

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: 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 of Community Alliances

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VTBoS reviews CoC racial disparities data in open Board meetings annually & sets priorities to reduce disparities in VTBoS. In 2024 PIT Report, VTBoS analyzed reasons behind VT’s homeless racial disparities, including drivers of racial wealth divide & current laws/policies that perpetuate the divide, including much higher Black VTer arrest rates, creating direct & collateral harms of criminal convictions & records that create barriers to rejoin communities & find safe housing & employment.

VTBoS created a racial disparity worksheet for media & community members to document racial disparities w/in VT’s homeless crisis. We used the PIT data-driven findings in our public education work across the state & counties. VTBoS adopted a policy on Addressing Racial Disparities that set expectations for projects to address disparities & promote equity w/in programs & orgs.

In 2024, VTBoS prioritized outreach to orgs serving underserved communities to join Board & present at Board & Membership meetings. VTBoS is working w/ Migrant Justice (MJ) on farmworker housing issues after MJ became involved in CoC & presented issues to Board. VTBoS served as a co-sponsor of Fair Housing Month Events & disseminated info about Fair Housing & Fair Housing Month activities to our membership. VTBoS coordinates w/ Land Access & Opportunity Board, a legislatively created body w/ a mission to improve access to woodlands, farmland, & home ownership for VTers from historically marginalized or disadvantaged communities, & in 2024 co-presented a VT Statewide Housing Conference panel that centered voices & recommendations of people w/ unsheltered lived experiences.

VTBoS staff & CoC members attended DEI & Equity trainings throughout 2024, including at HUD Northeast conference. VTBoS supports member agencies to host events such as Soul Food Sundays, a safe space for persons of color & their families to gather, share their stories, & connect w/ orgs such as the NAACP & VT Truth & Reconciliation Commission who will take action where appropriate such as referring to the ACLU, notifying the town council or committee, or offering whatever form of relief is required. VTBoS supports members orgs to create DEI committees that recommend changes to leadership/board + leadership-led qtrly workshops focused on reducing implicit bias & institutional racism. VTBoS orgs also rely on Community Action Agency racial equity standards that require results-oriented mgmt & accountability org assessments.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS regularly invites new members to join CoC by: a) Sending open invitations to BoS 1,460-person statewide listserv to join virtual monthly Board & member meetings,; b) Soliciting membership at public events, town meetings & statewide Homelessness Awareness Day events, eg walks, vigils, film screenings, & discussions in publicly available locations(parks & libraries); c) Qtrly targeted, proactive outreach to allied orgs to participate by attending & presenting on intersections of their work, eg Migrant Justice, 3SquaresVT, DAIL, & more. Invites to VTBoS meetings & events are extended thru our website, email, & direct invitations as we participate in various allied orgs & networks & d) VTBoS staff participate in meetings of 11 Local Housing Coalitions (LHC). Each coalition meets 10-12x/year to respond to homelessness in their communities. LHCs each elect a voting member to serve on BoS Board. LHC Chairs meet monthly for planning, evaluation, & promotion of best practices.

2. VTBoS meetings are mostly virtual; in-person meetings always have virtual options. VTBoS distributes info to members & the public thru our website, 1460-person listserv, email outreach, info sharing at in-person & virtual meetings (w/ video & phone options), & thru LHC leadership. Meetings use closed captioning & allow for AI read assistants to take notes. Members & the public may join CoC meetings using Teletype (TTY) & language translation. Minutes are made publicly available.

3. VTBoS invites culturally specific orgs & reps for communities disproportionately experiencing homelessness to participate in VTBoS by a) giving agenda time to present priorities & programming at open board/membership meetings, & b) inviting orgs & reps to join Board. Invites have gone to disability-serving peer orgs (Another Way, Pathways VT, VT Center for Indep Living, Disability Rights VT, Hireability, VT Dept. of Disabilities Aging & Indep Living), Civil/Human Rights (VT Human Rights Commission, VT Legal Aid), BIPOC (Migrant Justice, VT Health Equity Initiative, VT Racial Justice Alliance, Richard Kemp Center, L& Access & Opportunity Board, Pathstone), LGBTQ (Pride Center of VT, House of LeMay, The Ishtar Collective) & DV/SV (VT Network, Circle VT, PAVE, Atria), Veterans (VA, SSVF at UVM, Veterans Inc.), Youth (Elevate Youth Services, Spectrum Youth & Family Services, Interaction: Youth Services & Restorative Justice), & VT 211.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VTBoS seeks diverse opinions thru 1) VTBoS’s 9 CoC committees, all w/ PLE, 2) PLE as compensated voting Board members, 3) invites to developers; funders; shelters; orgs serving youth, mental health, vet, disability, LGBTQ+, BIPOC, migrant workers, seniors, families, DV/SV, substance users, & more, 4) CoC mtngs have public comment, 5) attending local mtngs to solicit opinions from school systems, cmtly justice centers, local residents, PLE, city govt, planning commissions & advocates, 6) 2023 public surveys & focus groups on VTBoS priorities.

2.In open Board mtngs, VTBoS communicates re: info on NOFO Appl process, P&P updates, member org programs, State updates, hmlsns awareness day planning & resources, & trainings on media, planning for PIT Count, & best practices. In CoC hosted open forums, VTBoS communicates re: mainstream benefits training, & racial disparities in VTBoS data, Collab Appl updates, overdose prev centers, GA emerg hsnng program changes; DA System w/ VT DMH; DEI issues w/ VT Dept Health; and pilot projects. VTBoS held public in-person strategic planning mtng to get input on strategic goals. At Hmlsns Awareness Day events, VTBoS conveys current state of hmlsns in VT thru walks, “honk and waves”, posters w/ QR codes to org webpages, quotes, testimonials, video clips, data, demographics, waitlists, barriers, and Call to Action for cmtly members. VTBoS does VT public radio interviews; columns in local papers; & open forums for “heart-to-heart chat” cmtly convos on homelessness.

3.VTBoS mtngs are mostly virtual; in-person always has virtual option. VTBoS gives info to members & the public thru our website, 1460-person listserv, email outreach, info sharing at in-person & virtual mtngs, & thru LHC leadership. Mtngs use closed captioning & allow for AI read assistants to take notes. Members & the public may join CoC mtngs using Teletype (TTY) & lang translation. Minutes are made publicly available.

4.VTBoS increased efforts to find new applicants based on public input. In 2024 VTBoS began working on farmworker hsnng issues after Migrant Justice became involved in CoC & presented issues to Board. VTBoS has modified VT’s Motel Program & alternative projects (motel conversion, div/prevention, new/expanded shelters); updated CoC policies (HMIS, CE, Vets, Project Ranking, CoC Strategic Planning); confirmed VT’s use of Housing First model; increased health services & transportation access for unhoused.

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

4. ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS staff & partners notified previously unfunded orgs of the funding opportunity thru multiple avenues: 1) 5/22/24 posted on CoC website & in New Project RFP: "All eligible entities, including those that do not currently receive CoC Program funds, are encouraged to submit proposals for any of the VTBoS FFY24 CoC Program funds." 2) Publicly advertised (via website, listserv, and targeted outreach to new orgs) info sessions on 6/2/24 & 6/12/24 drew orgs new to CoC. 3) VTBoS included new project RFP link in all public notices re: CoC requests for new projects.

2. VTBoS website, RFP, & public info sessions provided clear, publicly available instructions on how to complete a new project application & to submit electronically before 4:00 PM EST 7.12.24 to the VTBoS Collaborative Applicant.

3. The VTBoS Board approved a Project Scoring tool that included threshold review & scoring criteria for new and renewal projects. VTBoS appointed a six-person Project Scoring & Ranking Committee that independently reviewed all new applications and also met as a group to resolve via consensus votes on all scoring differences. Applications had to pass threshold criteria to be considered, including eligible budgets, commitment to Housing First & participating in CE, eligible applicant status, and others. Written RFP public notices stated "CoC Project Scoring & Ranking Committee will use the approved CoC Policy & Scoring Tools, HUD & CoC priorities, as well as CoC Program NOFO thresholds & guidance, to determine funding & project ranking submissions to HUD." The RFP also included scoring criteria & points for full transparency. VTBoS's project ranking policy is public, on CoC website. RFP, listserv, and targeted emails all provided links to key documents on the VTBoS website about how scoring and ranking decisions would be made.

4. VTBoS made RFP available in Word format & as a readable pdf. It was posted on CoC website, sent out by listserv, and announced at public Board meetings for months prior to submission dates. The two public info sessions included verbal & written guidance on slides. These sessions were recorded & posted on website w/ slides & an FAQ based on questions asked during info sessions. TTY & language translation services were available upon request; CoC staff responded to questions by phone, email, & in open meetings to assist w/accessibility issues. All communications stated clearly that new applicants were encouraged to apply.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	No
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.		

1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VTBoS maintains a formal partnership w/ SEA VT Agency of Education (AOE), thru an active MOU in place since April 2018 which details each role in implementation of VT YHDP Community Plan to prevent & end youth homelessness. Per the MOU, the parties “agree to collaborate on the CoC’s planning & implementation of a comprehensive community plan to prevent & end homelessness among youth & young adults throughout the State of VT.” The MOU emphasizes the need to keep these youth in school w/ stable housing & supports, & the parties’ mutual commitment to identifying strategies & reducing barriers. VT AOE regularly shares w/ VTBoS the aggregate data on households experiencing homelessness that include children & youth as they are reported by LEAs. VTBoS uses this data to assess community needs and plan for system investment. The SEA holds office hours for school liaisons and hosts guest speakers to educate liaisons on services and programs relevant to work w/ students experiencing homelessness.

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

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VTBoS & VT Agency of Education-AOE (serves as the SEA, and is a CoC member & CoC Youth Committee member) adopted CoC Policy “Educational Services for Children Policies & Procedures” in the CoC Policies & Procedures to ensure individuals, youth & families are informed of service eligibility during the intake process & that designated staff ensures school enrollment & connections w/ service planning when education needs are unmet.

VT AOE’s Education for Homeless Children & Youth Program (EHCYP) monitors access for homeless students to ensure they receive the same free, appropriate, public education (including public preschool) provided to other VT children, to meet the challenging VT student performance standards. EHCYP, supported by McKinney-Vento/Every Students Succeeds Act, continues to maintain and disseminate an updated VT Homeless Liaisons contact list, Homeless Liaison Responsibilities Policy, VT Homeless Education Data; Info about the Homeless Education: M-V Homeless Assistance Act; Guidance from EHCYP; and Info re: M-V Act’s Appeal Processing Procedure.

To ensure operationalization of educational requirements, VTBoS requires that CoC funded grantees & partners designate staff responsible for informing youth & families of their eligibility for educational services & linkage to the local McKinney-Vento liaisons w/in the school district of their choice at intake. The CoC includes a question relating to educational service eligibility w/in the CE Assessment tool that screens for eligibility for educational services. The CE tool also prompts assessors to seek participant permission to contact the local homeless liaison at the appropriate school and includes a hyperlinked list of current liaisons to ensure the right person is contacted and connected to youth & families. VTBoS & providers encourage households to contact VT 211 to access a statewide referral service & web-based inventory to access additional education services & other resources. Additionally, all State of VT Housing Opportunity Program (HOP) grantees that serve families with school-aged children are required to maintain connections with local liaisons, as laid out in HOP general standards. VTBoS CE lead agency is the same State Dept that operates the HOP program, serving as a critical alignment b/t VTBoS and state policies re: educational services for young people and families experiencing homelessness.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	Yes

6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.	Advocacy & Education (WISE of the Upper Valley)	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VTBoS routinely gets input from VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (VT Network) on CoC written standards, priorities, system flow, & improvements. VT Network has 13 member orgs that participate in VTBoS, including an LGBTQ+ org. VT Network holds monthly meetings with housing & shelter advocates to provide info & gather feedback, & regularly updates DV/SV providers b/t meetings. VTBoS Board has a designated seat for a DV/SV provider nominated by VT Network. VT Network & its member orgs are regular, active participants in the CoC. Their Exec Dir served as co-chair FY22-23, and serves on Governance Workgroup that updated Gov Charter and CoC-wide policies in Jan–Nov 2023. VTBoS consults VT Network annually to keep the CoC’s Emergency Transfer Plan up to date. VTBoS is creating a DV/SV workgroup to further focus the work of the CoC in addressing survivors’ needs. VT Network staff were on the design team for Coordinated Entry training modules & included DV specific training info specific to supporting survivors accessing CE. VT Network has many formal & informal opportunities throughout the year to alert OEO as to what is & isn’t working & to provide input into the application.

2.VTBoS works with VT Network to ensure all housing & services in the CoC are trauma-informed, offering service providers online training modules open to the public that cover trauma-informed care & culturally appropriate services. VT Network was consulted in creating the online training modules and offers trauma-informed basic advocacy training to 40-65 advocates each year, leadership development & training for advocates, & convenes a biannual statewide conference to bring activists together across disciplines to make change. They provide support to direct services programs to serve marginalized survivors such as incarcerated survivors, victims who are deaf or hard of hearing, & victims who seek medical care related to sexual assault or domestic violence. VTBoS partners with VT Network to provide VAWA Housing Protections training annually to all CoC members and the public and in 2024 partnered w/ DV/SV member org to do this training. VT Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) administers the Housing Opportunity Program (ESG-funded); VT Network receives HOP funding for statewide survivor services such as homelessness prevention and local DV/SV shelters, including staffing, allowing OEO and VT Network to collaboratively update grant requirements to be more person-centered.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS, VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (VT Network) & VT Agency of Human Services ensures prioritization of safety for DV/SV survivors through Coordinated Entry (CE) protocols covering how to assess safety, providing linkages for survivors to DV specific providers, & connecting with emergency temporary housing to access safety. All CE Providers are required to complete online trainings that cover DV/SV safety practices designed by VT Network. DV/SV Providers who also act as CE access points in many of the 11 Local Housing Coalitions, or are part of the local CE partnerships, ensure safety planning as part of referrals & transfers. These DV/SV access points provide regular feedback and improvement recommendations to the CE Lead Agency on CE responsiveness to survivors' needs.

CE protocols include planning protocols for DV/SV household requests to access or change housing & services. All VT BoS CoC-RRH/PSH recipients are public housing authorities (PHA) which optimize VT CoC & PHA VAWA Emergency Plans to provide seamless coordination & access to mainstream VT housing resources (HCV/subsidized managed properties) or with a portability process for survivors to transfer outside of the state. VT Legal Aid & VT Network developed a CoC-approved VAWA Emergency Transfer (ET) Plan with coverage for both VT CoCs, ET policy, statewide list of DV/SV providers trained with trauma-informed care, Self-Certification & ET Request Forms, Client Release of info Form, & Notice of Rights for Tenants/Property Owners.

2. VTBoS, VT Network & VT Agency of Human Services ensures confidentiality for DV/SV survivors through CE trainings on confidentiality standards & protocols for release of info & de-identifying survivor info. DV/SV Providers within all 11 regional CoCs make referrals to CE providers only with written client permission to coordinate services & never enter into HMIS. DV/SV hotlines & VT 211 (free & confidential services) have strong protocols for protecting confidentiality. DV/SV hotlines do not ask for survivors' names or personal identifying info unless it is needed (for example, if they will be entering a shelter). Confidentiality is further maintained by including de-identified DV households, with household permission, on CE By-Name lists to be prioritized for resources, and maintaining a comparable database (Osnum) separate from HMIS.

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

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes

6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

1C-5d.	Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
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Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS has adopted written standards outlining emergency transfer plan policy & procedures. These are incorporated into the CoC's policies and procedures & are available on the CoC's public website. Processes include a lease addendum for all rental assistance clients that is reviewed during lease signing so people know their rights & options, & a VAWA client rights document that is provided to all households regardless of whether their status is known to the provider.
2. VTBoS provides sample templates to explain the process to people wishing to request emergency transfers. Advocates from VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence member orgs, many of whom run 24/7 hotlines, assist survivors in accessing their VAWA rights re: emergency transfers. Providers give written notice to households when they are accepted for or denied housing, & with any notice of eviction or termination of assistance. Staff provide information to people about how to request an emergency transfer & assist them through the process so they can attain safe housing.
3. Survivors must request emergency transfers in writing (HUD Form 5383) from their housing/subsidy provider. They may receive help completing this form from their local DV/SV org or VT Legal Aid. If not already working with a DV/SV org, they will receive a referral upon request for transfer. If it is a larger org that has other units available, tenant can be transferred to a comparable unit. If not, they are prioritized for the next available & safe unit.
4. Emergency transfers are complicated by VT's housing vacancy rate (1-3%), leaving fewer options for those who wish to transfer. Participants can choose to stay or vacate their current unit pending transfer to another one. If tenants wish to move to a different HUD-designated CoC geographic area, they may do so, as long as the receiving provider is able to meet all statutory requirements of the CoC Program at 42 U.S.C. §§ 11381 et seq., either directly or through a third-party contract or agreement. Participants of VSHA CoC-PSH ("Shelter+Care") who want/need to implement an Emergency Transfer Plan may also apply for a VSHA Housing Choice Voucher as part of a Move-Up (i.e., "Move-On") preference; participants of VSHA CoC-PSH ("A Way Home"), which are leveraged with non-CoC VSHA project-based vouchers, may work with VSHA staff and local providers to apply for a portable voucher to receive continued rental assistance in a different location, including out of state.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS ensures access for survivors to all housing & services through coordinated entry (CE) protocols, state-level policy guidance for use of project funds, & training front-line staff of the crisis response system. There are specific DV CE access points with victim service providers to ensure people get connected quickly while trying to lessen any additional trauma as they seek assistance. Survivors are not required to complete the CE process through a victim service provider, but it is offered as an option where the DV provider is an assessment partner. Survivor choice is emphasized in providing access to resources.

All CE assessment partners & lead agencies receive training on how to support survivors through the CE process to ensure their access to resources is not limited. All state-funded HOP (ESG)-funded projects are prohibited from using DV to screen out or exit survivors from services. Within the CE system, when a housing opportunity becomes available it is the practice to make sure that that survivor data is up to date on the list before assigning the housing opportunity to the next prioritized households. Survivors are considered for all mainstream resources that are available to any other eligible household, & additional resources dedicated to survivors, e.g. DV/SV specific RRH.

The VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (VT Network) & its member agencies serve as resources & partners to other non-victim service providers to ensure understanding of eligibility criteria. This strengthens all providers' capacity to make referrals & support survivors in accessing available housing & services. The VT Network administers HOP-funded, flexible client-based financial assistance, which ensures that survivors can access this resource without having to share their sensitive information with other administrators.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:

1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and
2.	working to remove those barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS’s Collaborative Applicant, HHAV, spearheaded a process in 2024 to surface barriers across VT, including developing a matrix that lays out a) VT’s current shelter capacity: statewide, by district, & by subpop (e.g. DV beds), b) projected unhoused numbers statewide & by county (using HUD ratio), and c) actual #s of unhoused people statewide & by district (based on HMIS CAPER). VTBoS brought together 40 shelter providers to provide qualitative analysis of the collected data. VTBoS are compiling qualitative responses and moving to phase 2, which focuses on using the data to develop concrete, measurable long-range shelter goals for Vermont, including specific funding requests for DV/SV. The biggest barriers are available & affordable housing. Survivors are currently limited in options to move from an unsafe housing situation or from a shelter, particularly in rural areas of the state, which creates safety concerns if a survivor cannot locate housing in safe parts of the community and/or state. The CoC works with statewide partners to advocate for the development of more affordable housing. Homeless & DV/SV service providers have been strong voices in advocating for more statewide attention to housing rehab and development. Barriers are regularly discussed at BoS CoC meetings as well as the VT Network’s monthly (DV/SV) housing and shelter meetings.

2. VTBoS partners w/ CVOEO Fair Housing Project Director to train and host workshops (virtual & in-person) for service and housing providers across VT on fair housing issues, including DV-related guidance. This includes an online, on-demand training module. Part of the annual VAWA Training covers VAWA-specific housing laws that are state laws that mirror VAWA practices – ensuring that housing providers and service providers are all aware of the state housing laws that protect survivors. VT Network has a dedicated staff person focused on economic abuse and financial independence. VT Network utilizes state \$\$ & other dedicated funding to support survivors w/ flexible funding to remove barriers to rehousing, like transportation & other economic barriers. VT Network have developed an on-going partnership w/ State Treasurer's Office and M&T Bank to provide financial literacy training for advocates and other partners, specifically focused on financial abuse. All EHV’s are dedicated to DV/SV survivors. VTBoS continues to push for more statewide focus on housing rehab and development.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS anti-discrimination policies are codified in CoC Gov Charter, CoC Policies, & CE Policies & Procedures, all updated routinely thru board committees & recommendations from 11 Local Housing Coalitions, which include LGBTQ+ advocacy orgs & service providers, such as Atria Collective and Pride Center of Vermont. LHCs host annual trainings facilitated by LGBTQ+ orgs. CoC anti-discrimination policies are updated by CE committee biannually. Each LHC has a formal CE Partnership Agreement in place for CE Lead Agency & Assessment/Referral Partners that includes a commitment to the CE anti-discrimination policy that is reviewed with partners regularly & when new partners join.

