 5 points | | | 5 | 5 | |
| Project leverages new units created through VHIP or VHCB funding | | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| For RRH and TH-RRH Projects, there is intent from one or more Public Housing Authorities supporting a "move-on" preference to transition participants to a permanent Housing Choice Voucher | | | 5 | 5 | |
| For SSO Projects, project design identifies partnerships are in place to leverage rental assistance and units to help homeless households into permanent housing. | | | | | |

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| Project Name: "RRH Rural Family Partnership" Project Agency: HPC | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| Service Provider (Applicant and/or Subrecipient(s)) will be a Coordinated Entry Assessment Partner and ensure project participants are offered and supported in participating in Coordinated Entry | | | | | 6 |
| One or more Letters of Support from permanent housing providers (including private landlords, PHAs, and/or affordable housing managers) in support of the Project Application | | | | | 2 |
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| The applicant describes specific landlord recruitment/engagement strategies which may include the structure of staffing and/or leveraging other landlord tools in their community to reduce the length of time of homelessness. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
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| C.2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICE PLAN - INCLUDING, LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE RESOURCES | | | | | |
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| Health care services are committed in support of the project as demonstrated by an MOU or Letter of Commitment (if yes, 8 points <u>minimum</u>) | | 15 | 15 | 15 | 17 |
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| For SSO projects, project will provide flexible and all-encompassing services from unsheltered to temporary housing to permanent housing. | | | | | 6 |
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| The applicant describes a supportive services plan that specifically integrates one or more other mainstream social services and employment programs to be able to meet the needs of individuals and families with any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |

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| Project Name: "RRH Rural Family Partnership" Project Agency: HPC | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3. PROJECT WILL REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| For SSO Projects, project design focuses on outreach services to reach households experiencing unsheltered homelessness where they reside and assist them to quickly connect to permanent housing options. | | | | | 4 |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects, the project application includes specific strategies and partnerships with homeless outreach partners/projects and/or funding to increase organization capacity. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Applicant describes the coordination necessary to reach and serve unsheltered households. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application identifies specific strategies and partnerships to lower barriers to shelter (for SSO projects only) and/or permanent housing (all projects) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| For those who are unsheltered or have a history of unsheltered homelessness, applicant identifies how the project will engage and support people moving to permanent housing | | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| C.4. INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| The application describes how people with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness will be involved in the delivery of services. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application describes a plan to hire and support people who have experienced unsheltered homelessness, or people who have fled domestic/sexual violence. | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) includes representation from more than one person with lived experience of homelessness. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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| Project Name: "RRH Rural Family Partnership" Project Agency: HPC | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| The project will serve a "structurally disadvantaged area" as defined by the VCEH Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, and the project application describes how the area has not been served by CoC programs. | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Application identifies specific partnerships with BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+ organizations to reach these populations and improve service delivery. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) include people who identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant will commit to working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS/ Comparable database data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age within the next year. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| C.3 | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
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| C.5 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 |

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| Project Name: "NEKCA Transitional Housing - RRH Program" Project Agency: NEKCA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| | | POSSIBLE POINTS | | | |
| | | PSH | RRH | TH-RRH | SSO |
| PART A: THRESHOLD - ALL PROJECTS | | | | | |
| 1 Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type | Y/N | | | | |
| 2. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type | Y/N | | | | |
| 3. Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities | Y/N | | | | |
| 4. Match is greater than or equal to 25% | Y/N | | | | |
| 5. Applicant agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and VT HMIS or comparable database for victim service providers | Y/N | | | | |
| 6. Applicant agrees to use Housing First principles and operate as low barrier | Y/N | | | | |
| 7. Applicant is not on the State Debarment list nor excluded or suspended from federal funds | Y/N | | | | |
| 8. Applicant has a UEI number | Y/N | | | | |
| 9. For PSH and RRH Projects: Application includes an MOU or letter of commitment to leverage new units with services. | Y/N | | | | |
| IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD | | | | | |
| PROJECT TYPE (No Points) | | | | | |
| 1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | | | | | |
| 2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) | | | | | |
| 3. Joint Transitional Housing-RRH (TH-RRH) | X | | | | |
| 4. Supportive Services Only (SSO) | | | | | |
| PART B: Past & Current Experience and Administrative Capacity | | | | | |
| The applicant has experience with administering PSH and/or RRH or SSO projects for homeless households and has described their strategies for helping to prevent people from returning to homelessness | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