2. In 2024, the CoC expanded its LGBTQ+ policies to include more information about how providers can ensure non-discrimination, as well as broader CoC policies. VTBoS worked w/ LGBTQ+ consultant to update comprehensive policies & best practices, including providing sample provider-level policies & procedures to all providers in the CoC to support their adoption &/or updates of their own anti-discrimination policies. Agencies are encouraged to reach out to CoC staff, peers, & funders for assistance in creating or revising anti-discrimination policies. CE policies also require training for service providers on how to use trauma-informed practices. VTBoS website includes a free training module created by VTBoS, "Understanding Our Client Experience: Trauma Informed & Culturally Appropriate Services" to aid providers.

3. VTBoS works with its state ESG partner (VT Agency of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to conduct random monitoring of CoC funded provider policies, including LGBTQ+ anti-discrimination policies. OEO includes non-discrimination in provider grant contracts & monitors routinely.

4. Director of Fair Housing Project at a VTBoS member org, CVOEO, trained providers in 2024 on filing & assisting clients to file complaints w/ state & fed govt. Monitoring outcomes include a written report of findings of non-compliance w/ civil rights laws & HUD's Equal Access Rule. If a provider is found to be non-compliant w/ anti-discrim policies, non-compliance is recorded & corrective action plan gives a timeline for the provider to come into compliance. OEO provides support to remedy provider deficiencies. Providers w/ insufficient policies get receive assistance in setting project-level anti-discrimination policies consistent w/ CoC-wide anti-discrim policy.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Vermont State Housing Authority	42%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Rutland Housing Authority	78%	Yes-HCV	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VTBoS has strong working relationships w/ VT State Housing Authority (VSHA) and Rutland PHA. VTBoS has worked with these two PHAs to create and maintain homeless preferences. VTBoS engaged w/ VSHA and Rutland PHA to continue expansion of Homeless Preferences. VSHA expansion was requested by Collab Appl, VT Dept Mental Health, VT DCF & Pathways VT. VSHA expanded its Move-Up Preference [i.e., Move-On] to households actively receiving rental assistance benefits through a VSHA administered program (i.e., CoC-PSH “Shelter+Care”, HOPWA, etc.) or a state-funded, time-limited rental assistance program (i.e., RRH-VT Rental Subsidy Program, RRH-HOME, etc.). VSHA maintains a Displaced Family Preference for Vermont households who are displaced from a Vermont home due to fire, flood, natural disaster, or condemnation by a local, State, or Federal Agency. VSHA approved a new Preference for Non-elderly Persons with Disabilities Transitioning out of Institutions for eligible households who are 1) transitioning out of an institution or other segregated setting; 2) at serious risk of institutionalization; 3) homeless; or 4) at risk of becoming homeless.

VTBoS & VSHA also engaged in planning & implementation for limited homeless preferences for the utilization of 200+ project-based vouchers statewide (HCV, Mainstream, and Stability Vouchers) to serve persons experiencing homelessness in partnership with, and leverage for, VSHA CoC-funded PSH projects (60 “A Way Home” vouchers & 72 SNOFO funded vchrs). VSHA agreed to adopt a limited preference for homeless individuals & families (persons fleeing domestic and/or sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking) for Emergency Housing Vouchers, w/ a written MOU with VTBoS adopted in 2021 and still in current use.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	HUD Stability Program

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.h.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems 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.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	Yes

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	12
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	12
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS requires PSH & RRH projects to use low barrier/Housing First (HF) practices. CoC funded PSH & RRH projects follow coordinated entry (CE) prioritization policies to serve households w/ the most complex service needs first. The CoC evaluates HF practices thru annual fidelity reviews. We continue to use HUD’s HF Evaluation Tool (see attached). Note that in the Reporting Tab there was an error note & we triple-checked the tabs; all standards were evaluated. Seems to be a bug in spreadsheet.

2. VTBoS uses interviews & an on-site visit. A HF fidelity scale measures adherence to the HF model, & includes 41 items over 5 dimensions related to: a) Housing choice & structure; b) Separation of housing & services; c) Service philosophy; d) Service array; & e) Program structure. It has a 4-pt. scale for each item, (1= not Housing First, & 4= full implementation). A composite score is counted to provide the level of adherence to HF via a percentage total score related to the highest possible score of 15 in each dimension. The on-site visit includes interviews w/ management staff, including the HF Director, case managers, & HF participants. VTBoS CE Committee also reviews project exits, including the reasons people were exited during its review, to ensure that shelter and other emergency housing provision follows HF model.

3. VTBoS staff utilize HUD’s HF fidelity assessment tool to annually monitor & evaluate all CE participating providers for adherence to HF. CE lead agency reviews all rejected CE referrals from projects to assess practices that are noncompliant w/ HF. OEO conducts routine monitoring of participating providers funded through AHS, which includes determining compliance with CE policies regarding declining referrals for project openings.

4. When VTBoS reviews reasons for rejected referrals & exits to homelessness that violate HF principles, VTBoS staff provide training & TA to the project to prevent further occurrences. VTBoS also requires that each project present to the full CoC Board on their program design, performance & fidelity to Housing First & other best practices. Lastly, VTBoS has recruited a major Housing First leader (Pathways VT) to be a voting member on CoC Board & provide expertise & influence on decisions & direction on H1, including using regular CoC Board & membership mtngs to promote and educate on H1 best practices for all providers.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VTBoS uses multiple street outreach methods to locate persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness, designed to reach subpopulations least likely to request assistance, incl. Veterans, CH, & those w/ SMI/SUD. VTBoS conducts street outreach on an ongoing basis, w/ varied methods in each region of VTBoS based on local conditions, incl: 1) teams search for new encampments to find people who are not going to ask for assistance, looking in new places & putting up posters across county in gas stations, libraries, w/ contact info & what provider can help w/, 2) teams set up tables w/ free coffee & doughnuts near bus stations & other hot spots; go to motel parking lots where unsheltered people congregate, 3) teams offer mobile medical clinic at least qtrly at various places w/in community to reach people. Physicians, mental health clinicians, recovery coaches, and volunteers are all available, 4) teams educate community partners on assessing clients for all available referrals, 5) SSVF does street outreach in all VT towns to identify & serve homeless veterans, as well as make referrals to Coordinated Entry for Vets & non-Vets, 6) Five PATH providers & Pathways VT conduct street outreach for higher needs, 7) Mental health providers conduct street outreach to encampments to encourage service engagement, sometimes accompanied by plain-clothed police officers. Language interpretation services (statewide) support engagement of those w/ limited English, & the VT Center for Independent Living conducts trainings/monitoring of TTY devices to assist persons w/ hearing/speech impairments, 8) teams do outreach at libraries, soup kitchens, quick stops, parking garages, & other known gathering places.

Outreach is provided using three primary methods: 1) connecting w/ people who work in these institutions & orgs, 2) canvassing / direct outreach to folks who may be homelessness, & 3) leaving printed materials so that folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness can reach out to the outreach team directly.

Outreach teams also get referrals from staff at partner agencies using warm handoffs to not lose the relationship in transition. Outreach teams are multidisciplinary w/ staff from local DA, youth services, CE lead agency, CE assessment partner orgs, & SUD treatment staff. Outreach staff are cross-trained to do CE Assessments w/ people living unsheltered, capitalizing on the multidisciplinary relationships on the team both to do assessments & to seamlessly refer people to CE.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No

3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS. NOFO Section V.B.1.i.
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	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	63	207

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff. NOFO Section V.B.1.m.
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Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC's geographic area:

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

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. NOFO Section V.B.1.m
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Describe in the field below how your CoC:

- works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and
- promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS brings together healthcare, substance use disorder, behavioral health, & mental health service providers once a month to strategize on how to improve services & linkages w/ housing & shelter providers, including setting up consistent Medicaid reimbursement, connecting clients to SSI & SSDI, & augmenting housing-focused case management w/ healthcare services offered by different orgs. These meetings are supplemented by routine listserv distribution of info from SAMHSA, National Alliance to End Homelessness, & other sources on best practices to create access to mainstream resources. VTBoS website includes a training module on connecting clients w/ mainstream benefits. VTBoS hosted several trainings in 2024 led by 3SquaresVT (SNAP), ReachUp (TANF) & other benefits orgs on how providers can assist clients in accessing mainstream benefits. VTBoS posts training slides & recordings on website. VTBoS worked w/ VT State to ensure providers have access to VT Medicaid PSH Assistance Program (1115 waiver authorized) that supports Vermonters with complex health and social needs to successfully transition into and maintain residency in PSH through Medicaid-funded pre-tenancy supports, tenancy sustaining services, & community transition services. In 2022, VT Dept of Health (VDH) awarded Health Equity grants from CDC to enable nonprofit housing & service providers to collaborate w/ public health & health care agencies in addressing COVID-19 & related health needs. These grants were deployed w/ VTBoS & Local Housing Coalitions (LHCs are sub-CoC organizing bodies that work in concert w/ VTBoS) collaboration to expressly promote & enhance collaborations w/ healthcare orgs, including substance abuse & mental health treatment, to assist those experiencing homelessness to receive healthcare services.

2. VTBoS partners w/ VT SOAR initiative (run by VT Dept of Mental Health (DMH)) to ensure training across VTBoS orgs to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness & have a mental illness, medical impairment, &/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. VTBoS announces in CoC meetings when SOAR training will be available and encourages providers to participate, w/ a result that most service providers have and maintain annually-SOAR-trained staff, w/ connections made by VTBoS & LHCs to DMH's SOAR Initiative trainers to ensure that staff remain up-to-date w/ training.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:	
1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COVID pandemic increased collaboration between VTBoS, shelters, & VT Dept of Health (VDH), first in Mar '20 w/ daily statewide mtngs on COVID protocols; increasing non-congregate sheltering; PPP; & symptoms/transmission of COVID. VDH formalized this collab in P&Ps for year-round outbreak prevention & response. Shelters directed to contact VDH as soon as communicable disease case is identified & work w/ VDH on assessment & inspection. CE lead agency continues to liaise b/t shelters & VDH to ensure they receive guidance and support whenever there is suspected transmission. CE lead & VDH did 1:1 review of all policies to ensure responses were adequate.

2. VTBoS prevention strategy is two-fold: 1) continue use of non-congregate sheltering (hotels) in VTBoS for max # of households while maintaining urgency to move households to permanent housing, 2) CE lead agency continues to conduct onsite assessments at all congregate & semi-congregate shelters to ID strengths and weaknesses in preventing & managing outbreaks. In 2024, VTBoS member agencies publicly opposed proposed budget cut that would have kicked out 1500 vulnerable households sheltered in hotels through state's GA Emerg Housing program and replaced w/ congregate shelters. Mobilization was successful in keeping non-congregate options. To prevent spread of infectious disease, VTBoS maintains readiness for outbreaks & are able to quickly deploy (a) the policies, procedures, & collaboration w/ VDH developed as a response to Covid, & (b) the statewide capacity built w/ VDH Health Equity funding. VTBoS ensures that all projects are trained on universal precautions for cleaning, ventilation, & sharing space at least annually. VTBoS partners w/ VDH to provide updates on outbreak warnings & assigns local epidemiologists to work w/ shelters who report staff or guest infection to determine if they should cease new intakes & help them set up testing. VTBoS's ESG partner makes funding available when motel rooms are needed for quarantine. VDH continues to attend local housing & homelessness coalition mtngs & sit on homelessness task forces across the state. VDH provides training to shelter providers around communicable disease in shelter system, & partners w/ local providers on educational campaigns.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

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1. VTBoS & Local Housing Coalitions (LHCs are sub-CoC organizing bodies that work in concert w/ VTBoS) have held multiple public health training sessions in 2024, as well as a series of workshops & info sessions related to public health & disease prevention. These entities have also clarified for local orgs how to utilize their homeless health equity grants (VT Dept of Health (VDH) grants) to assist w/ communicable disease prevention & response. VTBoS & LHCs coordinate w/ VDH & CE lead to share infectious disease-related info w/ service provider agencies & CoC members. Info is disseminated on VTBoS listserv & during special meetings of CoC members & their networks, & during VTBoS monthly meetings.

2. VTBoS & LHCs ensure that VDH continues to provide training to shelter providers around communicable disease in shelter system, & partners w/ local providers on educational campaigns. VDH continues to attend local housing & homelessness coalition meetings & sit on homelessness task forces across the state. VDH provides safety kits, hygiene kits, & wound kits to homeless outreach teams and works w/ shelters to offer onsite vax for Covid, Hep A & flu. Three 2024 shelter instances of communicable disease – one was MRSA – were prevented from spreading & resulted in rapidly updated policies on communicable disease response, due to the pre-existing connection made between VDH & shelters in the state. Current planning is focused on aging & medically frail individuals, bed bugs, MRSA, & addressing the needs of people discharged from hospital w/ significant medical needs & end-of-life care.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;	
3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and	
4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

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1. CE covers 100% of VTBoS geog thru network of 11 sub-CoC CE Leads & assessment/referral partners that serve as access points. Contact info for all CE leads is widely published on dozens of VTBoS partner websites, i.e. state agencies, VT 211, cmty action agencies, collab applicant, & service providers. Outreach providers partner w/ plain-clothes police to engage people living in encampments. VT Agency of Human Services requires PATH expansion projects (outreach) have 1+ staff trained to do CE assessment. VTBoS CE Committee provided training to outreach teams on CE system and how outreach projects connect unhoused people to CE.

2. VTBoS uses standardized CE assessment & prioritization process that assigns a needs score to each household (HH) to guide case conferencing & IDs priority populations based on CE written standards. Each local CE lead & partners use assessment info to maintain a standardized, updated by-name list w/ HH-level assessment info, including length of time homeless & assessment score. HHs w/ higher scores are prioritized for expedited referrals to all avail resources, ie those w/ complex needs, chronic hmlsns, & long length of time homeless.

3. CE policies: 1) CE assessors must be fully trained prior to mtng with clients, 2) Assessments may happen over multiple sessions to not pressure people & those w/ incomplete assessment can still go on by-name list to encourage trauma-informed practice. Local CE partnerships offer multiple trained providers to do assessments, including DV/SV providers & street outreach teams, centering client choice in who does assessment. VTBoS website includes free training module, "Understanding Client Experience: Trauma Informed & Culturally Appropriate Services" to aid providers; it trains street outreach teams to build rapport before assessment.

4. CE Committee oversees annual CE evaluation, including surveying consumers, community partners, & CE lead agency staff. Feedback is submitted to VTBoS & used to identify training & TA needs, policy changes, & process/procedure updates, w/ special attention to roadblocks, bottlenecks, & challenges w/in the system. These responses inform CE Committee's yearly workplan. In 2023, CE Committee developed a standard consumer input survey as result of evaluation process; survey results were used by all CE lead agencies during most recent evaluation & each agency takes steps re: improving areas identified in the analysis.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	
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1. VTBoS street outreach engages subpopulations least likely to request assistance & connects them to CE. A by-name list of homeless veterans allows providers to conduct outreach in a repeated, systematic manner to increase service engagement. For those experiencing CH, mental health professionals conduct outreach to ensure services are trauma-informed, client centered & appropriate. Mental health providers partner w/ plain-clothed police officers for outreach to encampments, w/ purpose of service engagement. Language services, & TTY devices to assist persons w/ hearing/speech impairments are used as needed. All outreach connects directly to CE.

2. The assessment & prioritization process assesses each household (HH) for their needs, to guide case conferencing & identify priority populations based on CoC CE prioritization policies in the CoC written standards. Each Local Housing Coalition has a designated CE Lead Agency that assesses using a tool that generates scores based on need. CoC maintains a by-name list to expedite referrals for HHs w/ higher scores to all available resources, i.e. those w/ complex needs, chronic homelessness, & long length of time homeless.

3. VTBoS' CE referral process is designed to ensure priority populations w/ high complex needs scores, people experiencing chronic homelessness, & those w/ long lengths of time homeless get rapid referrals to available resources & assistance in accessing them. CE partners schedule assessments w/in 3 days of referral receipt; the goal is to complete the housing assessment w/in one week of CE referral. Standardized assessment includes client preferences. HHs who elect not to take a specific housing referral do not lose their place on the by-name list.

4. VTBoS's CE Committee has a continuous improvement commitment whose focus includes reducing the burdens on people accessing CE. We regularly evaluate & remove structural barriers to assessment, e.g., we provide convenient office hours & offer many different locations where participants can work w/ CE outreach workers. Training on creating trauma-informed spaces & experiences is provided to all staff conducting assessments. A CoC-wide HMIS data sharing agreement reduces the number of times a HH is required to share their story/update their data. We budget adequate funding for staffing & training to minimize staff turnover & to ensure that shelter & service providers provide the highest level of trauma-informed service.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry—Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies—Reporting Violations. NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:		
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All VTBoS CE Lead Agencies and assessment partners are required to have an Affirmative Outreach Plan that outlines how the agency will take steps to ensure the availability of facilities, assistance, and services is made known to people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, familial status, and disability. It also includes reasonable steps the agency will take to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities for limited English proficiency persons. CE lead monitors compliance with the affirmative outreach plan requirement during routine programmatic monitoring. All state-funded providers are also required to provide information about their programs to the statewide 2-1-1 referral system (a well-recognized and well-utilized centralized community resource information center that offers barrier-free access to Vermonters). The VTBoS' CE policies and procedures require that clients have equal access to information and advice about the housing assistance for which they are eligible to assist them in making information choices. All recipients & subrecipients of VTBoS program funding must comply w/ non-discrimination & equal opportunity provisions of Federal Civil Rights Laws as specified at 24 C.F.R. 5.105 (a), including: a) the Fair Housing Act; b) HUD's 2012 & 2016 Equal Access Rules; c) Title II of the Americans w/ Disabilities Act; d) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; & e) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

2. VTBoS makes sure that all recipients & subrecipients of VTBoS program funding, including CE providers, offer program participants written info, on their rights & remedies under applicable federal, state, & local fair housing & civil rights law, and encourages providers to post signage. VTBoS trained providers twice in 2024 to reinforce this. VTBoS maintains a grievance process that is publicly communicated for any program participant to seek resolution, as well as publicly communicates where & how participants can submit fair housing & civil rights related complaints to VT Human Rights Commission & HUD's FHEO office.

3. VTBoS requires all CE providers, including recipients & subrecipients of VTBoS program funding, to report conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants, including filed grievances, to VT's Agency of Commerce & Community Development, which is the jurisdiction responsible for certifying consistency w/ the Consolidated Plan.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/28/2024

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC's Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS Coordinated Entry Committee, which includes people w/ lived experience, analyzes Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data using Stella P to identify racial & ethnic disparities in household (HH) outcomes. It also reviews individual APRs and CE data. VTBoS receives TA, reports, case studies & data analysis from HMIS system admin to support efforts to measure & address racial disparities in VT's unhoused population. HMIS reports are used by VTBoS Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee to develop a response to the data, which is then considered by VTBoS Board. VTBoS analyzed race & ethnicity of # of days homeless for adults-only HHs & families w/ children HHs; and proportionality of race & ethnicity by component type, e.g. ES, TH-RRH, RRH, PSH. VTBoS also gathers info on race & ethnicity in annual PIT Count.

2. VT numbers are too small to achieve statistical significance, so we use basic numeric comparisons to see differences. VTBoS compares homeless population's race & ethnicity (PIT and LSA) to Census of VT overall population race & ethnicity to determine disproportionality. VTBoS also compares race & ethnicity of shelter entries to unsheltered race & ethnicity to ensure that shelters are not creating further disparities, e.g. more people of color remaining unsheltered. VTBoS also compares across programs to determine whether parts of the system are producing disparate outcomes, e.g. shelter race/ethnic breakdowns vs RRH & PSH race/ethnic breakdowns. When disparate outcomes are observed w/in the system, VTBoS reviews individual APRs to identify which projects are producing disparate outcomes & informs VTBoS Board. Data show that Black, Native American, & Other/Mixed Race Vermonters experience homelessness at higher rates than white Vermonters. Per 2020 Census, White people are 89% of the total population & 87% of the homeless population. Black/African American/African people are about 1.5% of the total population & 6% of those experiencing homelessness. This disproportionality is nearly identical in a) % of successful exits from street outreach to permanent housing, & b) % of successful exits from ES, TH-RRH, & PSH to permanent housing. LSA data for VTBoS demonstrates unequal access to PSH based on race & ethnicity, e.g., 2-3% of PSH entries are Black or African American headed households, compared to 6% of shelter entries are Black or African American households.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.	VTBoS adopted a CoC-wide Racial Equity policy to guide its work.	Yes

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VTBoS plan for ongoing evaluation relies on annual reviews of written standards, policies & procedures (P&Ps) & insights from LSA/Stella P analysis, that informs a race & ethnicity disparity-focused review of CoC written standards, P&Ps, & review of 11 sub-CoC CE agencies' process & practice. The plan aims to improve the following areas where disparities are created &/or reinforced:

1. CE affirmative marketing procedure review based on Census & PIT Count comparison to identify which sub-CoC CE leads are not reaching races & ethnicities disproportionately homeless.
 2. CE by-name lists assessed for race & ethnicity disparities in assessment scores, e.g., Black or African American headed households consistently scoring lower than White headed households. If disparities are present, CE Committee undertakes assessment tool revisions.
 3. CE prioritization policies reviewed annually w/ each sub-CoC CE agency referrals to permanent housing to identify prioritization policies that account for racial or ethnic disparities in referrals.
 4. Shelter policies reviewed annually w/ referral rejections from each project to identify & remove barriers to entry that disparately impact overrepresented races & ethnicities, e.g., rejecting justice involved individuals disparately impacts Black or African American households due to the systemic racism in carceral, judicial & law enforcement practices.
 5. PH (RRH & PSH) policies reviewed annually w/ referral rejections for each PH provider to identify & remove barriers to entry that disparately impact overrepresented races & ethnicities (see example in #4 above).
 6. PH (RRH & PSH) practices reviewed when length of time between project entry & move-in shows disparate impacts, work w/ PH providers to identify & remedy barriers to housing move-in, including developing relationships w/ l&lords w/ proven track records of anti-discrimination, working w/ l&lords to remove or mitigate background check red flags that disparately impact overrepresented races & ethnicities, & improving project support for program participants to successfully locate & apply for housing.
- This plan will be evaluated annually to amend elements that aren't reducing racial & ethnic disparities in the system, & to add new elements as VTBoS understands more about how P&P, process, & practice changes are improving.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
	2. the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The annual Coordinated Entry (CE) evaluation will look at data both by sub-CoC region & across BoS. The evaluation will consider each of the following:
 - 1) Census & PIT Count comparison focused on determining if LHC regions are reaching races & ethnicities disproportionately experiencing homelessness
 - 2) CE assessment score analysis focused on determining if racial or ethnic disparities are present in assessment scores, e.g., Black or African American headed households consistently scoring lower than White or European American headed households.
 - 3) CE prioritization analysis focused on determining if racial or ethnic disparities are being caused by prioritization policies, e.g., number & percentage of households on the by-name list by household race/ethnicity vs number & percentage receiving PH referrals & length of time on list
 - 4) PH project rejections & shelter entries by household race/ethnicity
 - 5) PH (RRH & PSH) referral rejections & entries by household race/ethnicity & average time a household is on the regional by-name list both for “leavers” & “stayers” by household race & ethnicity
 - 6) PH (RRH & PSH) length of time between project entry & housing move-in by household race & ethnicity

2. VTBoS will use a single excel-based tool that shows disparities year-over-year, including ACS, PIT, & LSA data, alongside CE reports that provide the most comprehensive, uniform, & regularly updated data available on homelessness in VT. Each of the six measure domains listed above will be reflected in the tool, allowing VTBoS to track the impact of policy, procedural, & practice changes over time, as well as overall changes in disparities from one year to the next.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VTBoS works to elevate the voices of people w/ lived experience of homelessness (PLE) so that they have a meaningful role in program planning & evaluation, as well as communications & messaging regarding homelessness.

The VTBoS board has 29 members. Two seats are currently filled by people w/ lived experience & other members have experienced housing insecurity. Many VTBoS board members work for orgs that provide services & shelter to unhoused people & these orgs also have seats on their boards designated for people w/ lived experience.

VTBoS undertook robust outreach earlier in 2024 to expand perspectives from PLE across VTBoS CoC's committees. Currently, VTBoS has a lived experience subcommittee with 11 active members & meets bi-monthly—this subcommittee is designed as a mentoring and organizing body, and all PLE also serve on at least one other CoC Committee, ensuring that PLE can collectively support each other to take positions on programming and policy with strength in numbers, to directly influence the decisions and policies of the CoC. Committee members were recruited from the CoC Board & thru flyering across the shelter & service network to recruit PLE. This committee has approved submitting a letter w/ this FY 24 CoC application to demonstrate support of the priorities for serving individuals & families experiencing homelessness w/ severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area.

Projects applying for HUD CoC funding receive higher scores for implementing relational input processes with PLE and demonstrate how that input has changed their programming and policies.

The CoC conducts direct outreach to persons w/ lived experience of homelessness thru use of flyers distributed to all Local Housing Coalitions for regional recruitment, ongoing Collaborative Applicant board member relationship development w/ people who are unhoused, are in shelter, or have recently moved into temporary or permanent housing, & open calls for participation on the CoC's website.

VTBoS also solicits participation thru the VT Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program & their subrecipients & thru the CoC listserv w/ routine messaging seeking broad & diverse participation in board & committee meetings. People w/ lived experience are compensated for their time preparing for & participating in VTBoS meetings & events.

1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
 Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	5	2
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	5	2
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	2	1

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VTBoS structured its lived experience subcommittee w/ longtime professionals serving as “PLE ally” members alongside PLE new to the work to support their professional development. PLE are paid at the VT mean hourly wage rate for Social Service Specialists for all work completed, including committee participation, on behalf of the CoC. Training opportunities are extended to members of PLE subcommittee, including those offered by VTBoS & partners, National Coalition for the Homelessness, HUD, & the National Low Income Housing Coalition. VTBoS has an online on-demand training platform to improve skills and knowledge for everyone working in VTBoS, including PLE, to gain skills/knowledge in best practices, eg housing first, trauma informed & culturally appropriate services, housing problem solving & others.

VTBoS members include shelter & service providers, outreach, community action agencies, youth service providers, & DV/SV providers – majority of orgs provide employment opportunities for PLE. Member orgs make an affirmative effort to hire & retain PLE. Member orgs provide real-world employment opportunities for PLE, eg, paid internships in one org’s thrift store, and others partner w/ restaurants & convenience stores w/in walking distance of shelter to hire clients.

VTBoS orgs provide professional development & employment opportunities to PLE as well, e.g. 1) VT capstone agency hosts Community Kitchen Academy, a cyclical 6-week program that earns participants a serve-safe license, 2) DV/SV org runs program that connects survivors w/ career opportunities thru training & apprenticeships at local businesses, w/ programming to support mock interviews, 3) Community action agencies & shelters connect clients w/ statewide programs like Hireability (network of job skills specialists & counselors dedicated to removing barriers that have kept good jobs out of reach of Vermonters w/ disabilities), 4) Multiple member orgs partner w/ Working Fields (staffing agency w/ unique peer support model born from founders’ lived experience in recovery, incarceration, & socially responsible business), 5) VT Adult Learning (free online & in-person help for adult learners age 16+ to earn HS diploma/GED & English Lang Learners skills; & workforce development, 6) VT Agency of Human Services teams operating at motel shelter sites include PLE trained by Hireability.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
3.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;
4.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and
5.	steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS gets regular input from those w/ lived experience via PLEE participation on the CoC Board & Committees, which is fairly compensated. VTBoS always includes language in meeting notices encouraging PLEE participation & notifying of fair compensation. The CoC has an active Board committee of people w/ lived experience; its Fall 2024 focus has been to gather more input from more people experiencing homelessness (PEH) to improve programs across VTBoS. VTBoS Youth Action Board (YAB) provides input on CoC programming as part of their formal committee role w/in the CoC. YAB also meets w/ the YHDP coordinating agency to provide input & suggestions. CE Committee conducts a survey of PLEE who have accessed CE, which includes PEH served by CoC, ESG, and State programs, e.g. HOP, VHIP, and others.
2. VTBoS gets feedback several times a month from PLEE in Board and Committee meetings. Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee evaluates CE questions & process annually, using a survey to get input from many people experiencing homelessness to provide input on CE.
3. Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee evaluates CE questions & process, using a survey to get input from many people experiencing homelessness to provide input on CE, which includes PEH served by CoC, ESG, and State programs, e.g. HOP, VHIP, and others.
4. Annual collection of feedback from CE survey.
5. Re: CE survey, sub-CoC CE lead agencies analyze feedback from participants and forward to the CE Committee to determine action steps based on the analysis. In the last year, the analysis identified: a) training & TA needs of each local CE partnership as well as shared statewide needs, & b) areas of policy & planning focus for Committee's next year of work. The CoC also solicited input from PLE on the CE annual workplan. VTBoS is taking direction from the PLEE subcommittee to get more involved in ensuring that programs in VTBoS are meeting needs that currently go unmet. The YAB & YHDP participants provided feedback to staff about the difficulty they have trying to achieve housing stability & maintain choices for services because of some of the restrictive YHDP requirements mandated by the CoC program. This feedback resulted in the YHDP agency applying to HUD for waivers to restrictive rules to put into place allowable special activities that give youth-serving projects more flexibility in providing housing & services.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
	1. reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
	2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS's advocacy & education (A&E) committee coordinates with 50+ affordable housing developers/managers and service/shelter providers, to ensure homelessness & housing issues are publicly known, acknowledged, and worked on. A&E committee mobilized all VTBoS member orgs to support 2024 legislative reforms (Act 250) to reduce regulatory barriers to development in & near town centers, mobilizing members to educate elected officials, via both sign on letters and direct contact, to create exemptions within VT's land use law to encourage housing development of all sizes and levels of affordability in and near town centers. Proposed legislation was drafted to identify methods to determine if rules or municipal bylaws & ordinances have an exclusionary effect on affordable, mixed-income, transitional, emergency, & middle-income housing consistent w/ VT's smart growth principles, & to promote socio-economically diverse & integrated neighborhoods & communities throughout VT. Sub-CoC organizing bodies mobilized to take on local zoning issues, including Bennington town council advocacy re: changing zoning to allow tiny houses; Middlebury advocacy to combat use of local land use policies to target encampments; & Springfield adopted a housing development subcommittee in town charter development to increase presence with local representatives.

2. The collaborative applicant, HHAV, meets year-round w/ VT legislative & executive allies to discuss goals, e.g. removing barriers to housing development. HHAV is currently convening a weekly workgroup of affordable housing development & management experts to develop a unified policy agenda for the 2025 legislative session, strengthening VT's affordable housing community to obtain additional funding for affordable unit development. HHAV participates in the VT Council on Housing and Homelessness, charged with developing, monitoring, and reviewing a tactical action plan for the Governor's office to address housing issues in Vermont. VTBoS A&E committee drafted & circulated to public officials fact sheets in support of policies to increase VT's affordable housing supply. The committee regularly updates VTBoS members on policy proposals that would increase VT's affordable housing supply. The committee drafts sign-on letters, direct letters & sample letters to the editor on initiatives to increase VT's affordable housing supply, & supports members to submit letters to policymakers & media outlets.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	05/21/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	09/09/2024

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

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	<p>Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.</p>	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	7
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	<p>Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.d.</p>	
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Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS analyzed HMIS & comparable database data via project APRs, LOCCS data, CE data, and narrative responses submitted as part of local project applications. APR data were used to review renewal project performance for the most recent fiscal year, w/ points dedicated to higher % exits to permanent housing & lower % exits to homelessness & unknown destinations, from TH-RRH, RRH, & PSH projects. APR data was also used to measure project performance on % clients served with specific barriers.

2) VTBoS analyzed APR data on the length of time it took to help people obtain permanent housing by using the average # of days from project entry date to residential move-in date for PSH, RRH, & TH-RRH projects.

3) When reviewing & ranking projects, the VTBoS considered the following severity of needs & vulnerabilities: 1) zero income at entry, 2) % of new entries w/ two or more disabling conditions, & 3)% of households experiencing chronic homelessness or who fall into a Dedicated Plus category. These categories of points influenced the overall score of projects in an objective manner, putting 10 out of 100 points into play for the first two categories of vulnerability/high needs areas, and an additional 10 for chronicity % served. These points balance out the points associated w/ system performance (43 points), prioritizing projects w/ the highest performance AND serving households w/ the highest needs. Further, VTBoS includes Housing First as a threshold criterion for CoC funding, ensuring that all projects adhere to low-barrier Housing First practices.

4) When reviewing & ranking projects, the VTBoS considered the following severity of needs & vulnerabilities: 1) zero income at entry, 2) % of new entries w/ two or more disabling conditions, & 3)% of households experiencing chronic homelessness or who fall into a Dedicated Plus category.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Per the 2024 PIT count for the VT Balance of State CoC, 5.1% of people experiencing homelessness were Black, African American, or African (134 people), yet only represent 1.4% of VT’s population (US Census, 2020, VT statewide – not just VTBoS). VTBoS posts drafts of rating & ranking policies & forms on its listserv & website & distributes thru email. They are distributed prior to public CoC Board & membership mtngs so they can be reviewed in advance & are available for review & discussion. Any input received is reviewed & rating factors adjustments are made to incorporate feedback relevant to race or project outcomes or design.

2) The CoC’s membership reflects the racial & ethnic identity of the CoC geographic area, particularly those most over-represented in the population experiencing homelessness, including membership on Lived Experience Sub-Committee. The Project Ranking committee is comprised of members who do not have conflict of interest in the projects being considered for annual CoC Program funding. An open invitation is made requesting volunteers. The CoC was unable to identify persons from an over-represented race who were also nonconflicted to participate on the FY24 review team. As part of larger efforts to identify & address racial disparities, BoS plans to draw on its growing Lived Experience Subcommittee, and target recruitment to individuals w/ lived experience who identify as Black or African Am. All members of Lived Experience Subcommittee have participated in reviewing and approving the CoC Consolidated Application, including project ranking.

3) VTBoS’s renewal project application includes five factors, totaling 10 of 100 points, related to equity regarding people of different races & ethnicities, as well as LGBTQIA+ & those w/ lived experience, especially those who are over-represented in homeless numbers. These factors score projects on their equitable outcomes in PH exits, equitable length of time from project entry to move-in, Board & leadership diversity, relational feedback from PLEE, & reviewing disaggregated outcomes to understand where the project should focus its efforts to make quality improvements. The project scoring process awards higher points to applicants who commit to improving participation at the agency level, & to reviewing outcome data thru that lens. Higher scoring applications get ranked higher in the selection process.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Projects w/ poor performance, not spending their full award, underutilizing beds, not in alignment w/ Housing First principles & practices, not serving the intended population or w/ significant, or w/ unresolved findings are subject to involuntary reallocation. Projects that are underspending their grant awards are subject to the reallocation process. Projects that have underspent more than 10% of their award may be reduced & those funds could be reallocated for New Project(s). A one-year grace period may be extended to providers who appeal proposed reallocation w/ a plan that demonstrates that the grant's expenditure will be improved in the current program year. Any funds reallocated as part of recapturing unspent funds will be made available for reallocation to create new projects during the local solicitation process. Projects scoring 50% or lower may be reallocated involuntarily or may be asked to develop a plan to address performance issues before a final determination is made. Reallocation decisions are subject to the Scoring & Ranking Committee's judgment. If asked to develop a plan to address performance issues, applicant must submit a performance plan w/in 30 days of the request & will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled mtng of the Scoring & Ranking Committee. The performance plan must be accepted by the Scoring & Ranking Committee. If the Committee does not approve the Plan, the funds may be subject to future reallocation. If a plan is not submitted, the project may be subject to future reallocation. Any recommendations by the Scoring & Ranking Committee that are formalized thru a VTBoS Board of Director's vote are subject to appeal thru the CoC Grievance process &, if unresolved, to HUD.

2) VTBoS identified one renewal project thru this year's local competition that was underutilizing CoC funds—review was based on % of grant funds spent.

3) The underspent renewal project agreed to voluntarily reallocate & VTBoS is submitting an expansion application to expand a higher-performing PSH project w/ its consolidated application.

4) VTBoS reallocated one underperforming project (voluntary).

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced—Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes

	<p>4. If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.</p>	10/07/2024
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1E-5a.	<p>Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.</p> <p>You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	
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	<p>Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.</p>	10/08/2024
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1E-5b.	<p>Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.</p> <p>You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	
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	<p>Does your attachment include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-. 	Yes
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1E-5c.	<p>Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.</p> <p>You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	
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	<p>Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings. 	10/28/2024
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1E-5d.	<p>Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.</p> <p>You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	
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	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	10/28/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/21/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VTBoS partners w/ the HMIS Lead & VT Agency of Human Services-Office of Economic Opportunity, who is also VT’s ESG Recipient, to fund & oversee the use of Osnum Software as VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (“VT DV Network”) comparable database. VTBoS contractually requires victim service providers w/in VTBoS to use the Osnum comparable database, which collects the standard data elements required in the HUD-published 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

2) The VTBoS HMIS Lead (Institute for Community Alliances, “ICA”) maintains a contract w/ the VT Network to analyze the Osnum Software database. ICA ensures DV housing & service providers in the BoS CoC submit de-identified aggregated system performance measures data for each project in the Osnum database to our CoC. ICA has ensured that the comparable database is compliant w/ 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	2,554	102	516	19.43%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	63	51	114	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	64	0	64	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	826	0	271	32.81%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

ES and PSH have very low bed coverage in HMIS. 2554 ES beds are not entered into HMIS. Of these 2554 beds, 2542 beds are funded by VT Agency of Human Services through its General Assistance Motel Voucher program. PSH units not in HMIS follow: 167 HUD-VASH units + 388 units funded by VT Agency of Human Services. Changes in VTBoS are creating conditions more open for change, including a consolidation of two organizations to create Housing & Homeless Alliance of VT (HHAV), who is the Collaborative Applicant for VTBoS and has more influence in working with VT state agencies. As such, VTBoS Board, HMIS Lead (ICA) & HHAV will make a joint formal request to the VT Agency of Human Services Secretary, the VT DCF Commissioner, and the VT ESG Deputy Commissioner to begin requiring State-funded ES and PSH resources into HMIS. The VAMC administering HUD-VASH in VT has not had the capacity to do double data entry to enter into HMIS; however, the VT Veterans Committee has had promising discussions w/ the VAMC in 2024 and VTBoS has contracted w/ a consultant to identify the most workable solution to input VASH units into HMIS. This VASH work will take place in the first half of 2025.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

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- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/07/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1) VTBoS annual count of youth experiencing homelessness is conducted in coordination w/ its full PIT Count. The CoC annually forms a PIT committee to review & approve outreach strategies & counting methodology. The YHDP Coordinating Organization, along w/ multiple regional youth service orgs (Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, Charter House Coalition, Homeless Prevention Center, & Northeast Kingdom Community Action) serve on the CoC Board & participate in PIT planning. Other PIT planning committee members have direct associations w/ youth programming, including shelters, TH, family centers, & crisis centers. The BoS Board dedicates a seat for youth provider representation, which is filled by the Director of VT Coalition of Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs (VCRHYP) at Elevate Youth Services, the YHDP Coordinating Organization. VCRHYP is guided by a Youth Action Board w/ active membership of youth w/ lived experience of homelessness.
- 2) Regional shelters & service providers for youth -- including school district/LEA McKinney-Vento Liaisons -- provide up-to-date info to PIT coordinators on youth who are unhoused or in transition to/from motels (used for housing crises). Many homeless households, including unaccompanied youth & families w/ children, were brought inside beginning March 2020 to non-congregate shelter in hotels & motels across the state. This arrangement allowed the State of VT, HMIS Lead Agencies, advocates, & service & shelter providers to organize a coordinated & thorough PIT.
- 3) VTBoS included members of the Youth Advisory Board in the 2024 PIT Count as counters.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
	3. describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and	
	4. describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
	5. state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1) The VTBoS PIT Committee recommended that we not make any changes to our sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 & 2024.
- 2) The VT CoC PIT Committee recommended that we not make any changes to our unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 & 2024.
- 3) The VTBoS PIT Count was affected by people displaced from 4 Presidentially declared natural disasters since July 2023. CE data provides a longitudinal view of VTBoS data and shows spikes of CE enrollments immediately after these disasters on 7/14/23, 12/18/23, 1/9/24 & 7/29/24. State of VT applied for Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) in July 2023. At that time, VT estimated 4,000+ damaged rental units, 18% of those no longer habitable. During 7/14/23 flooding, up to 239 displaced persons were sheltered in Red Cross and municipal independent shelters at a point in time.

To establish a baseline for the impact on VT, we show the drastic increases in Coordinated Entry (CE) enrollments since the onset of the first disaster. Prior to July 2023, CE enrollments were relatively stable, w/ 3144 individuals enrolled on 6/27/22, 3291 on 9/26/22, and 3431 on 12/19/22. In other words, the CE list was increasing by approx 150 individuals per quarter. According to CE data on July 10, 2023, the first day of flooding, 3564 individuals were enrolled in CE. On July 31, 2023, numbers had gone up to 3782 and continued to rise by 200 individuals in each of the two months following the flooding, hitting 4116 people by Sept 25, 2023, an increase of 550 individuals in two months. Over the next quarter, in which there was no flooding, numbers increased by 119 individuals in the quarter. On Dec 11, 2023, right before another flood hit, CE enrollments were at 4235. After floods in Dec 2023 and Jan 2024, numbers increased to 4471 by end of April 2024. More flooding occurred in late July 2024, and as of Sept 2024, CE enrollments are just under 5000. The stark difference in time periods points to immediate impact of the natural disasters. State of VT does not have a current estimate for # of rental units lost during late 2023 and 2024 floods, but given the extent of flooding, VT estimates significant further losses of units..

- 4) The VT CoC PIT Committee recommended that we not make any changes to methodology or data quality methods between 2023 & 2024, so there was no impact from any methodology changes.

2C. System Performance

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VTBoS identified first time homelessness risk factors by reviewing: a) interview data collected thru Coordinated Entry (CE); b) income at entry from CE forms; & c) housing needs assessments (includes disabling conditions, fleeing DV, & other factors). ESG Recipient reviewed data reports for statewide prevention/diversion programs. CoC members worked w/ local agencies & peer groups to identify risk factors w/in subpops thru partnerships & data analysis (i.e. General Assistance Motel Voucher Program, Mental Health bed stays, LGBTQ+ youth factors w/ Foster Care Program, VT Governor’s Opioid Coordination Council, Peer Orgs, & Early Childhood Council w/ pediatricians who screen for housing instability). As AHS increased state funding for homelessness prevention, it saw a need for more robust data on the VT at-risk pop to inform decisions about regional allocations and better understand outcomes across several distinct prevention interventions, & convened Prevention Subcommittee in 2023.