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| Project Name: "NEKCA Transitional Housing - RRH PRogram" Project Agency: NEKCA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | | | | |
| Applicant has experience administering a project of similar scope and size | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) has experience in effectively administering federal funding of a similar to proposed budget | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has experience leveraging matching funds | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has financial management structure and systems sufficient to administer funds, including subrecipient(s) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The organization has had a Single Audit conducted within the past 5 years. | | | | | |
| * Without any audit findings regarding program non-compliance and/or internal control deficiency | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The applicant currently participates in VT HMIS (or if a Victim Service Provider: Osnum) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The applicant does not have any unresolved HUD Monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings from a previous grant. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL PART B: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
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| PART C: Project Application Alignment with Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs | | | | | |
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| The project description provides a clear, detailed description of project type, scale, location, target population, housing and supportive services needs, projected outcomes, and coordination with other organizations. (3B1) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
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| Project Name: "NEKCA Transitional Housing - RRH PRogram" Project Agency: NEKCA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| The Supportive Service and/or Housing proposed budget is clear and realistic to carry out proposed activities. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| The multi-year project budget accounts for increasing costs each year through grant, match or leveraged funds. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The Applicant anticipates the project will be at or near 100% capacity | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Within 4 months = 2 pts | | | | | |
| Within 6 months = 1 pt | | | | | |
| More than 6 months or no response = 0 pts | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| C.1. LEVERAGING HOUSING | | | | | |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects: The quality of the MOU or Letter of Commitment to pair new units with services. | | | | | |
| Subsidies or housing units are NOT funded by CoC or ESG (such as HCV, HOME-ARP or HOPWA) | | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| If a PSH project, 10-24% of units = 4 pts, 25-49% of units = 7 points, 50% or more units = 10 points | | 10 | | | |
| If a RRH (or TH-RRH) Project, of the RRH participants - 10-24% of participants = 2 pts, 25-49% of participants = 4 points, 50% or more participants = 5 points | | | 5 | 5 | |
| Project leverages new units created through VHIP or VHCB funding | | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| For RRH and TH-RRH Projects, there is intent from one or more Public Housing Authorities supporting a "move-on" preference to transition participants to a permanent Housing Choice Voucher | | | 5 | 5 | |
| For SSO Projects, project design identifies partnerships are in place to leverage rental assistance and units to help homeless households into permanent housing. | | | | | |

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| Project Name: "NEKCA Transitional Housing - RRH PRogram" Project Agency: NEKCA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| Service Provider (Applicant and/or Subrecipient(s)) will be a Coordinated Entry Assessment Partner and ensure project participants are offered and supported in participating in Coordinated Entry | | | | | 6 |
| One or more Letters of Support from permanent housing providers (including private landlords, PHAs, and/or affordable housing managers) in support of the Project Application | | | | | 2 |
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| The applicant describes specific landlord recruitment/engagement strategies which may include the structure of staffing and/or leveraging other landlord tools in their community to reduce the length of time of homelessness. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 26 | 26 | 26 | 13 |
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| C.2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICE PLAN - INCLUDING, LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE RESOURCES | | | | | |
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| Health care services are committed in support of the project as demonstrated by an MOU or Letter of Commitment (if yes, 8 points <u>minimum</u>) | | 15 | 15 | 15 | 17 |
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| For SSO projects, project will provide flexible and all-encompassing services from unsheltered to temporary housing to permanent housing. | | | | | 6 |
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| The applicant describes a supportive services plan that specifically integrates one or more other mainstream social services and employment programs to be able to meet the needs of individuals and families with any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |

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| Project Name: "NEKCA Transitional Housing - RRH PRogram" Project Agency: NEKCA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3. PROJECT WILL REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| For SSO Projects, project design focuses on outreach services to reach households experiencing unsheltered homelessness where they reside and assist them to quickly connect to permanent housing options. | | | | | 4 |
| For PSH, RRH and TH-RRH Projects, the project application includes specific strategies and partnerships with homeless outreach partners/projects and/or funding to increase organization capacity. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Applicant describes the coordination necessary to reach and serve unsheltered households. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application identifies specific strategies and partnerships to lower barriers to shelter (for SSO projects only) and/or permanent housing (all projects) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| For those who are unsheltered or have a history of unsheltered homelessness, applicant identifies how the project will engage and support people moving to permanent housing | | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| C.4. INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| The application describes how people with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness will be involved in the delivery of services. | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| The application describes a plan to hire and support people who have experienced unsheltered homelessness, or people who have fled domestic/sexual violence. | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) includes representation from more than one person with lived experience of homelessness. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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| Project Name: "NEKCA Transitional Housing - RRH PRogram" Project Agency: NEKCA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| The project will serve a "structurally disadvantaged area" as defined by the VCEH Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, and the project application describes how the area has not been served by CoC programs. | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Application identifies specific partnerships with BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+ organizations to reach these populations and improve service delivery. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Board of Directors (or equivalent decision making entity) include people who identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant will commit to working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS/ Comparable database data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age within the next year. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| TOTAL | | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 |