2) In 2023, VTBoS CE committee began expanding CE to address at-risk HHs. In summer 2024, VTBoS CE Committee approved use of separate By-Name List for at-risk HHs –both individuals & families – to better organize & target all state-funded (no federal sources) prevention, stabilization & diversion resources across VTBoS, including landlord-tenant mediation & other eviction prevention interventions. Sub-CoC CE lead agencies will rely on this BNL to connect at-risk households to financial support (arrear, security deposit, short-term rent & utility assistance, transportation vouchers) & voluntary case management (workforce dev, SOAR, financial coaching, care coordination, benefits counseling, tenant-landlord mediation, at-risk Veteran support via VAMC). Member orgs operate a tenant hotline. VTBoS is also actively supporting statewide efforts to move drug policy away from the criminal legal system and toward a data-driven public health response. VTBoS member orgs fought for authorization of the establishment of overdose prevention centers in VT. Member orgs submitted letters and shared public education materials. Homelessness prevention needs vary across the state depending on local drivers of homelessness, & VTBoS is starting development on a unified plan for addressing these needs (by Jun 2025).

3) Exec Director, Housing & Homelessness Alliance of VT (HHA-VT)

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

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

1.	natural disasters?	Yes
2.	having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area?	No

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT has endured 4 presidentially declared natural disasters since 2023: 1) July 14, 2023 2) Dec 18-19, 2023 3) January 9-13, 2024 4) July 29-31, 2024. The State of VT applied for Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) in July 2023, and at that time, VT estimated more than 4,000 rental units were damaged, with 18% reported as no longer habitable, a loss of approximately 720 units altogether. During the 7/14/23 flooding, up to 239 displaced persons were sheltered in Red Cross and municipal independent shelters at a point in time.

To establish a baseline for the impact on VT, we show the drastic increases in Coordinated Entry (CE) enrollments since the onset of the first disaster. Prior to July 2023, CE enrollments were relatively stable, w/ 3144 individuals enrolled on 6/27/22, 3291 on 9/26/22, and 3431 on 12/19/22. In other words, the CE list was increasing by approx 150 individuals per quarter. According to CE data on July 10, 2023, the first day of flooding, 3564 individuals were enrolled in CE. On July 31, 2023, numbers had gone up to 3782 and continued to rise by 200 individuals in each of the two months following the flooding, hitting 4116 people by Sept 25, 2023, an increase of 550 individuals in two months. Over the next quarter, in which there was no flooding, numbers increased by 119 individuals in the quarter. On Dec 11, 2023, right before another flood hit, CE enrollments were at 4235. After floods in Dec 2023 and Jan 2024, numbers increased to 4471 by the end of April 2024. More flooding occurred in late July 2024, and as of September 2024, CE enrollments are just under 5000. The difference in increases from quarters without flooding to quarters with flooding is stark and points to the immediate impact of these natural disasters. The State of VT does not have a current estimate for number of rental units lost during the late 2023 and multiple 2024 floods, but given the extent of the flooding, VT estimates significant further losses of units, which have a longterm negative impact on homelessness in VT.

2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless—CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VTBoS identified that length of time has been increasing due to restricted housing stock, so it undertook strategies to deal w/ tight market. Starting in 2020, VTBoS supported a statewide housing stock increase of 1200 new affordable units, many w/ homeless set-asides filled thru Coordinated Entry (CE). VTBoS worked w/ VT Agency of Human Services to expand the Landlord Liaison Project, funded by ESG-CV, to connect people experiencing homelessness to landlords willing to partner w/ CoC & state funded housing & service providers. LLP partners w/ case managers, landlords, and clients to ensure quicker & smoother move-ins and lasting tenancy. VTBoS 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). Referrals for specialized care are made to remove housing barriers & help w/ service connections (such as back rent/security deposits, legal, DV/SV, mental health, substance use, other medical care).

2) VTBoS CE continues to identify people w/ longest length of time homeless using HMIS data review & by interviewing people w/ the housing assessment prioritization tool to gather location & length of time homeless. Interviews & record gathering are utilized when homeless episodes for people living in shelters & places not meant for human habitation were not in HMIS. Local CE teams utilize this data for case conferencing, & prioritize referrals based upon complex service needs score & longest length of time homeless. The Veterans Committee meets bi-weekly to review by-name list & ensure connections w/ VA & non-VA funded resources. All CoC RRH & PSH receive prioritized CE referrals of persons w/ longest length of time homeless.

3) Exec Director, HHAV

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) 2024 VTBoS strategies to increase ES, TH & RRH exits to PH include 1) increasing voice in statewide discussions to develop more housing for Very Low Income households & below, especially deeply subsidized units, 2) expanding statewide Landlord Liaison Project (LLP) to identify & secure units for households exiting ES/TH/RRH to PH, 3) continuously working to lower barriers, eg requiring landlords participating in LLP to waive background check fees & relax credit score requirement, 4) supporting providers to offer savings plans for residents, plus support to pay back debt to remove barriers to housing, 5) significant state funds continue to support one-time and short-term client-based financial assistance based on assessment of CoC gaps in this type of program. Funds, administered as part of state housing program, can be used for a variety of costs associated with moving households out of homelessness (e.g. deposit, short-term rental \$, utility deposits). Funds are accessed thru a Local Admin, plus statewide DV/SV agency and 4-5 ES providers, 6) VTBoS encouraging use of VT housing program \$\$ to set up 18-month supports for households moving into permanent housing (state program requires landlords to receive landlord-tenant mediation training), 7) VTBoS clients provided access to a Renters 101 class offered twice a year & covers 1) how to find an apartment, 2) tenant rights & responsibilities, & 3) how to communicate w/ landlords when seeking housing & after move-in (high success in permanent tenancy & identifying/removing rights violations).

2) VTBoS strategies to increase rate of exits to PH & retention in PSH include: 1) enforcement of VTBoS Written Standards to only terminate tenancies as an option of last resort; 2) effective connection to retention assistance & income supports to maintain their housing; 3) increasing # of clients w/ rep payees to stabilize & avoid evictions; 4) VTBoS encouraging use of state \$\$ to set up 18-month supports for households moving into permanent housing (state program requires landlords to receive landlord-tenant mediation training); 5) LLP created to be link for HHs when case mgmt ends, to address bills or other landlord issues to reduce evictions; 6) VTBoS partner VSHA expanded preference to include move-on for PSH/RRH HHs to transition to HCVs when ongoing rental \$ is needed w/o services; 7) VTBoS annually reviews retention outcomes & uses that data to refine its strategies.

3) Exec Director, HHAV

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VTBoS strategy to identify HHs returning to homelessness: 1) maintaining a partially open HMIS so that providers can determine if previous shelter or housing was provided to allow staff to reconnect households to known resources; 2) Reviewing LSA via Stella P to identify trends/reasons for homeless returns by exited participants; 3) Tracking & recording returns to homelessness on CE By-Name List to enhance real-time understanding of who is returning & why, to inform CoC prevention/stabilization programming; 4) Utilizing info from statewide Eviction Prevention Initiative review of over 3000 units, which provides reasons for evictions & household demographics (race/gender/age/household size).

2) VTBoS strategies to reduce rate of returns: 1) Work w/ Landlord Liaison Project ensures property managers are trained on sensitivity to previous trauma, mediation methods, and deescalation to decrease evictions & increase quick re-engagement of clients to additional services & supports; 2) Increase HMIS participation by ES & PH providers to expand visibility into homeless reoccurrence & specific factors faced by those households; 3) Ensure ongoing SOAR training for providers to increase benefits-based income; 4) Provide housing retention training for providers to know what to look for and intervene before tenancy is seriously threatened; 5) VTBoS member org - VSHA - offers eviction prevention assistance for clients throughout VTBoS system; 6) Landlord Liaison Project links HHs when case mgmt ends, help to address bills or other landlord-tenant issues, to reduce evictions of clients; 7) Blending of federal and state funds means that state requirements apply across CoC projects as well, including requirement that landlords receive landlord-tenant mediation training; 8) ongoing enforcement of VTBoS Written Standards to only terminate tenancies as an option of last resort; 9) increasing # of clients w/ representative payees to help clients stabilize & avoid evictions; & 10) partner w/ VT Legal Aid to ensure that permanently housed formerly homeless HHs receive legal help for potential eviction, civil rights violations, bankruptcies, & problems w/ landlords or creditors.

3) Exec Director, HHAV

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VTBoS knows that jobs offer stable income for people trying to exit homelessness. As such, VTBoS focuses efforts on assessing households when they present to Coordinated Entry (CE) for employment needs, preferences, skills, and experience. From this assessment, households are connected to the most appropriate resource, including training if participants need to increase skills or experience for technical jobs, or directly to employment partners to expand job opportunities & options. VTBoS works w/ VT state agencies & programs to address job needs among people experiencing homelessness (PEH) across VT, e.g. 1) integrating HireAbility coordinators w/ Coordinated Entry (CE) meetings & case conferencing to ensure people quickly gain access to employment; 2) bringing VT Dept of Labor to the CoC table to ensure its workforce development & vocational rehab programs are working for PEH; 3) partnering w/ Hannaford Careers Center to connect shelter residents w/ adult learning & technical education; 4) partnering w/ VT Financial Futures to connect shelter residents across the state to offer financial skill building & support to increase household assets so that job income translates to housing stability.

2) VTBoS informs providers of local/state employment resources thru CoC meetings, listserv notices & CE case conferencing meetings. VTBoS partners w/ 3SquaresVT to provide training to all service providers on how to sign up clients to be dually-enrolled in SNAP benefits (unearned cash income) & VT Individual Career Advancement Network (ICAN). ICAN provides job skill training, industry certifications, access to internet, printers & copiers, support to conduct job searches, connections to employers who are hiring, & payments to cover childcare & transportation. VTBoS relies on ICAN to cultivate relationships w/ employers & staffing agencies. VTBoS also partners w/ Agency of Aging & Independent Living/Vocational Rehab; VT Adult Learning; in-house employment programs; employer outreach; Employment 101 trainings; & participation in a job club organized by local Mental Health Agencies. Lastly, care coordination teams across VT include HireAbility VT staff to meet w/ motel residents. PSH & RRH service partners provide employment services directly or thru partnerships, including on-the-job training, work readiness training & self-employment resources.

3) Exec Director, HHAV

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The VTBoS strategy includes regular benefits education, swift resource connections & follow-up to ensure eligible participants are successfully enrolled for all benefits for which they're eligible. VTBoS works w/ VT SOAR initiative (VT DMH) to train member org staff on SOAR (fast-tracks SSI/SSDI applications) to help participants get assistance w/ the application & appeal process. VTBoS & Local Housing Coalitions (LHCs are sub-CoC regional organizing bodies that work in concert w/ VT Balance of State staff) partner w/ VT Economic Services Division (ESD) & 3SquaresVT to administer benefits to clients utilizing homeless crisis services. ESD offers a single online portal to grant access to child and energy related benefits & general assistance (time-limited; cash). 3SquaresVT grants access to SNAP (food). Both ESD & 3SquaresVT work w/ CE teams to ensure all eligible persons are identified & enrolled for benefits as early in CE process as possible. VTBoS works w/ VT Agency of Human Services to keep all member org staff trained (including creating free online training modules) on using the VT Consolidated Benefits Application to access SSI, SSDI, child support, legal services, veteran benefits & VT Health Connect for Medicaid, Medicare and prescription assistance. VTBoS incentivizes CoC funded projects to increase benefits related income through scoring in annual CoC competition. VTBoS offers free on-line training modules to orient new staff to mainstream non-employment cash resource options for participants. Case managers are trained to not stop after applications are submitted—they follow up until a household is successfully enrolled, looping back to ESD, 3SquaresVT, VT Agency of Human Services, and VT Health Connect if households are rejected or receive an adverse notice.

2) Exec Director, HHAV

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
VSHA CoC-PSH (PTH...	PH-PSH	1	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? VSHA CoC-PSH (PTH) FY24 Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): YNZLHMRJDB19

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 1

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?		Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2024 Priority Listing.

	Project Type	
1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	Yes
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes

4A-2.	Information About the Project Applicant for the New Support Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)	

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

1.	Applicant Name	State of Vermont
2.	Project Name	Coordinated Entry Partnership DV Expansion

4A-2a.	Addressing Coordinated Entry Inadequacies through the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the inadequacies of your CoC's current Coordinated Entry that limits its ability to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and	
	2. how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified in element 1 of this question.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS has developed a coordinated entry (CE) model that covers the entire geographic area thru a network of local Coordinated Entry Partnerships (CEPs). W/in these CEPs, assessment partners complete housing barriers assessments w/ clients they specialize in serving, e.g. DV/SV shelters conduct assessments for survivors. All populations w/in VTBoS are assessed in this way.

Subrecipients in the proposed project are all formal assessment partners in their local CEPs & all manage physical shelters & a motel voucher pool to ensure that survivors actively fleeing DV/SV have a safe place to stay. Subrecipients are required to offer the opportunity to complete an assessment to all shelter & motel guests within 7 days of intake. The positions currently funded through the CoC are vital in ensuring that the 7 day requirement is met since DV/SV shelter staff have minimal capacity to serve survivors at motels. Statewide CE data for the week ending on 10/12/24 shows 1,375 survivors of DV/SV enrolled in CE, of which 300 were reported as currently fleeing. This CE data is from HMIS and does not include DV/SV provider data, as they are statutorily prohibited from entering into HMIS. This means that 1,375 survivors included in this data accessed the CE system through a non-DV/SV partner, w/ limited experience in guiding survivors through CE. For VTBoS' CE system to effectively meet the needs of survivors, we need more DV/SV assessment capacity, particularly given the importance of lethality assessments done by DV/SV partners to quickly identify and resolve urgent safety issues.

2. This proposed expansion would increase funding at each subrecipient to bring their capacity up to just under 1 full-time equivalent, for a total of 4.86 FTEs. Funded positions would provide case management for survivors, including completion of the housing barriers assessment and referral to the appropriate community prioritization lists. With a connection to specialized case management designed to meet the needs of survivors, this expansion is expected to result in improvements in both access to the CE system throughout the VT BoS CoC and time from housing provider referral to housing placement. Case management services are vital to assisting households in overcoming barriers to housing, allowing them to more quickly exit homelessness when housing placements become available. Additional Project Admin funds will also increase funding for training & TA to DV/SV providers on CoC requirements.

4A-2b.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)(d)	
	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VTBoS will use its existing input solicitation protocols for Coordinated Entry (CE), with a specific focus in the coming year on ensuring a distinct solicitation for survivors w/ lived experiences of experiencing homelessness, both survivors who accessed the CE system via a non-DV/SV assessment partner, and those who accessed CE via a DV/SV assessment partner. The input protocol is a standard practice associated w/ VTBoS's annual CE evaluation and involves widespread solicitation to ALL persons who have accessed CE over the year to complete a survey about their experiences. VTBoS collects responses for thousands of CE participants, of whom roughly 25% are fleeing violence, so the survey represents the widest possible range of lived experiences.

2. The CE Committee will provide a standardized survey tool to all local CE Lead Agencies, who will distribute the surveys, collect feedback, review the information with their local Housing Coalition, and then report back to the CE Committee with the outcomes of their analysis. Local Housing Coalitions will be asked to use the information gathered through the surveys to identify process improvements or bottlenecks within their local implementation, which are then reviewed by the CE Committee and incorporated into a BoS-wide annual evaluation report. The survey tool gathers feedback on how participants experienced the CE system, including: 1) if they felt heard and respected during the assessment, 2) if the process and assessment tool were both clearly explained, 3) if the questions asked during the assessment were clear and easy to answer, 4) if they felt clear about next steps after the assessment was completed, and 5) what ideas they have about how the CE system could be improved. The CE Committee will analyze participant feedback alongside local Housing Coalition feedback to determine the highest impact improvements to be made to CE. The identified priority improvements will be incorporated into the Committee's work plan for the next year. The CE Committee will be receiving new committee members in late 2024 who have lived experiences, and they will be critical additions for the committee as it reviews the survey, reshapes questions and framing, and puts additional solicitation methods in place to ensure that the maximum number of responses can be collected. This process will ensure that feedback from survivors has a direct impact on the development, implementation, and evaluation of the project.

4A-3.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	1,601
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	1,418
3.	Unmet Need:	183

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c)	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and	
	2. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or	
	3. if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) VTBoS calculated the number of DV survivors in need by taking the sum of: VT Dept. of Children & Families/General Assistance (DCF-GA) Emergency Housing 2024 point in time count of the total persons served in DCF-GA motels who were fleeing DV/SV (309); total served by VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (VNADSV) in motels, DV/SV shelters, and TH from 5/1/23 - 4/30/24 (1,109); snapshot/point in time of number of persons listed as survivors of DV/SV on the CoC's HMIS CE master list as of Oct 2024 (183 - does not include persons in comparable databases/other sources); and total survivors receiving an Emergency Housing Voucher (96). The number currently being served was calculated by taking the sum of those in need and subtracting those persons listed as survivors of DV/SV on the CoC's HMIS Coordinated Entry (CE) Oct 2024 master list still waiting for assistance.

2) VT DCF General Assistance administrative data (in state maintained database, not HMIS), VNASDV administrative data for motel placements, shelters and transitional housing (Osnium comparable database), HMIS Coordinated Entry master list data, and Vermont State Housing Authority administrative data on EHV's.

3) A primary barrier for survivors in moving from literal homelessness into housing is a lack of safe, affordable housing units within the VTBoS geographic area. This barrier can be seen both for survivor households who have income to sustain housing independently as well as households who have been granted housing resources such as EHV's. Low vacancy rates lead to higher rental prices which makes housing unattainable for those in need of Fair Market Rent housing. Additional subsidies w/ services are needed in order to serve those that are currently on our coordinated entry lists waiting for assistance, and NewStory Center looks forward to having more RRH vouchers, as it has had success with its RRH program meeting survivors' needs.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	
	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

Applicant Name
NewStory Center, ...

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	NewStory Center, Inc.
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	85%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1) NewStory Center calculated the rate of housing placement using its APR, produced from Osnum comparable database, for 6/1/23 - 5/31/24, looking at the number of households enrolled in RRH project that had a housing move-in date for permanent housing placement. That number was divided by the total number enrolled in RRH project who exited to non-permanent destinations to calculate the percentage.

2) NewStory Center works with 100% of participants to identify their choice of a safe housing destination. The people represented in the data all exited to safe housing destinations.

3) NewStory Center calculated the rate of housing retention using its APR, produced from Osnum comparable database, for 6/1/23 - 5/31/24, looking at the number of households that remain in the RRH project and have not returned to homelessness or a non-PH destination. NewStory also reviewed project data to doublecheck if any household has returned to shelter or reported leaving PH for another non-PH destination. The number of people who returned to shelter or reported leaving PH for non-PH was divided by the number of people who exited to PH or remained in the RRH project to calculate the percentage.

4) Osnum (comparable database) and the project APR (pulled from Osnum) are the data sources for these calculations.

4A-3c.	Applicant's Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below how the project applicant:	
	1. ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;	
	2. prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan;	
	3. determined survivors' supportive services needs;	
	4. connected survivors to supportive services; and	
	5. moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) NewStory has provided comprehensive, trauma informed services to the Rutland County community for 45 years. When survivors present, we assess needs at intake, identify steps toward housing & explain our range of services & confidentiality protections. Staff seek financial resources from local agencies/churches to fund security/utility deposits & assist survivors to complete Section 8 & other housing apps. We contact landlords re: avail units & keep list of units for survivors to quickly see what is available. Safety is of utmost importance when locating housing & determined based on needs of each survivor. If the survivor needs a safe location immediately, they are offered a spot in our confidential shelter while housing is secured.

2) NewStory works with CE to ensure survivors have equitable access to resources through CE prioritization. After assessments, survivors are added to CE list, w/ safety & confidentiality kept by assigning each household a number. Staff know VAWA rules & advocate for survivors in need of emergency transfers & work to find safe, suitable locations.

3) Our services are trauma informed, client centered & determined based on individual needs at intake & on-going during engagement. We build trusting relationships, meet them where they are at & listen to their identified needs to make service referrals. We partner w/ survivors in a support role as they know what they need & our staff help people to connect to available resources & implement their housing plans.

4) Service referrals are made & staff help w/ follow-up for medical & mental health, substance use disorder, childcare, legal services, & other needed services. People experiencing DV have lost power & control over their lives & each household is supported to gain some of that power & control back. We provide advocacy & emotional support, case management, assistance finding housing, safety planning, vocational & job assistance, transportation & referrals to community resources/services.

5) We support people by helping understand their financial situation & budgeting. Financial counseling (saving strategies, bank accounts, & credit repair), support to develop job goals & connections to career opportunities thru education & local business apprenticeships are available. Applications for income from mainstream & state programs such as REACHUP, 3Squares are done. Survivors can always connect with NewStory for follow-up services if housing stability is in jeopardy.

4A-3d.	Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety. NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
3.	keeping survivors' information and locations confidential;	
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	
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- 1) NewStory adheres to a strict confidentiality policy. Just as with all services, intakes & interviews are client led, i.e. survivors are encouraged to share only what they feel comfortable with. This is shared before the intake process begins & survivors are told they can choose not to answer a question or end the intake at any time, w/o impact on services. Survivors who enter shelter &/or RRH must sign a confidentiality agreement to protect privacy/confidentiality of the other survivors they interact with.
- 2) Placement for safe housing is determined based on the needs of each individual survivor. If the survivor feels as though a safe location is needed immediately, they will be offered a spot in the shelter while permanent housing is secured. The residential emergency shelter is in a confidential location.
- 3) NewStory Center maintains our own intake & service records, using the Osnum comparable database to record info on client demographics & case notes along with keeping confidential paper files in the office. Client info is never shared without explicit permission & a signed release of info from the client, who retains the right to end a release of info at any time. Shelter locations are kept confidential & addresses are not shared with the community.
- 4) All staff sign confidentiality statements upon joining the org. Staff regularly receive training on best practices for survivor safety & confidentiality, led by experts in the field including Office of Victims of Crime Training & TA, VT Center for Crime Victim Services, & VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. Direct service staff meet weekly & regularly review policies & procedures, which include the safety & confidentiality of the people we serve.
- 5) To further ensure safety, we installed security cameras at all buildings we own (shelter & housing). At each location, doors are locked & visitors may only enter after a security screening. For scattered site housing, NewStory purchases security cameras for all survivors. Each survivor develops a safety plan that takes their specific situation into consideration; these are reviewed & updated on a regular basis. When developing a safety plan, multiple factors in the survivor's life are reviewed, i.e. routines and daily habits of both survivor and abuser, identifying support systems and safe locations, developing code words, preparing an emergency bag, developing an escape plan, & exploring legal options such as relief from abuse orders.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.

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NewStory understands we can never guarantee survivors' safety but we do all we can to create strong safety plans & as an agency, we review how our process can be improved. Survivors work with an advocate to complete a safety plan that enhances their & their children's safety, & has strategies for minimizing or escaping dangerous situations. This document is reviewed at each case management meeting & revised as often as the survivor feels is necessary. NewStory collects feedback from survivors on the safety planning process via surveys & in person conversations toward the end of survivors' service period & uses that to improve or enhance the process. The survey asks, "do you know more ways to plan for your safety?" We have to adjust safety plans to account for law enforcement response time &/or changes at 911 call centers.

One of the biggest barriers to safety is that others don't fully recognize the urgency survivors face when change is needed. This includes landlords who have a direct impact on a survivor's ability to be safe in their home. It can be challenging to get a landlord to take survivor/tenant safety seriously and work in a quick & efficient manner to change locks, get security cameras installed, etc, & landlords can be reluctant to fulfill the request or unwilling to spend the funds. NewStory worked with a landlord to help a survivor feel safer when arriving home from work late in the night—they worked a job that meant arriving home well after dark & were concerned about how dark the exterior of the building was, making it easier for their abuser to hide. They asked their landlord about adding additional light but the response was slower than what they needed. The RRH specialist explained the importance of this request, & additional lighting was added. This experience has led NewStory to have conversations about safety with landlords upon the first meeting with a survivor. We have identified an improvement area of landlord education & safety planning and will be working on this in 2025.

NewStory has planned & formal discussions regularly scheduled during the year to review policies but will also make changes based on situations & informal feedback we receive. Additionally, all direct service staff are members of VT Network task forces, that include peers with similar responsibilities and experiences. The task forces allow for info sharing and troubleshooting that help to ensure best practices around the survivor safety are being followed.

4A-3e.	Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:	
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;
2.	placing survivors in permanent housing;
3.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and
4.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) NewStory Center (NSC) has been conducting trauma-informed, client-led CE assessments for 7 years as a local CE assessment partner for people fleeing DV/SV. We gather info on HH size, income & financial status, credit history, housing history. During intake, survivors are also provided with a welcome packet that explains services, expectations, & how to express grievances. After assessment, CE lead determines priority based on survivor’s need for permanent housing (PH) plus safety concerns. Safety is prioritized by assessing a survivor’s vulnerability using Lethality Assessment Protocol. Immediate danger is given shelter priority.

2) NSC supports survivors to search for available units, offering resources & support for searches, e.g. fresh lists of available units. A survivor is never forced to take a PH unit that does not feel safe and comfortable to them &/or does not fit their preferences or needs. NSC has strong working relationships with local housing agencies & private landlords, who notify us of open units when they become available. NSC supports the survivor w/ completing application & gathering necessary documents. Rental assistance (RA) can be up to 100% and is based on a survivor’s full financial picture, which is reviewed monthly, e.g., 4 of 7 current participants began with 100% RA and now are paying a % of rent. NSC keeps the tenets of trauma informed work – safety, choice, collaboration, trustworthiness, & empowerment, at the forefront. Survivors are given options & opportunities to discuss those options.

3&4) NSC provides resources to survivors on how trauma can impact the mind & body, and uses a trauma informed, client led approach to assist survivors in seeking permanent housing that meets the preferences & needs of the household, e.g., a survivor preferred a unit w/ washer/dryer hookups b/c 2 young kids made the laundromat too difficult. NSC worked alongside the survivor to find a unit that met this preference. We may not be able to meet every preference but every effort is made to find the unit that feels most comfortable. Re: needs, NSC worked w/ a survivor who needed a unit within a particular school district b/c their child has significant special needs that were met by the current school. Any change to their educational routine would have been disruptive and caused undue trauma. W/ the support of staff, this survivor was able to find a unit within walking distance of the child’s school.

4A-3f.	Applicant’s Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant’s experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:	
1.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;	
3.	emphasizing survivors’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
4.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors’ connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	

	6. offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.
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1. NewStory Center is a trauma informed agency and offers a client centered approach to the work. To ensure equality and minimize power differentials, NewStory Center keeps the five tenets of trauma informed work – safety, choice, collaboration, trustworthiness, and empowerment, at the forefront. During the intake process, survivors are invited to share their story, at their own pace, and express their needs. They are provided with a welcome packet that explains services, expectations, and how to express grievances. Survivors are never told what to do, rather they are given options and an opportunity to discuss the consequences of those options, good or bad. As the work continues and relationships are established survivors are working in a collaborative manner. When issues arise, survivors are given the opportunity to express concerns both with their advocate and the advocate’s supervisor.

2. NewStory Center provides resources (pamphlets, web-based resources, etc.) to survivors on how trauma can impact the mind and body. If a survivor chooses, they can discuss the impact of their trauma during case management. NewStory Center is a trauma informed organization and staff regularly attend training and continuing education opportunities. Additionally, all direct service staff are members of VT Network task forces. These groups include peers with similar responsibilities and experiences working with survivors of trauma. The task forces allow for info sharing and troubleshooting which can be helpful to ensure that best practices around are being followed.

3. Emphasizing a survivor's strengths is at the root of what NewStory Center does. Each survivor works with their assigned advocate to develop goals and aspirations that will help them move toward a life of safety. The method used to establish goals varies depending on the survivor, using motivational interviewing to identify strengths to build upon. This can include general discussion, assessments, referrals to area resources, etc. Goals can be around permanent housing, gaining employment, establishing childcare, connecting with estranged family/friends, etc. Staff are trained in motivational interviewing.

4. NewStory Center works to create an environment of equity and inclusivity for all survivors and even underwent an organizational rebranding in 2017 to be more inclusive. We employ staff w/ lived experience of DV, LGBTQ+, & Category 1 homelessness. Staff offer culturally responsive services & attend training sessions led by the Federal Office of Victims of Crime, VT Center for Crime Victim Services and the VT Network, among others. Additionally, all direct service staff are members of VT Network task forces. These groups include peers with similar responsibilities and experiences working with survivors of trauma. The task forces allow for info sharing and troubleshooting which can be helpful to ensure that best practices around cultural responsiveness and inclusivity are being followed. Staff who attend training sessions are expected to bring back resources and share their experience at the following staff meeting. All staff also receive regular supervision where the topic of client interaction is regularly addressed. It is standard practice to ask the question, “who holds the privilege in this situation?” and “what can you do to minimize it?” It is not uncommon for NewStory Center staff to access Language Line to support those for whom English is not their first language.

5. NewStory Center offers a weekly DV Survivors Support Group, facilitated by NewStory Center staff. Each support group has a specific theme which rotates through physical, emotional, spiritual, and social self-care and offers an activity to help survivors process their trauma as well as connect with others. Previous

themes have included stress management, DIY healthy snacks, and affirmations for anxiety. Those residing in the residential shelter are offered a weekly house meeting facilitated by the shelter coordinator.

6. Parenting survivors are able to work with their advocate to navigate the issues they are facing as they work toward a life free of violence. This can include referrals to area parenting resources such as the Rutland County Parent Child Center, support communicating with schools, and helping parents navigate issues with the Dept of Children & Families. It is not uncommon for a NewStory Center advocate to attend a meeting with DCF at the request of the survivor parent. NewStory Center advocates are well versed in the rights and opportunities afforded under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and have supported families with ensuring their rights. Many survivors have accessed the NewStory Center Legal Assistance Project for support with child custody issues.

4A-3g.	Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

During the most recent funding year, and for funding cycles over the last decade, NewStory Center staff has provided the following supportive services to domestic violence survivors:

- LEGAL ADVOCACY:** In The Legal Coordinator/Systems Advocate provides legal advocacy for survivors who are navigating the civil &/or criminal court system. With the support from a grant from the Vermont Bar Foundation, the Legal Coordinator/Systems Advocate can make referrals for consultation with a local attorney to help with issues such as divorce & child custody. NewStory Center advocates assisted with completing civil legal forms/applications such as relief from abuse orders, stalking orders, etc. Additionally, advocates were available during stalking court hearings & relief from abuse order hearings & other criminal & civil hearings. In FY24, NewStory Center supported 205 survivors with legal advocacy services.
- EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Survivors were provided with emergency shelter while transitioning from a violent situation into permanent housing. Survivors were receiving case management that included emotional support, financial counseling, housing search & placement, etc. Most residents in the shelter also worked with the Homeless Prevention Center, the local housing service provider and CE partner. NewStory Center supported 108 households with emergency housing.
- CRISIS SERVICES:** NewStory Center ran the 24/7 crisis line that connected survivors with supportive services including emotional support, emergency housing, safety planning, & assistance with protection orders. In FY24, we received 450 calls to the crisis line.
- HOUSING SERVICES:** NewStory Center staff supported survivors as they sought permanent housing. This included completing housing assessments, application assistance, acting as a landlord liaison, & increasing financial resources. Thirty-five households transitioned to permanent housing.
- EMPLOYMENT TRAINING & SUPPORT:** Survivors participated in “Turning the Page,” an economic empowerment program offered by NewStory Center. “Turning the Page” connects survivors with career opportunities through education & apprenticeships at local businesses. Survivors also received referrals to BROCC Community Action, Vermont Department of Labor, & VocRehab to help them reach their employment goals.
- SUPPORT GROUP:** The Domestic Violence Survivors Support Group was facilitated by NewStory Center staff. Each support group had a specific theme which rotated through physical, emotional, spiritual, & social self-care & offered an activity to help survivors process their trauma as well as connect with others. Activities included stress management, DIY healthy snacks, & affirmations for anxiety.
- MEDICAL ADVOCACY:** NewStory Center provided emotional support & advocacy during sexual assault nurse exams as the local emergency department to 7 survivors. Advocates explained the process & possible next steps, as well as their individual rights, & provided emotional support. Advocates also assisted survivors with connecting with primary care physicians & mental health resources.
- FOOD PANTRY:** NewStory Center, through a longstanding partnership with the Vermont Foodbank, provided food to households in need. This included canned goods & other shelf stable provisions as well as produce & fresh food from local Vermont farms. NewStory Center also provided the tools necessary to prepare the food including can openers & microwave safe containers for those residing in motels.
- REFERRALS TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS:** NewStory Center made referrals to community partners to help meet the needs of survivors. This included health

care professionals, mental health clinicians, substance abuse disorder services, homeless service providers, pastoral care, financial assistance, &/or other culturally appropriate services. In many cases, this led to a collaborative effort to support the survivor.

•SUPPORTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT: Advocates provided supportive case management to survivors as they moved toward a life free of violence. This included emotional support, goal setting, financial education, etc.

•RELOCATION SERVICES: NewStory Center assisted survivors with relocating to safe locations where they had support systems in place. This included purchasing bus & train tickets, motel rooms, gas cards, & replacement identification as well as covering the cost of minor vehicle repairs.

4A-3h.	Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:

1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) NewStory Center (NSC) will do trauma-informed, client-led assessments. CE lead will prioritize most vulnerable, based on survivors' need for permanent housing and safety concerns. Safety will be prioritized by assessing a survivor's current vulnerability via Lethality Assessment Protocol, whether a current protection order and/or other court orders are in place, and whether an abuser is jailed. Those in immediate danger will be given shelter priority.

2) Survivors will be supported to search for available units, w/ resources like a fresh list of available units. Staff will continue to develop and maintain strong working relationships with Housing Trust of Rutland County & deepen relationships w/ private landlords so that they are made aware of open units when they become available. Staff will support the survivor to complete applications and gather necessary documents. Rental assistance can be up to 100% and will be based on a survivor's full financial picture. Financials will be reviewed monthly and adjustments to rental assistance will be made.

3 & 4) NSC will assist survivors to find housing that meets household preferences by gaining background info such as preferred neighborhood, school system, etc., & household needs by asking about household size, income, financial status, credit history, housing history, & safety needs. A survivor will never be forced to take a housing unit that does not feel safe, comfortable & in keeping w/ preferences & needs. NSC will work w/ survivors to find units that meet preferences & needs. NSC may not be able to meet every preference but every effort will be made to find the unit that feels safe & comfortable. Safety will be priority when looking at survivor needs - proximity to abuser, adequate lighting, secure entrances, off street parking, etc. Once PH is secured, NSC will refocus on stabilization services, eg financial education, employment, childcare & referrals for mental health & medical care, substance use, legal services, etc. NSC will focus heavily on engagement post-placement, encouraging participants to meet in-person with staff monthly, and more focus on financial education and empowerment, working w/ survivors to review finances and set goals. NSC will collaborate w/ Heritage Family Credit Union to offer financial wellness seminars & 1:1 financial counseling w/ Credit Union staff. NSC will devote more staff time to landlord relationships and plan qtrly check-ins to ensure landlords feel supported.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1) NSC will welcome all survivors, offering culturally responsive services by staff, some w/ lived experience. Staff will be trained by DOJ Office of Victims of Crime, VT Center for Crime Victim Services & VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, among others, & expected to share training experiences & resources w/ all NSC staff. All staff will receive regular supervision re: client interaction, always anchored by the question of who holds the privilege in the situation. NSC staff will access Language Line to support non- or limited English speaking clients. To further minimize power differentials, NSC will ensure that expectations & responsibilities of both parties are clear, using a Welcome Packet & Rental Assistance Agreement to ensure that the participant fully understands their rights & responsibilities & the grievance process. Participants, as with all survivors we serve, will be encouraged to ask questions & share feedback in an effort to make a positive experience.

2) NSC will follow a trauma-informed, survivor centered philosophy, providing resources (pamphlets, web-based resources, etc.) to survivors on how trauma can impact the mind and body, & if a survivor chooses, they can discuss the impact of their trauma during case management. NSC staff will engage in peer discussion w/ other DV/SV providers, sharing info and troubleshooting. NSC will offer supportive case management which will include an opportunity for survivors to reflect on & process trauma, share resources, & offer referrals to community partners. Trauma's impact on mind & body will be a common topic at the weekly DV Survivor Support Group facilitated by NSC staff. Staff will receive supervision & support to safely reflect on & attend to their own responses.

3) NSC's RRH project will focus on 1:1 survivor support, building on their own strengths & personal goals, to help successfully transition the survivor into permanent, safe, affordable & independent living. The program will operate with the values of social justice, personal dignity, integrity, & competence & focuses on a non-judgmental, culturally responsive, strength-based approach in working with the people we serve. Each participant will be offered supportive case management which includes referrals to other agencies & setting goals surrounding employment, education, & other client identified priorities.

4) NSC will continue to work to create an environment of equity and inclusivity by welcoming all survivors to take part in culturally responsive services offered by staff w/ lived experiences & from a range of cultural backgrounds reflective of survivors in VT. Staff will attend training sessions led by the DOJ Office of Victims of Crime, VT Center for Crime Victim Services and VT Network, among others. Additionally, all direct service staff will continue to participate in VT Network task forces. These groups include peers with similar responsibilities and experiences working with survivors of trauma. The task forces allow for info sharing and troubleshooting which can be helpful to ensure that best practices around cultural responsiveness and inclusivity are being followed. Staff who attend training sessions will be expected to bring back resources and share their experience at the following staff meeting. Questions such as, "who holds the privilege in this situation?" and "what can you do to minimize it?" will continue to be asked. NSC staff will continue to access Language Line to support those for whom English is not their first language. All staff will receive regular supervision where the topic of client interaction will be addressed.

5) RRH participants will be encouraged to participate in the weekly DV Survivors Support Group, which is facilitated by NSC staff, as well as do their

own trauma stewardship, working from resources & materials on this topic provided to all participants. Support groups each have a specific theme that rotates through physical, emotional, spiritual, & self-care needs and offer activities to help survivors process their trauma as well as connect with others. Themes include stress management, DIY healthy snacks, & affirmations for anxiety. Those residing in the residential shelter are offered a weekly house meeting facilitated by the shelter coordinator.

6) NSC will support survivors with parenting based on their individual needs, making referrals to area parenting resources such as Rutland County Parent Child Center & support parents as they communicate with schools. NSC staff are well versed in the rights & opportunities of McKinney-Vento, including the provision which allows children to attend the school of origin & that school districts must provide free transportation. Those dealing with child custody issues will be helped to access the NSC Legal Assistance Project. It is not uncommon for NSC staff to attend a meeting with DCF at the request of the survivor parent.

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	
	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	
	1. with a range of lived expertise; and	
	2. in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.	

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NewStory Center (NSC) strives to provide a safe, supportive, and effective environment for all DV/SV survivors and is deeply committed to meeting the specific needs of survivors through continuous evaluation, adaptation & collaboration. Our approach is multi-faceted, using quantitative and qualitative measures to solicit survivor feedback to measure and improve effectiveness, including:

- a) Quarterly surveys to assess the usefulness of our services and survivor knowledge of rights, safety planning, community resources.
- b) Annual in-person focus group for all participants to assess positive experiences, project effectiveness, case management needs that weren't met, and other topics.

Monthly dialogue with other DV/SV service providers in Rutland County and throughout VT about their survivor engagement and input to identify emerging issues that our quarterly and annual methods did not capture. This collaborative approach will ensure that we are aware of and can respond to the full spectrum of needs that survivors may have.

Regular staff training to stay informed about the latest best practices in trauma-informed care and support for survivors, including building skills in active listening to maximize real-time course corrections made by staff in response to hearing survivors express what gaps still need addressing, what is going well, and what tweaks to our programming could make big differences.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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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.
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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.
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 - . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Homeles...	10/28/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Moving ...	10/28/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	1D-10a. Lived Exp...	10/22/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing Fi...	10/21/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	10/21/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored For...	10/21/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	10/22/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	10/22/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Comp...	10/22/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5c. Web Postin...	10/28/2024
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5d. Notificati...	10/28/2024

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6. HUD's Homel...	10/22/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2a. Healthcare...	10/22/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
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Submission Summary

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1C. Coordination and Engagement	10/28/2024
1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd	10/28/2024
1E. Project Review/Ranking	10/28/2024
2A. HMIS Implementation	10/22/2024
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	10/22/2024
2C. System Performance	10/25/2024
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	10/22/2024
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	10/21/2024
3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	10/21/2024

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants	10/25/2024
4B. Attachments Screen	10/28/2024
Submission Summary	No Input Required

1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference

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Administrative Plan

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1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter
Attachment Coversheet

October 20, 2024

Kim Anetsberger and Jess Graff, CoC Board Co-Chairs
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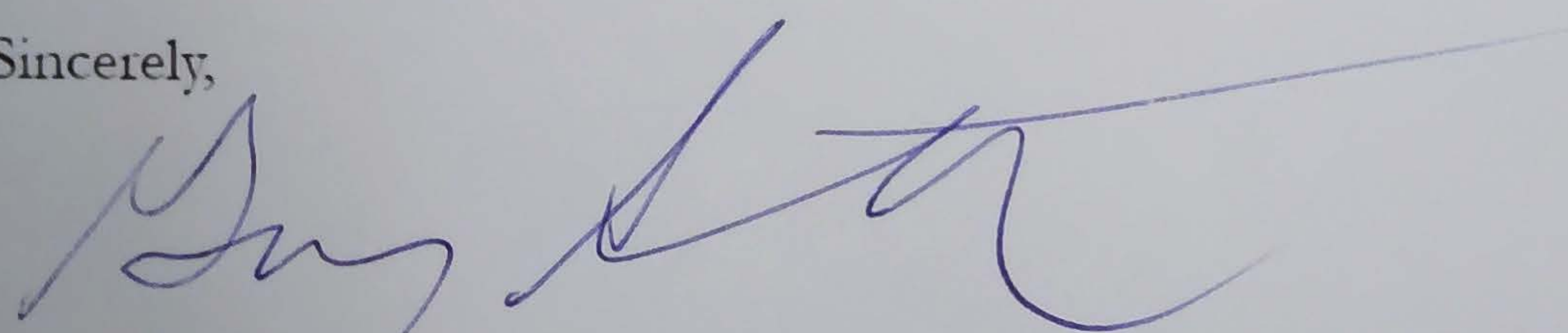
Dear VT BoS CoC Co-Chairs:

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2. Authorize Sherry Parent and Gary Stroud to sign a letter of support for VT-500 BoS CoC's application for HUD CoC funding on behalf of the Lived Experience Sub-Committee.