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| Project Name: "VSHA CoC-PSH "AWH" FY22 Rural Expansion" Project Agency: VSHA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| | | POSSIBLE POINTS | | | |
| | | PSH | RRH | TH-RRH | SSO |
| PART A: THRESHOLD - ALL PROJECTS | | | | | |
| 1 Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type | | Y/N | | | |
| 2. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type | | Y/N | | | |
| 3. Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities | | Y/N | | | |
| 4. Match is greater than or equal to 25% | | Y/N | | | |
| 5. Applicant agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and VT HMIS or comparable database for victim service providers | | Y/N | | | |
| 6. Applicant agrees to use Housing First principles and operate as low barrier | | Y/N | | | |
| 7. Applicant is not on the State Debarment list nor excluded or suspended from federal funds | | Y/N | | | |
| 8. Applicant has a UEI number | | Y/N | | | |
| 9. For PSH and RRH Projects: Application includes an MOU or letter of commitment to leverage new units with services. | | Y/N | | | |
| IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD | | | | | |
| PROJECT TYPE (No Points) | | | | | |
| 1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | | X | | | |
| 2. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) | | | | | |
| 3. Joint Transitional Housing-RRH (TH-RRH) | | | | | |
| 4. Supportive Services Only (SSO) | | | | | |
| PART B: Past & Current Experience and Administrative Capacity | | | | | |
| The applicant has experience with administering PSH and/or RRH or SSO projects for homeless households and has described their strategies for helping to prevent people from returning to homelessness | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

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| Project Name: "VSHACoC-PSH "AWH" FY22 Rural Expansion" Project Agency: VSHA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
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| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | | | | |
| Applicant has experience administering a project of similar scope and size | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) has experience in effectively administering federal funding of a similar to proposed budget | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has experience leveraging matching funds | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Applicant has financial management structure and systems sufficient to administer funds, including subrecipient(s) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| Applicant describes an organization and management structure to successfully implement the project. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| The organization has had a Single Audit conducted within the past 5 years. | | | | | |
| * Without any audit findings regarding program non-compliance and/or internal control deficiency | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| The applicant currently participates in VT HMIS (or if a Victim Service Provider: Osnum) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| The applicant does not have any unresolved HUD Monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings from a previous grant. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| SUBTOTAL PART B: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
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| PART C: Project Application Alignment with Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs | | | | | |
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| The project description provides a clear, detailed description of project type, scale, location, target population, housing and supportive services needs, projected outcomes, and coordination with other organizations. (3B1) | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
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| Project Name: "VSHACoC-PSH "AWH" FY22 Rural Expansion" Project Agency: VSHA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| The Supportive Service and/or Housing proposed budget is clear and realistic to carry out proposed activities. | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| The multi-year project budget accounts for increasing costs each year through grant, match or leveraged funds. | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| The Applicant anticipates the project will be at or near 100% capacity | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| C.1. LEVERAGING HOUSING | | | | | |
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| Subsidies or housing units are NOT funded by CoC or ESG (such as HCV, HOME-ARP or HOPWA) | | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| If a PSH project, 10-24% of units = 4 pts, 25-49% of units = 7 points, 50% or more units = 10 points | | 10 | | | |
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| Project leverages new units created through VHIP or VHCB funding | | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
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| For SSO Projects, project design identifies partnerships are in place to leverage rental assistance and units to help homeless households into permanent housing. | | | | | |

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| Project Name: "VSHACoC-PSH "AWH" FY22 Rural Expansion" Project Agency: VSHA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| Service Provider (Applicant and/or Subrecipient(s)) will be a Coordinated Entry Assessment Partner and ensure project participants are offered and supported in participating in Coordinated Entry | | | | | 6 |
| One or more Letters of Support from permanent housing providers (including private landlords, PHAs, and/or affordable housing managers) in support of the Project Application | | | | | 2 |
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| C.2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICE PLAN - INCLUDING, LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE RESOURCES | | | | | |
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| Project Name: "VSHACoC-PSH "AWH" FY22 Rural Expansion" Project Agency: VSHA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 33 |
| C.3. PROJECT WILL REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS | | | | | |
| For SSO Projects, project design focuses on outreach services to reach households experiencing unsheltered homelessness where they reside and assist them to quickly connect to permanent housing options. | | | | | 4 |
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| Project Name: "VSHACoC-PSH "AWH" FY22 Rural Expansion" Project Agency: VSHA | | | | | |
| Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C.5. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| The project will serve a "structurally disadvantaged area" as defined by the VCEH Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, and the project application describes how the area has not been served by CoC programs. | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
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| SUBTOTAL: | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
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