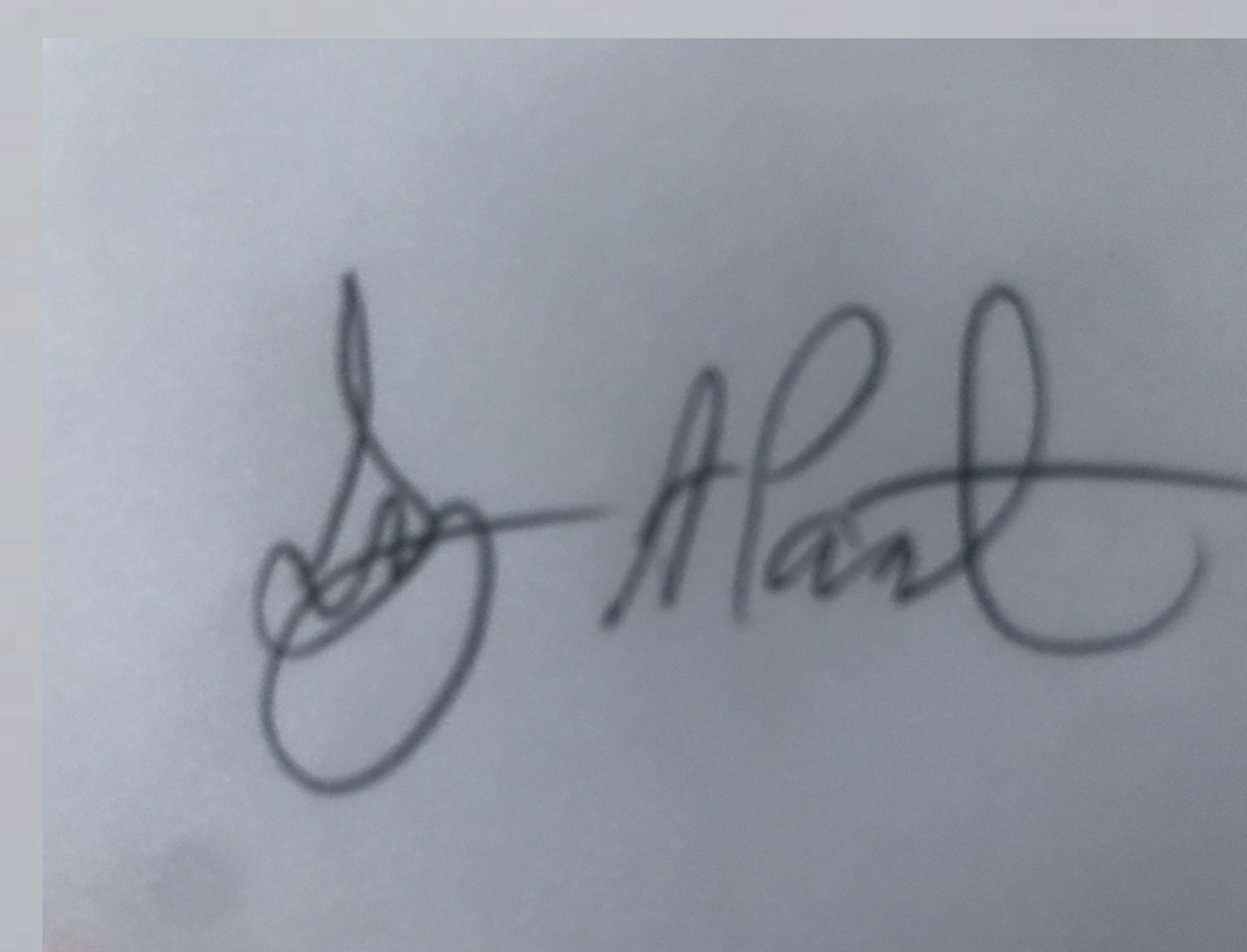
On behalf of the Sub-Committee, we look forward to continued and meaningful participation in the work of the Vermont Balance of State CoC.

Sincerely,



Sherry Parent* and Gary Stroud

Authorized Representatives for the Lived Experience Sub-Committee



*Signed electronically and compiled into a single document.

Housing First Evaluation (1D-2a)
Attachment Coversheet



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

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Provider Info tab: The Provider Information tab should be completed *prior* to beginning the assessment. Specifically, the **Project Name, Project Type, Target Sub-Population served, and Date of Assessment** fields need to be completed in order to populate the assessment standards and report summary with questions that are specific to the project type and population. Please complete this section prior to printing any standards for assessment.

Standards: The standards have been arranged into the following categories: *Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases, and Project-Specific*. The “Tab” chart at the bottom of this page describes each of the categories in more detail. Some of the categories are not applicable for all project types, and those standards do not need to be completed,

Project Type	Applicable Standards
Coordinated Entry	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Street Outreach	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Emergency Shelter	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Project-specific
Transitional Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Rapid Rehousing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Permanent Supportive Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific

Safeguarding: Please keep in mind safeguarding concerns when assessing projects. In particular, we advise Continuums of Care to work with projects with victims of domestic violence to make sure that adequate safety and confidentiality policies and practices are in place before beginning assessments.

Scoring: For each standard, there are three scoring criteria: “Say It”, “Document It”, and “Do It” (as explained further below). To show that a project is in full compliance with each standard, the assessor should mark “Always” for each scoring criteria. Use the drop down in the three columns to the right to select “Always” or “Somewhat” or “Not at

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Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as

Tab	Description	Purpose
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Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Vermont State Housing Authority
Acronym (If Applicable)	VSHA
Year Incorporated	*1968
EIN	03-0221655
Street Address	1 Prospect Street, Montpelier Vermont
Zip Code	*05602

Project Information	
Project Name	VSHA CoC-PSH "Shelter+Care/Pathways" FY24
Project Budget	749,639
Grant Number	VT0077L1T0022034
Name of Project Director	Daniel Blankenship
Project Director Email Address	daniel@vsha.org
Project Director Phone Number	802-777-4657
Which best describes the project *	Permanent Supportive Housing
<i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

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Management Information	
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Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

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Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	<p>Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable.</p> <p><i>All VSHA CoC-PSH projects strive for timely review and decisions for admissions. VSHA regularly reviews documentation requirements to reduce bureaucratic delays, developed a chronic homeless (CH) timeline chart, provided trainings to PSH providers on CH documentation, reviews documentation with each PSH provider with recommendations to ease process of documentation collection, use alternative, temporary method to document Social Security # from the State of Vermont/AHS while waiting for long response time to get SS card from SSA.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always

Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	<p>Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.</p> <p><i>The VSHA CoC-PSH (S+C PTH) provider, Pathways VT, strictly adheres to intake and assessment procedures that are person-centered and flexible. Pathways VT staff consist mostly of peers with lived experience in homelessness, mental health conditions, substance use disorders and other diverse backgrounds that informs all service provision. Pathways VT strives for flexible intake schedules within the limitations of staff availability and always completes housing plans to identify barriers and strengths for each participating household.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	<p>Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.</p> <p><i>100% of VSHA CoC-PSH projects actively participate in the CoC-designated CE process - all applications must include a CE Prioritized Referral Letter, which is completed after CE providers conduct a needs assessment in accordance with VT BoS CE policies. All CE referrals to VSHA CoC-PSH projects are approved unless the household is otherwise ineligible, no longer interested/responsive, or is violent/abusive to VSHA staff.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	<p>Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.</p> <p><i>When the local CE process became non-functional/non-responsive, VSHA worked with the CoC-PSH provider to ensure continued access to VSHA CoC-PSH projects of households with complex service needs. VSHA CoC-PSH projects work to avoid exits to homelessness for existing participants with providers supporting participants with extensive housing retention services and the VT BoS CoC working with the statewide PHA to implement a "Moving On" strategy as part of a partnership/preference with VSHA's HCV Program.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	<p>Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.</p> <p><i>The service provider (Pathways VT) provides ongoing access to life skills and other training throughout participation in the CoC-PSH (S+C PTH) program.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	<p>Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.</p> <p><i>Pathways VT incorporates peer specialists, peer-facilitated support groups, and hires peer staff who regularly inform all VSHA CoC-PSH, and mainstream, projects, including policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Once fully established by the VT BoS CoC, VSHA will work with the Committee of Persons with Lived Experience to further provide participant input.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always



Housing First Standards

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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	<p>Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party.</p> <p><i>One year lease, between each program participant and the landlord.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	<p>A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit.</p> <p><i>Participant choice is always a priority, as units are available and practical.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	<p>Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market.</p> <p><i>VSHA only utilizes leases that are standard for any standard tenant.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	<p>Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities.</p> <p><i>When needed tenants are referred to Vermont Legal Aid for assistance. Both tenants and landlords are referred to CVOEO Fair Housing Project, "Vermont Tenant & Landlord Handbook" to understand rights and responsibilities.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always

Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	<p>Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted.</p> <p><i>Ongoing Housing Retention services are provided, to both the tenant and landlord, by both VSHA CoC-PSH service provider (Pathways VT) and VSHA staff (Field Representatives, rental assistance administrators, etc.) to prevent evictions. Tenants may access Vermont Legal Aid to appeal an eviction by a landlord. Lease bifurcation is allowed and follows CoC policies and VAWA regulations.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	<p>Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit.</p> <p><i>VSHA CoC-PSH ("S+C PTH") supports the provider (Pathways VT) and tenants to retain housing when the participant leaves their unit for temporary periods (less than 90 days in accordance with CoC regulations). When the participant/tenant leaves their housing for longer periods, VSHA holds the subsidy to access at a later date, with support from the provider.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	<p>While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.</p> <p><i>When available and eligible, participants/tenants are assisted by providers to access resources to retain housing (rental arrears funding through local community action or designated mental health agency), including a rep payee, enter into payment agreements with prior PHAs or with VT State Housing Authority (CoC-PSH grantee), etc.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always



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Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	<p>Projects promote participant choice in services</p> <p>Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services.</p> <p><i>Participants are able to choose from an array of services available by the VSHA CoC-PSH service provider (Pathways VT), at minimum case management services via a written MOU with VSHA, and through referrals to community-based services as needed.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 2	<p>Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p>Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 3	<p>Service support is as permanent as the housing</p> <p>Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 4	<p>Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement</p> <p>Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always

Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them). <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices. <i>The VSHA CoC-PSH (S+C PTH) provider provides ongoing trainings with its staff on harm reduction, trauma-informed approaches, strength based and client centered practices, as well on the individualized needs of vulnerable populations (persons with disabling conditions, veterans, persons fleeing domestic and sexual violence, LGBTQ+, etc.).</i>	Always	Always	Always
	Standard	Housing Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants. <i>Termination of housing only occurs if a participant is in gross violation of their lease responsibilities and unwilling/unable to comply. Terminated participants may reapply at a future date, if eligible.</i>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/	Always	Always	Always

Optional notes here

Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets. <i>Accommodations for pets is contingent upon policies of individual private landlords and applied to all tenants.</i>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness. <i>For over 12 years, VSHA has maintains a CoC-PSH ("Shelter+Care") Transfer Plan which provides the opportunity for participants to transfer, with their S+C subsidy, to other counties within Vermont that are served by the provider (Pathways VT). Participants are also offered an opportunity to transfer to other CoC-PSH projects, with provider/VSHA assistance, or to apply for a VSHA Housing Choice Voucher "move-up" (i.e., move-on) preference.</i>	Always	Always	Always



Housing First Standards

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	Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 2	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers. <i>See section on referrals from the VT BoS CoC Coordinated Entry (i.e., Needs Assessment). CoC-PSH ("S+C PTH") always serves households with the most severe barriers and highest needs in the State of Vermont.</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 3	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
		No additional standards <i>Optional notes here</i>			

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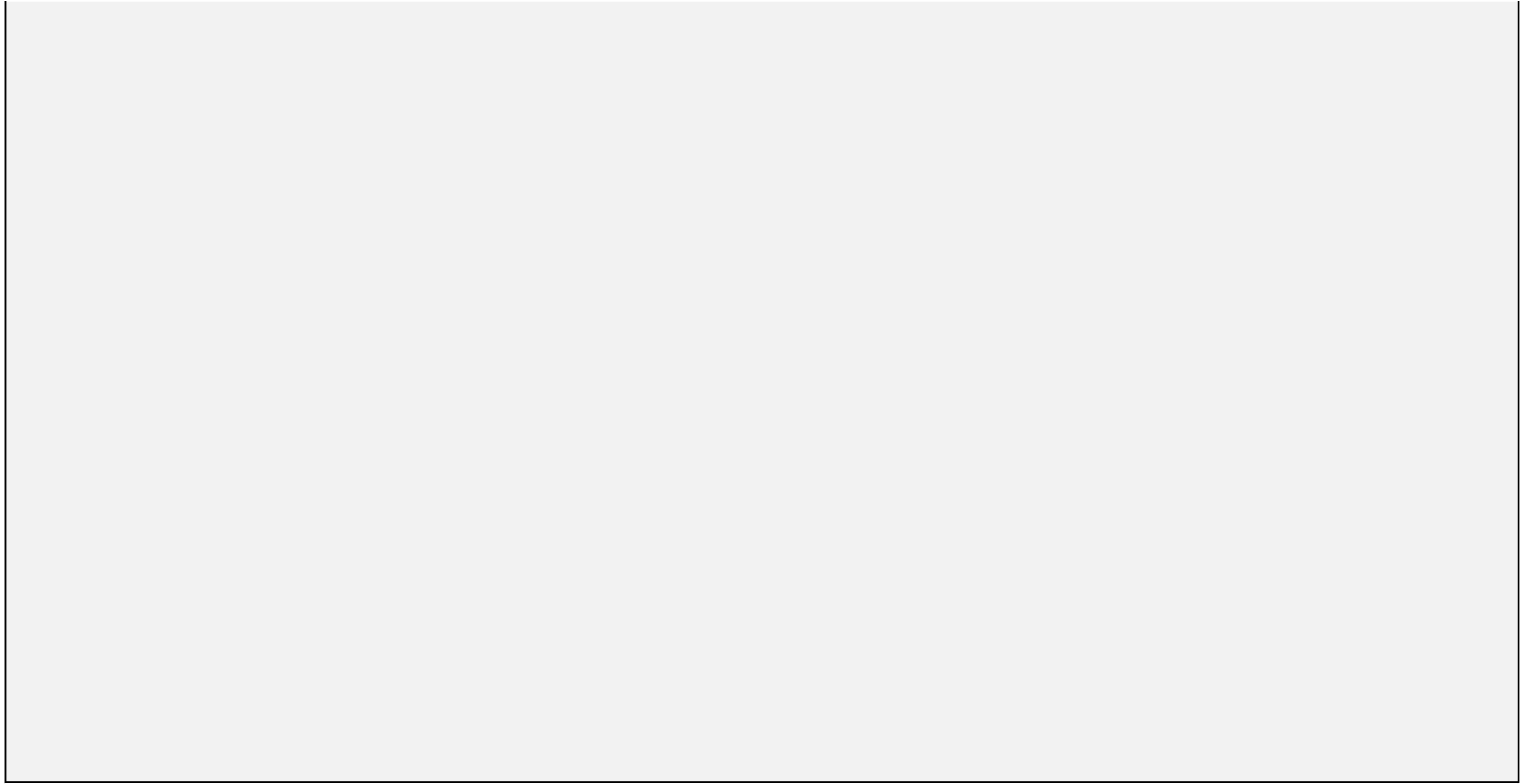
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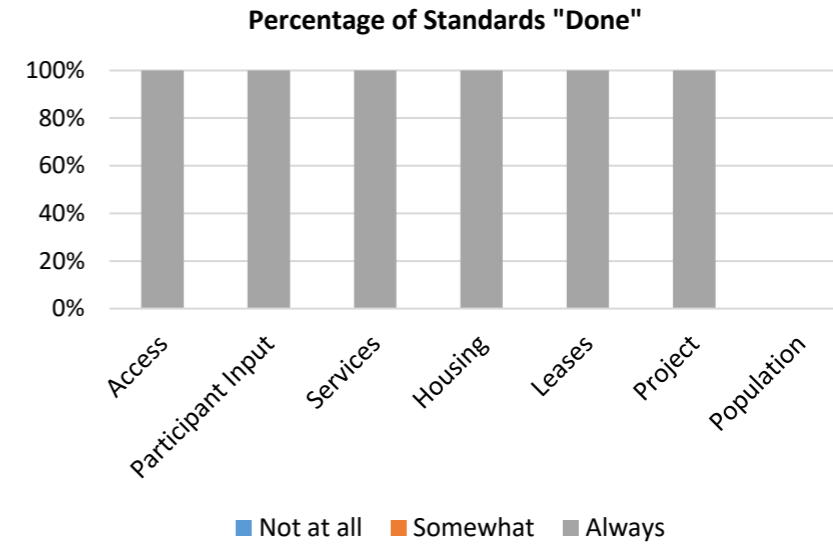
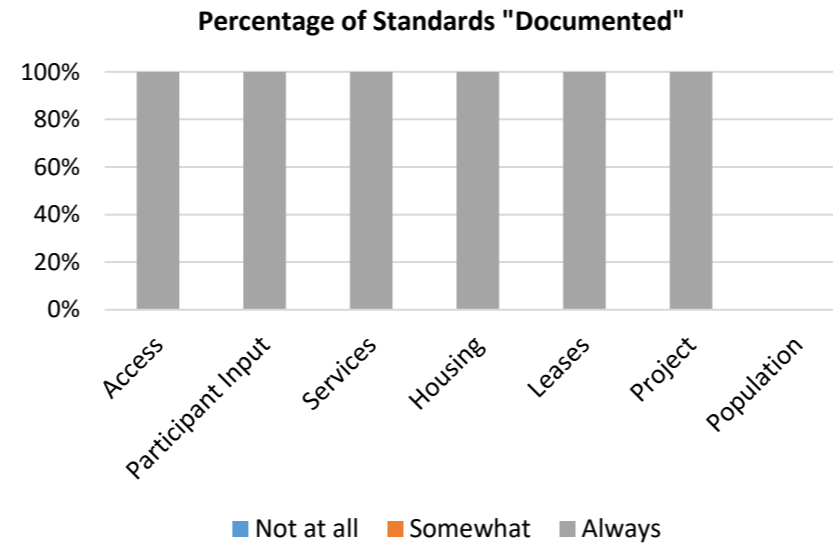
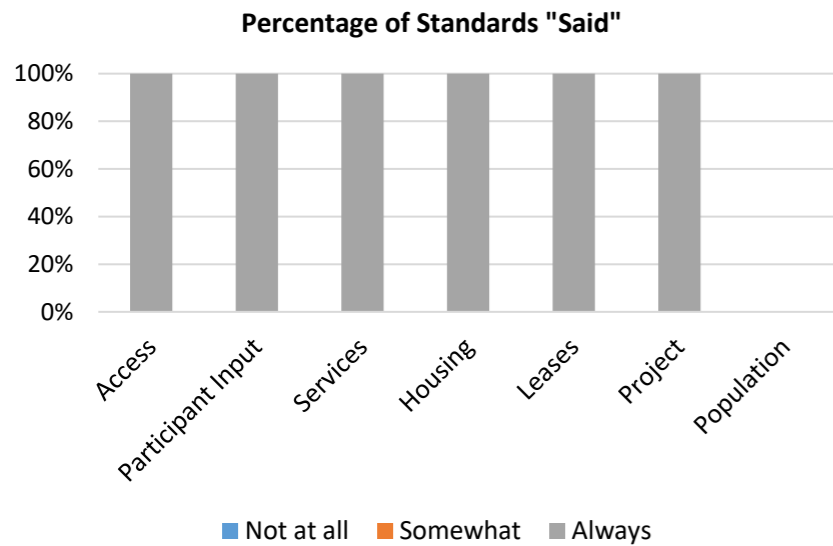
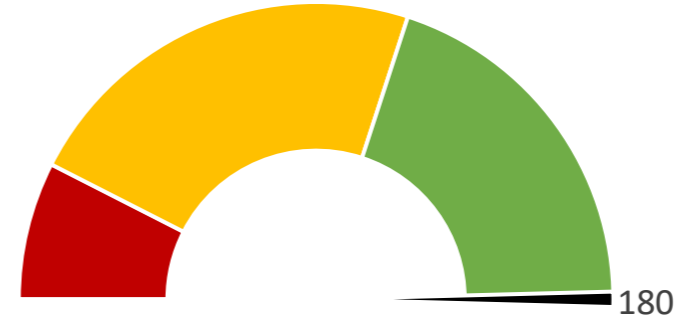
Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Vermont State Housing Authority
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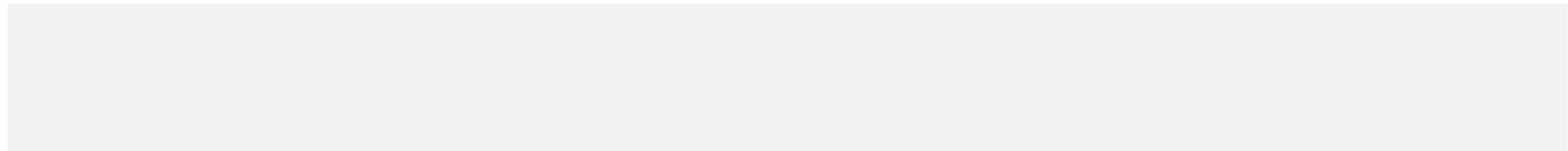
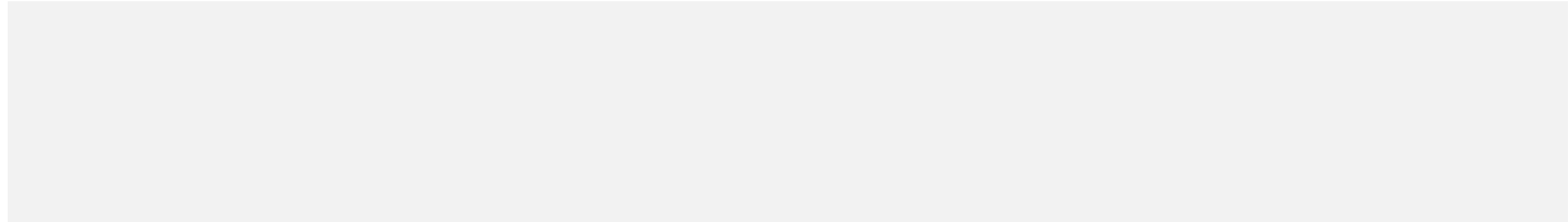
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Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered 'sometimes' and 2 points for standards answered 'always'. Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.



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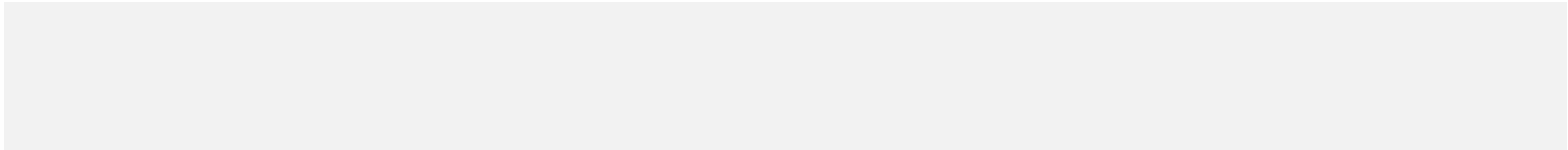
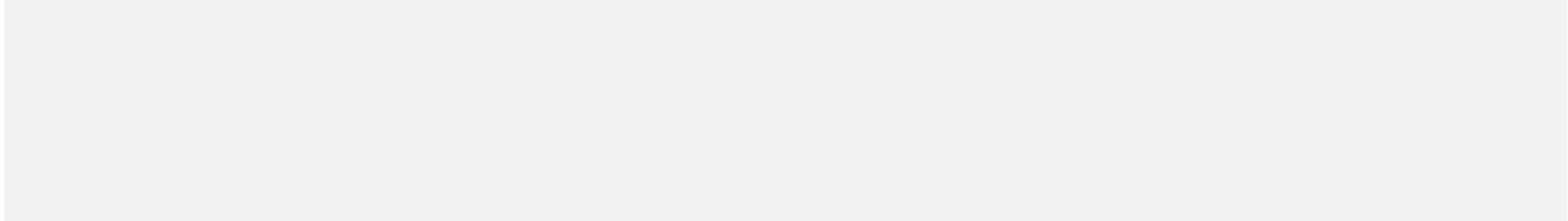


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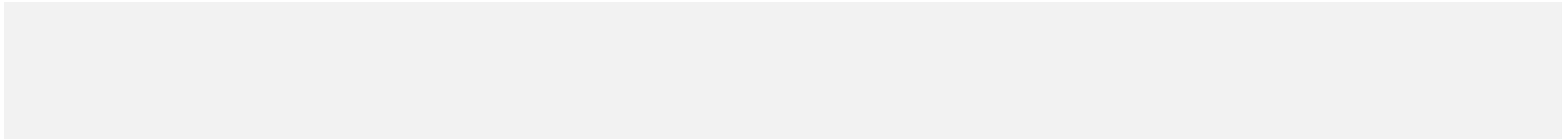
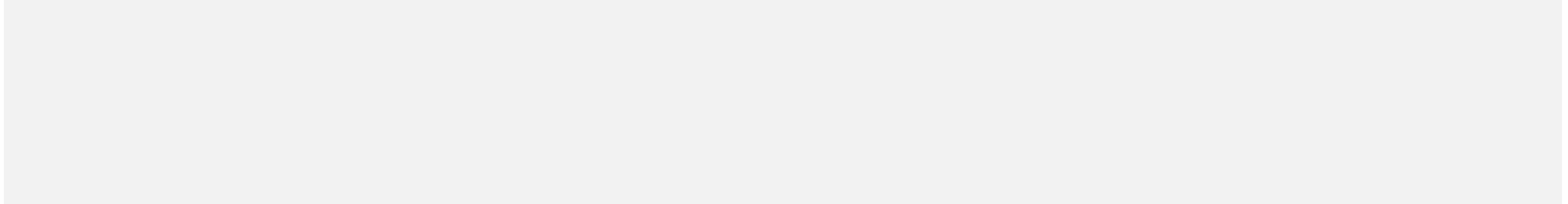


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Local Competition Scoring Tool (1E-2)

Attachment Coversheet

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FY2024 VT BoS CoC TH-RRH, RRH, and PSH RENEWAL Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: _____ Project Agency: _____

Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____

Max Points for each project	100 / 100
Max Points for Objective Criteria	100 / 100
Max points for System Performance	43 / 100
Max Points for Severe Barriers	10 / 100
DV Projects evaluated on exact same metrics as non-DV projects, based on DV APR from Comparable Database	

THRESHOLD		
Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type	Yes	No
Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type	Yes	No
Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities	Yes	No
Match is greater than or equal to 25%	Yes	No
Project agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and HMIS (or comparable DB)	Yes	No
Project agrees to use Housing First principles and be low barrier	Yes	No
IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD		

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT PERFORMANCE: PSH, RRH, TH-RRH	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability*	Points	Awarded	Source	
Occupancy/utilization. For TH-RRH, only compute for RRH portion	Avg annual	90%+ = 10 points	PSH	10		HMIS Report	
% of admissions referred from Coordinated Entry	New entries	100% = 5	PSH	5		Narrative response	Objective
% of all participant leavers who exited to homeless situations, or client doesn't know, no exit interview, or data not collected during last program year	Participants - leavers	5% or less = 8 6-10% = 5 11-15% = 2	PSH RRH TH-RRH	8		APR Q23c	Objective
% of all participants who remain in PH and/or exited to a permanent destination	All participants	95%+ = 8 90-94% = 5 85-89% = 2	PSH	8		APR Q5a.8 and Q23c	Objective
% of all participants who remain in PH and/or exited to a permanent destination	All participants	85%+ = 8 75-84% = 5 65-74% = 2	RRH TH-RRH	8		APR Q5a.8 and Q23c	Objective
% of participants who increased earned income between program entry to reassessment or exit	All participants	20%+ = 5 10-19% = 2 <10% = 0	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR Q19a1 and 19a2	Objective
% of participants who EITHER increased their non-employment income OR obtained at least one non-cash benefit from program entry to reassessment or exit	All participants	45%+ = 5 30-44% = 2 <30% = 0	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR 17 (include all unearned income categories) & Q20a (any increase in any category)	Objective
Average days from project entry to residential move-in	All participants	30 days or less = 9 31-60 days = 5 61-90 = 2	PSH RRH TH-RRH	9		APR Q22C	Objective
100% of individuals or families are experiencing chronic homelessness or meet the DedicatedPLUS designation	All participants	100% = 10	PSH	10		APR Q5.1 and Q5.12 + Narrative	Objective
PROJECT PERFORMANCE TOTAL: RRH AND TH-RRH				50	0		
PROJECT PERFORMANCE TOTAL: PSH				50	0		

*No TH in CoC

PRIORITIZING PEOPLE WITH SEVERE NEEDS AND VULNERABILITIES: PSH, RRH, TH-RRH	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	
% of participants who had zero income at entry	New entries during last program year	30%+ = 5 20-29% = 2	PSH RRH TH-RRH	5		APR Q18	Objective
% of new admissions during last program year with 2+ disabling conditions: Physical disability, developmental disability, chronic health, HIV-AIDS, mental health, substance use, or survivor of domestic violence	New entries during last program year	50%+ = 5	PSH	5		APR Q14b, Q13a2, b2, c2	Objective
% of new admissions during last program year with 2+ disabling conditions: Physical disability, developmental disability, chronic health, HIV-AIDS, mental health, substance use, or survivor of domestic violence	New entries during last program year	20%+ = 5	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR Q14b, Q13a2, b2, c2	Objective
PRIORITIZATION TOTAL: RRH AND TH-RRH				10	0		
PRIORITIZATION TOTAL: PSH				10	0		

VTHMIS/COMPARABLE DATABASE DATA QUALITY	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	
HMIS Universal Data Quality (includes ALL renewal projects, including Victim Service Providers. Excludes first-time renewals or projects without one full operating year)	All participants	95%+ = 10 85-94% = 7 75-84% = 3 <75% = 0	PSH RRH TH-RRH	10		APR Q6b	Objective
HMIS Data Quality Chronic Homelessness: 3.917 completeness	All participants	95%+ = 5 85-94% = 2 <85% = 0	PSH	5		APR Q6d	Objective
If project is a first time renewal or has not completed a full operating year, award full points.			PSH RRH TH-RRH	15		n/a	Objective
HMIS Data Quality: Timeliness (1-3 days)	Program entry and exits during last program year	% Project Start and Project Exit Records completed within 0-3 days	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR Q6e	Objective
DATA QUALITY TOTAL: RRH AND TH-RRH				15	0		
DATA QUALITY TOTAL: PSH				15	0		

GRANT HEALTH / MONITORING	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	
Drawdown at least every 60 days		Full points if 60 day	PSH	5		ELOCCS	Objective
Recaptured funds is less than 10% of total award		<10% = 5	PSH	5		ELOCCS	Objective
Cost effectiveness per unit/year (Total HUD CoC funds/number of units)			PSH	5			Objective
GRANT HEALTH / MONITORING TOTAL				15	0		

EQUITY	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	
Exits to permanent housing are equitable across all represented races and ethnicities in VT BoS. Narrative should describe efforts to combat inequities if they exist and may include descriptions of external factors that the agency is trying to influence.	Participants who exited during last program year	APR shows equitable exits to permanent destination by race/ethnicity AND narrative addresses external factors	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2		APR Q23e & Narrative	Objective
Agency performance on length of time between project start and housing move-in (and exited w/o move-in) is equitable across all represented races and ethnicities in VT BoS. Narrative should describe efforts to combat inequities if they exist and may include descriptions of external factors that the agency is trying to influence.	New entries during last program year	APR shows equitable median LOT AND narrative addresses external factors	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2		APR Q22f & Narrative	Objective
Please describe the diversity of your Board of Directors and agency leadership and management. Describe how your current composition adequately represents the community(s) you're serving? Responses may include target populations such as survivors of gender-based violence, Veterans, young people, and other key lived experiences for your program.	N/A	Meets the heart of the intent -- that there are critical perspectives incorporated in Board and staff	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2		Application Narrative	Objective
Agency has a relational (not transactional) process for soliciting and incorporating feedback from Vermonters with lived experiences of being without housing.	N/A	Relational (2) = Focus groups, exit interviews, community gatherings. Transactional (1) = Surveys, polls, complaint boxes	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2		Application Narrative	Objective
Agency reviews disaggregated participant outcomes to understand how race, ethnicity, gender, age, and language spoken (and the intersections between them) impact households' experience of the project, looking for patterns and trends to understand where the agency needs to improve their cultural or linguistic competency.	N/A	Evidence of review and use of data by one or more roles within the organization.	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2		Application Narrative	Objective
EQUITY TOTAL				10	0		

FINAL SCORE: TH-RRH & RRH	100	0	
FINAL SCORE: PSH	100	0	

CoC Ranking Team comments:

FY2024 VT BoS CoC SSO-CE & HMIS RENEWAL Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: _____ Project Agency: _____

Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____

THRESHOLD		
Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type	Yes	No
Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities	Yes	No
Match is greater than or equal to 25%	Yes	No
IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD		

No scoring for SSO-CE and HMIS. Automatically placed in Tier 1.

FY24 VT BoS CoC NEW TH-RRH, RRH, PSH Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: _____ Project Agency: _____
 Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____

	SELECT ONE	
THRESHOLD - ALL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS		
Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type (HUD definition: Category 1 or 4)	Yes	No
Project certifies it will use HMIS or, if VSP, VT BoS CoC's comparable database for survivors of domestic violence	Yes	No
Project certifies it will follow Coordinated Entry policies and procedures, including taking 100% of its referrals from CE	Yes	No
Project certifies it will use Housing First and a low-barrier approach	Yes	No
Agency has no outstanding delinquent federal debts; no debarments and/or suspensions from doing business with the federal government	Yes	No
Agency has an accounting system that meets federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302	Yes	No
Project certifies it will comply with HUD's Equal Access and Fair Housing Rules and commit to ongoing training on both regulations that include implementation strategies	Yes	No
No more than 10% of the total CoC program budget is for administrative costs	Yes	No
All matching funds are CoC eligible expenses	Yes	No
Budget includes only eligible costs for the project type	Yes	No
Project applicant and subrecipient(s) are eligible entities	Yes	No
All CoC funds requested are matched with an amount that is at least 25% of the CoC funds requested (excluding any amount in the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources	Yes	No
IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD		

Maximum Points	135
Maximum Objective Points	135
Maximum System Performance Points	0
Maximum Severe Barrier Points	10

*No prior performance to base on

SCORING CRITERIA - ALL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS	Possible Points	Awarded Points
Project description demonstrates that Housing First Philosophy and low barrier approach are understood. Description includes a project-specific plan to implement Housing First and low barrier approaches.	10	
Project description demonstrates relevant experience with the proposed project type and population OR other relevant/related supportive service expertise, especially with housing insecure or homeless households. If no experience with the project type but experience with population, award 5 points. If experience with both, award 10 points. If neither, award 0 points.	10	
Applicant demonstrates past/current management of state/federal funds and leveraging other funding.	5	
Applicant describes an organizational infrastructure and administrative/financial capacity that is sufficient to deliver the project as proposed	5	
Applicant describes types of collaboration and who community partners are, to expand resources available to clients within the program	5	
Applicant is engaging in equity-oriented efforts, as evidenced by at least ONE of the following indicators: a) Have community partnerships with organizations led by and/or explicitly serving historically marginalized racial, ethnic, or LGBTQ communities; b) Applicant agency is led by persons identifying with one or more historically marginalized racial, ethnic, or LGBTQ communities; or c) Applicant agency explicitly serves historically marginalized racial, ethnic, or LGBTQ communities.	5	
Description of program design includes: Evidence that program design is accessible and appropriate to the project proposed and fits the needs of the target population, including that the type, scale, and location of housing is adequate to meet the needs of the program participants described to be served (4) Evidence of meaningful evaluation, e.g. agency evaluates their programs using performance data, client perspectives, or other evaluation methods (2) Evidence of cultural/linguistic competency, e.g. multilingual staff, LGBTQ competency trainings, translation services available, or other evidence (2) Articulation of program's core outcomes, e.g., stable housing, education, employment, social-emotional wellbeing/community connections) (2)	10	
Applicant describes how it will incorporate lived experience of homelessness in: Organizational governance (2) Program design and implementation (including staffing) (4) Evaluation/improvement (2) Includes discussion of compensation for expertise if that is applicable within the program. If not applicable, award points (2)	10	
Timeframe is reasonable to plan and implement the project (5) Quality staffing plan is sufficient to implement proposed activities and includes justification of caseload range for each direct services position, including strategies to ensure staff have lived experience of homelessness and/or reflect the identities of prioritized populations (5)	10	
Proposed Supportive Services are adequate to support the target population (5) Strategies to serve priority subpopulations are described (5)	10	
Costs are reasonable, competitive, and activities listed are eligible. NOTE: the Scoring and Ranking Committee may tentatively approve a project with suggested budget changes. Standard for cost effectiveness = \$15,000 per unit per year.	10	
Application includes at least one letter of support from a collaborating agency	10	
BONUS POINTS		
Project description provides evidence that housing units are already secured	5	
Housing leverage – the applicant demonstrates WITH DOCUMENTATION that it has leveraged housing assistance from sources other than CoC or ESG to include at least 25% of the units included in the project for PSH or at least 25% of the projected participants for RRH	10	
Healthcare Leverage – the applicant demonstrates WITH DOCUMENTATION that it has a commitment from a substance use treatment provider to provide access to care for all program participants who qualify and choose those services or a healthcare organization will commit to funding at least 25% of the funds requested through mainstream healthcare resources (10 points)	10	
Aging focus – the applicant commits to serving persons who are 55+ and experiencing homelessness and demonstrates WITH DOCUMENTATION that it has a commitment from at least one Vermont organization primarily serving persons age 55+, to provide access to care for all program participants who qualify and choose those services	10	
FINAL SCORE (ALL HOUSING TYPES)	135	0

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CoC Scoring Committee Member comments:

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FY24 VT BoS CoC NEW SSO-CE & HMIS Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: _____ Project Agency: _____
 Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____

	Max Points	Max Objective Points	Max System Performance Points	Max Severe Barrier Points
SSO-CE Expansion	105	105	50	5
HMIS Expansion	100	100	n/a	10

THRESHOLD - NEW SSO-CE / HMIS PROJECTS	Yes	No
Project description includes how the additional funding will improve the Coordinated Entry system or HMIS. If applying under DV bonus, description includes how the funding will improve access for survivors	Yes	No
Agency has no outstanding delinquent federal debts; no debarments and/or suspensions from doing business with the federal government	Yes	No
Agency has an accounting system that meets federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302	Yes	No
Project certifies it will comply with HUD's Equal Access and Fair Housing Rules and commit to ongoing training on both regulations that include implementation strategies	Yes	No
No more than 10% of the total CoC program budget is for administrative costs	Yes	No
All matching funds are CoC eligible expenses	Yes	No
Budget includes only eligible costs for the project type	Yes	No
Project applicant and subrecipient(s) are eligible entities	Yes	No
All CoC funds requested are matched with an amount that is at least 25% of the CoC funds requested (excluding any amount in the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources	Yes	No
IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD		

SCORING CRITERIA FOR BOTH SSO-CE AND HMIS PROJECTS	Possible Points	Awarded Points
Audit – no issues or findings with most recent audit	5	
Match – source of match is documented and realistic	5	
Costs requested are reasonable allocable, and allowable	10	
Project plan demonstrates that project can be rapidly implemented	10	
At least 95% of prior grant funds expended	10	
No unresolved monitoring findings from HUD or VT BOS CoC	10	
Subtotal	50	0

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SCORING CRITERIA FOR SSO-CE PROJECTS	Possible Points	Awarded Points
Applicant demonstrates its experience operating coordinated entry, including the ability to promptly make referrals to available housing interventions.	20	
Applicant describes how the project will reduce time from referral to housing provider to placement in housing	10	
Applicant describes how the project will increase CE system access	10	
Applicant describes how the project will reduce "rejected" or unsuccessful referrals from CE to housing providers, i.e. referrals that don't result in a housing placement	10	
BONUS POINTS		
Project explicitly increases CE access for historically marginalized racial, ethnic, or LGBTQ communities	5	
Subtotal	55	0

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SCORING CRITERIA FOR HMIS PROJECTS	Possible Points	Awarded Points
Applicant describes how the project will result in at least two outcomes listed below (10 pts for each outcome): Improvements in data quality Improvements in training and support to agencies providing data in HMIS Enhanced data visualization Improved reporting to system stakeholders	20	
Systemwide UDEs null/unknown error rate of: Less than 10% (10) Less than 15% (5) Greater than 15% (0)	10	
HMIS score on HMIS related factors in 2023 CoC Application 85%-100% of possible HMIS points (10) 60-84% of possible HMIS points (5) Less than 60% of possible HMIS points (0)	10	
Applicant describes how the project will result in regular reporting to VT BoS CoC on disaggregated outcomes data (by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and age) to inform decision making	10	
Subtotal	50	0
HMIS FINAL SCORE	100	0
SSO-CE FINAL SCORE	105	0

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CoC Scoring Committee Member comments:

Scored Forms for One Project (1E-2a)
Attachment Coversheet

FY2024 VT BoS CoC RENEWAL Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: BraHA2023 Agency: Brattleboro Housing Authority

THRESHOLD	Yes	No	Max Points	Max	BHA Points
Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type	Yes	No	100	100	70
Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type	Yes	No	100	100	70
Project applicant and subrecipient are eligible entities	Yes	No	43	43	16
Match is greater than or equal to 25%	Yes	No	10	10	7
Project agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry System and HMIS (or comparable DB)	Yes	No			
Project agrees to use Housing First principles and be low barrier	Yes	No			
IF ANY ANSWERS ARE 'NO' PROJECT DOES NOT MEET THRESHOLD					

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT PERFORMANCE: PSH, RRH, TH-RRH	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	APR Data
Occupancy/utilization. For TH-RRH, only compute for RRH portion	Avg annual utilization rate (based on bed utilization)	90%+ = 10 points 80-89% = 5 points 70-79% = 2 points	PSH RRH TH-RRH	10	5	HMIS Report	Quarterly PITs (13*14+14*13 / 4 = 13.5) 13.5 / 17 (HIC) = 79.4%, Rounded up to 80%
% of admissions referred from Coordinated Entry	New entries during last program year	100% = 5 < 100% = 0	PSH RRH TH-RRH	5	0	Narrative response compared with APR Q5.2 (Total Served)	8 referrals from CE; APR shows 21 served
% of all participant leavers who exited to homeless situations, or client doesn't know, no exit interview, or data not collected during last program year	Participants - leavers	5% or less = 8 6-10% = 5 11-15% = 2	PSH RRH TH-RRH	8	8	APR Q23c	0% (column W from APR Data v2)
% of all participants who remain in PH and/or exited to a permanent destination	All participants	95%+ = 8 90-94% = 5 85-89% = 2	PSH	8	8	APR Q5a.8 and Q23c	95.24% (column AV from APR Data v2)
% of all participants who remain in PH and/or exited to a permanent destination	All participants	85%+ = 8 75-84% = 5 65-74% = 2	RRH TH-RRH	8		APR Q5a.8 and Q23c	
% of participants who increased earned income between program entry to reassessment or exit	All participants	20%+ = 5 10-19% = 2 <10% = 0	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR Q19a1 and 19a2	
% of participants who EITHER increased their non-employment income OR obtained at least one non-cash benefit from program entry to reassessment or exit	All participants	45%+ = 5 30-44% = 2 <30% = 0	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR 17 (include all unearned income categories) & Q20a (any increase in any category)	
Average days from project entry to residential move-in	All participants	30 days or less = 9 31-60 days = 5 61-90 = 2	PSH RRH TH-RRH	9	0	APR Q22C	127 (column AS)
100% of individuals or families are experiencing chronic homelessness or meet the DedicatedPLUS designation	All participants	100% = 10	PSH	10	10	APR Q5.1 and Q5.12 + Narrative	100% Dedicated Plus (esnaps)
PROJECT PERFORMANCE TOTAL: PSH				50	31		

PRIORITIZING PEOPLE WITH SEVERE NEEDS AND VULNERABILITIES: PSH, RRH, TH-RRH	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	APR Data
% of participants who had zero income at entry	New entries during last program year	30%+ = 5 20-29% = 2	PSH RRH TH-RRH	5	2	APR Q18	22.22% (Column Z)
% of new admissions during last program year with 2+ disabling conditions: Physical disability, developmental disability, chronic health, HIV-AIDS, mental health, substance use, or survivor of domestic violence	New entries during last program year	50%+ = 5	PSH	5	5	APR Q14b, Q13a2, b2, c2	52.38% (Column AV)
% of new admissions during last program year with 2+ disabling conditions: Physical disability, developmental disability, chronic health, HIV-AIDS, mental health, substance use, or survivor of domestic violence	New entries during last program year	20%+ = 5	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR Q14b, Q13a2, b2, c2	
PRIORITIZATION TOTAL: PSH				10	7		

VT HMIS/COMPARABLE DATABASE DATA QUALITY	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	APR Data
HMIS Universal Data Quality (Includes ALL renewal projects, including Victim Service Providers. Excludes first-time renewals or projects without one full operating year)	All participants	95%+ = 10 85-94% = 7 75-84% = 3 <75% = 0	PSH RRH TH-RRH	10	10	APR Q6b	0% error rate (Column AG)
HMIS Data Quality Chronic Homelessness: 3.917 completeness	All participants	95%+ = 5 85-94% = 2 <85% = 0	PSH	5	5	APR Q6d	0% error rate (Column AQ)
<i>If project is a first-time renewal or has not completed a full operating year, award full points.</i>			PSH RRH TH-RRH	5		n/a	
HMIS Data Quality: Timeliness (1-3 days)	Program entry and exits during last program year	% Project Start and Project Exit Records completed within 0-3 days	RRH TH-RRH	5		APR Q6e	
DATA QUALITY TOTAL: PSH				15	15		


GRANT HEALTH / MONITORING	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	APR Data
Drawdown at least every 60 days		Full points if 60 day drawdown is met	PSH RRH TH-RRH	5	5	ELOCCS	
Recaptured funds is less than 10% of total award		<10% = 5 <15% = 3 <20% = 1	PSH RRH TH-RRH	5	5	ELOCCS	
Cost effectiveness per unit/year (Total HUD CoC funds/number of units)		Fully leveraged services = 5 <\$7500/unit service cost = 5 \$7501-9000/unit service cost = 2 >9000 = 0	PSH RRH TH-RRH	5	5	Renewal Application Budget	\$13,391 per unit, RA only (fully leveraged services)
GRANT HEALTH / MONITORING TOTAL				15	15		

EQUITY	Universe	Scoring Schema	Program Applicability	Points	Awarded	Source	APR Data
Exits to permanent housing are equitable across all represented races and ethnicities in VT BoS. Narrative should describe efforts to combat inequities if they exist and may include descriptions of external factors that the agency is trying to influence.	Participants who exited during last program year	APR shows equitable exits to permanent destination by race/ethnicity AND narrative addresses external factors	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2	0	APR Q23e & Narrative	
Agency performance on length of time between project start and housing move-in (and exited w/o move-in) is equitable across all represented races and ethnicities in VT BoS. Narrative should describe efforts to combat inequities if they exist and may include descriptions of external factors that the agency is trying to influence.	New entries during last program year	APR shows equitable median LOT AND narrative addresses external factors	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2	0	APR Q22f & Narrative	
Please describe the diversity of your Board of Directors and agency leadership and management. Describe how your current composition adequately represents the community(s) you're serving? Responses may include target populations such as survivors of gender-based violence, Veterans, young people, and other key lived experiences for your program.	N/A	Meets the heart of the intent -- that there are critical perspectives incorporated in Board and staff	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2	2	Application Narrative	
Agency has a relational (not transactional) process for soliciting and incorporating feedback from Vermonters with lived experiences of being without housing.	N/A	Relational (2) = Focus groups, exit interviews, community gatherings. Transactional (1) = Surveys, polls, complaint boxes	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2	0	Application Narrative	Unresponsive to formal feedback processes
Agency reviews disaggregated participant outcomes to understand how race, ethnicity, gender, age, and language spoken (and the intersections between them) impact households' experience of the project, looking for patterns and trends to understand where the agency needs to improve their cultural or linguistic competency.	N/A	Evidence of review and use of data by one or more roles within the organization.	PSH RRH TH-RRH	2	0	Application Narrative	Unresponsive to question
EQUITY TOTAL				10	2		

FINAL SCORE: PSH				100	70	
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CoC Ranking Team comments:

Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced (1E-5)
Attachment Coversheet

From: Molly Shimko MShimko@hnav.org 
Subject: FY24 CoC Program Project Final Funding Notice - Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care
Date: October 7, 2024 at 5:11 PM
To: Kisler, Ari Ari.Kisler@vermont.gov, Sojourner, Lily lily.sojourner@vermont.gov



Hi Ari & Lily,

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Thank you so much!

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October 7, 2024

Lily Sojourner & Ari Kisler
Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity
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Waterbury, VT 05671

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EXPANSION PROJECT PROPOSALS

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Amount to be Requested from HUD \$245,685

Rank #11 out of 13

Full Award – Project amount was reduced from the initial request of \$1,032,221 in local competition, due to rank order and available amount for expanded activities under CoC Bonus



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SSO-CE: Coordinated Entry Partnership Combined – DV Expansion

Amount to be Requested from HUD \$185,371

Rank #13 out of 13

Reduced Award – Project amount was reduced from the initial request of \$222,236 in local competition, due to rank order and available amount for expanded activities under DV Bonus


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Sincerely,

Molly Davis Shimko

Molly Shimko
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Subject: FY24 CoC Program Project Final Funding Notice - Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care
Date: October 8, 2024 at 4:58 PM
To: David DeAngelis ddeangelis@brattleborohousing.org



Hi David,

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PO Box 2275
Brattleboro, VT 05303

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RENEWAL PROJECT PROPOSAL

PSH: "BRAHA FY24 (RNW)"

Amount to be Requested from HUD \$277,606

Rank #4 out of 13 (70 out of 100 total points)

Full Award – Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal activities

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Vermont Coalition to
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From: Molly Shimko MShimko@hnav.org 

Subject: FY24 CoC Program Project Final Funding Notice - Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

Date: October 7, 2024 at 5:09 PM

To: Adam Smith adam.smith@icalliances.org, Meghan Morrow Raftery meghan.morrow@icalliances.org

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Hi Adam & Meghan,

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Adam Smith
Institute for Community Alliances
1111 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50314

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Dear Adam,

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RENEWAL PROJECT PROPOSALS

HMIS: HMIS Renewal

Amount to be Requested from HUD \$109,382

Rank #7 out of 12 (not scored per CoC policy)


Full Award – Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal activities

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Molly Shimko, CoC Program Director

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Subject: FY24 CoC Program Project Final Funding Notice - Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care
Date: October 7, 2024 at 5:11 PM
To: Jennifer Yakunovich jyakunovich@nscvt.org



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Jennifer Yakunovich, Development Director
NewStory Center
PO Box 313
Rutland, VT 05702

Re. FFY24 CoC Funding Notice, Vermont Balance of State

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RENEWAL PROJECT PROPOSAL

NewStory Center (RNW)

Amount to be Requested from HUD \$148,759

Rank #3 out of 13 (72 out 100 total points)

Full Award – Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal project activities.

NEW/EXPANSION PROJECT

NewStory Center (EXP)

Amount to be Requested from HUD \$234,105

Rank #12 out of 13 (86 out 135 total points)

Full Award – Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal project activities.




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Amount to be Requested from HUD \$185,371

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CoC Program Director

From: Molly Shimko MShimko@hnav.org 
Subject: FY24 CoC Program Project Final Funding Notice - Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care
Date: October 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM
To: Daniel Blankenship daniel@vsha.org



Hi Daniel,

Please see attached for final FY24 project funding,

Thank you so much!

Molly

Molly Davis Shimko
CoC Program Director
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VSHA Final FY24.pdf





Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

Sent Electronically

October 7, 2024

Daniel Blankenship
Vermont State Housing Authority
1 Prospect Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Re. FFY24 CoC Funding Notice, Vermont Balance of State

Dear Daniel,

Thank you for submitting your FFY24 CoC project proposal for funding to be considered by the VT Balance of State Continuum of Care. This letter serves as final notification to VT Balance of State CoC programs accepted as part of the 2024 HUD CoC Program Competition, including the rank order of your project, score details, and recommended funding. No projects are being rejected, though some projects are being reduced, as the rank order shows. A query was submitted by a project applicant that triggered a reassessment of our CoC ranking policy and final ranking order. This rank order was created by the Ranking Committee on behalf of the VT BoS CoC and finalized on 10/4/24 with the determination of your proposal based upon updated CoC-approved policies, scoring tools and HUD priorities with objective data derived from APRs, eLOCCS, and other sources.

All results are posted publicly on the CoC website. [View here.](#)

See the original RFP posted on HHAV's website for more information. Please proceed with filling out all necessary screens in e-snaps for this project, but **do not submit in e-snaps until you are notified to do so.**

RENEWAL PROJECT PROPOSALS

PSH: VSHA COC-PSH (PTH) FY24 (RNW)

- **Amount to be Requested from HUD \$1,078,481**
- **Rank #2** out of 13 (73 out of 100 total points)
- **Ranked in Tier 1** in accordance with the CoC's ranking policy
- **Full Award** – Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal activities

PSH: VSHA COC-PSH ("AWH") FY24 (RNW)

- **Amount to be Requested from HUD \$703,980**
- **Rank #5** out of 13 (65 out of 100 total points)
- **Ranked in Tier 1** in accordance with the CoC's ranking policy
- **Full Award** - Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal activities



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PSH: VSHA COC-PSH (S+C) FY24 (RNW)

- **Amount to be Requested from HUD \$852,125**
- **Rank #8 & #9** (Straddle Project) out of 13 (56 out of 100 total points)
- **Ranked in Tier 1 and 2** in accordance with the CoC's ranking policy.
- **Full Award** - Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal activities. \$415,960 is placed in Tier 1. \$436,165 is placed in Tier 2.

EXPANSION PROJECT PROPOSAL

PSH: VSHA COC-PSH (PTH) FY24 (Reallocation/Expansion/NEW)


- **Amount to be Requested from HUD \$350,944**
- **Rank #1** out of 13 (105 out of 135 total points)
- **Ranked in Tier 1** in accordance with the CoC's ranking policy
- **Full Award** – Project was fully awarded eligible amount for new project activities

I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

Molly Davis Shimko

Molly Shimko
CoC Program Director

From: Molly Shimko MShimko@hnav.org 
Subject: FY24 CoC Program Project Final Funding Notice - Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care
Date: October 7, 2024 at 5:04 PM
To: Alycia Post Alycia.Post@wcmhs.org, Lisa Lord lisa@recoveryvermont.org



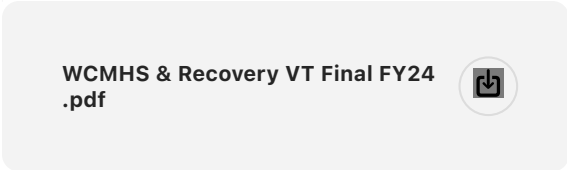
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Sent Electronically

October 7, 2024

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Montpelier, VT 05601

Lisa Lord, Interim Executive Director
Recovery Vermont/VAMHAR
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Dear Alycia and Lisa,

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NEW/EXPANSION PROJECT

WCMHS/Recovery Vermont Low Barrier RRH (NEW)

Amount to be Requested from HUD \$400,000

Rank #10 out of 13 (104 out 135 total points)

Ranked in Tier 2 in accordance with the CoC's ranking policy

Full Award – Project was fully awarded eligible amount for renewal project activities

I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

Molly Davis Shimko

Molly Shimko, CoC Program Director

1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results
Attachment Coversheet

VT-500 - VT BoSCoC FY2024 CoC Program Project Ranking Oct. 7, 2024

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated Funds	Score	Rank	New/Renew/Expand/Reallocate	Status	Tier
Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA)	VSHA CoC-Permanent Supportive Housing "Pathways Vermont" (VSHA CoC-PSH "PTH")	\$350,944	\$350,944	105	1	Expansion/Reallocation	Accepted	1
Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA)	VSHA CoC-Permanent Supportive Housing "Pathways Vermont" (VSHA CoC-PSH "PTH")	\$1,078,481		73	2	Renew	Accepted	1
NewStory Center	NewStory Center	\$148,759		72	3	Renew	Accepted	1
Brattleboro Housing Authority	BRAHA FY23	\$277,606		70	4	Renew	Accepted	1
Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA)	VSHA CoC-Permanent Supportive Housing "A Way Home" (VSHA CoC-PSH "AWH")	\$703,980		65	5	Renew	Accepted	1
State of Vermont	SSO Coordinated Entry	\$840,374		n/a	6	Renew	Accepted	1
Institute for Community Alliance (ICA)	HMIS	\$109,382		n/a	7	Renew	Accepted	1
Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA)	VSHA CoC-Permanent Supportive Housing "Shelter+Care" (VSHA CoC-PSH "S+C") [Straddle]	\$852,125	-\$350,944	56	8/9	Reduction/Reallocation	Reduced/ Reallocated	1 / 2
Washington County Mental Health Services	Low barrier rapid rehousing	\$400,000		104	10	New (CoC Bonus)	Accepted	2
State of Vermont	SSO Coordinated Entry Expansion	\$245,685		86	11	Expansion/New (CoC Bonus)	Reduced	2
NewStory Center	NewStory Center	\$234,105		86	12	Expansion/New (DV Bonus)	Accepted	2 / DV Bonus
State of Vermont	Coordinated Entry Partnership Combined – DV Expansion	\$185,371		86	13	Expansion/New (DV Bonus)	Reduced	2 / DV Bonus
Planning Grant	VT BoSCoC Planning FY24	\$269,036		n/a	not ranked	New	Accepted	Not Ranked
Elevate Youth Services, Inc.	VCRHYP LLP FY24	\$116,760		n/a	not ranked	YHDP Renewal	Accepted	Not Ranked
Elevate Youth Services, Inc.	VCRHYP HN FY24	\$131,220		n/a	not ranked	YHDP Renewal	Accepted	Not Ranked
Elevate Youth Services, Inc.	VCRHYP DIV FY24	\$70,638		n/a	not ranked	YHDP Renewal	Accepted	Not Ranked
Elevate Youth Services, Inc.	VCRHYP TH-RRH FY24	\$700,442		n/a	not ranked	YHDP Renewal	Accepted	Not Ranked

1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application
Attachment Coversheet

Looking for help to get or keep housing? Contact the Lead Agency in your area! Need a safe place to stay tonight? Call 211 or Contact your local shelter!

FY2024 HUD CoC NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity)

FY24 CoC Consolidated Application Published Narratives and Project Listing

Monday October, 28 2024

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Follow these links:

[VT-500 BoS FY24 CoC Application \(narratives\)](#)

[VT-500 BoS FY24 CoC Program Project Priority Listing \(project list and ranking\)](#)

Updated VT BoS CoC FY24 NOFO Ranking and Reallocation Policy and Project Ranking Tool

Monday October, 28 2024

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application
Attachment Coversheet

From: Molly Shimko MShimko@hhav.org
Subject: VT BoS CoC Approved CoC Consolidated Application for CoC FY24 Funding
Date: October 26, 2024 at 10:43 AM
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Cc: Abbilyn Miller abbymillerconsulting@gmail.com

Hello FFY24 CoC NOFO Project Applicants,

Thank you for being a part of our FFY24 Application. We wanted to let you know that we have posted the following notice to the [website](https://helpingtohousevt.org/fy2024-hud-coc-nofo-notice-of-funding-opportunity/):
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VT-500 BoS FY24 CoC Program Project Priority Listing (project list and ranking): <https://helpingtohousevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/FY24-NOFO-Priority-Listing.pdf>

Please respond any feedback or comments for the application components by **12 PM on Monday October 28th**.

These documents will be submitted to HUD no later than Wednesday October 30th.

Thank you!

Molly

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From: Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care mshimko@hhav.org
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Date: October 28, 2024 at 11:26 AM
To: mshimko@helpingtohousevt.org



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Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care

Vermont Balance of State FY24 Continuum of Care Program Grant Application Published

FY24 Continuum of Care Program Grant Vermont Balance of State CoC-Approved Consolidated Application Published Narratives and Project Listing

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Feedback

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report
Attachment Coversheet

2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

To Print this Workbook:

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For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - Summary

VT-500 - Vermont Balance of State CoC

HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

VT-500 - Vermont Balance of State CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partially Usable									
Not Usable									

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	977	1,129	2,534
AO	610	822	1,831
AC	340	293	749
CO	25	7	2

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	2,133	1,412	444
AO	758	528	260
AC	1,378	887	184
CO	0	0	0

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	248	194	139
AO	191	156	116
AC	57	38	23
CO	0	0	0

- 1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children
- 2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.
- 3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.
- 4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

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

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

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

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	2,439	90.9	42.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	2,542	96.7	44.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2,617	404.8	193.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2,720	404.4	197.0

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

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

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	35	1	2.9%	4	11.4%	1	2.9%	6	17.1%
Exit was from ES	265	13	4.9%	2	0.8%	9	3.4%	24	9.1%
Exit was from TH	48	1	2.1%	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	2	4.2%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	735	18	2.5%	8	1.1%	11	1.5%	37	5.0%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	1,083	33	3.1%	14	1.3%	22	2.0%	69	6.4%

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	2,561
Emergency Shelter Total	2,457
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	113

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

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

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	79
Number of adults with increased earned income	5
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	6.3%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	79
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	43
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	54.4%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	79
Number of adults with increased total income	45
Percentage of adults who increased total income	57.0%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	72
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	4
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	5.6%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	72
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	19
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	26.4%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	72
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	21
Percentage of adults who increased total income	29.2%

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VT-500 - Vermont Balance of State CoC

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	2,332
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	392
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	1,940

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	2,572
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	435
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	2,137

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

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

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

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	103
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	29
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	29
% Successful exits	56.3%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	2,391
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	461
% Successful exits	19.3%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	132
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	121
% Successful exits/retention	91.7%

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	2,457	113	166	447	155
Total Leavers (HMIS)	2,180	66	39	320	61
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	1,465	1	1	24	3
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	67.2%	1.5%	2.6%	7.5%	4.9%

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

Measure	Notes
Measure 1	No notes.
Measure 2	No notes.
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	No notes.
Measure 5	No notes.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	No notes.
Data Quality	No notes.

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	2,656	414	2,554	0	2,554	16.2%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	114	63	63	0	63	100.0%
RRH	64	64	64	0	64	100.0%
PSH	826	271	826	0	826	32.8%
OPH	167	0	167	167	0	NA
Total	3,827	812	3,674	167	3,507	23.2%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	2,656	102	102	0	102	100.00%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	114	51	51	0	51	100.00%
RRH	64	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	826	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	167	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	3,827	153	153	0	153	100.00%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	2,656	516	2,656	19.43%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	114	114	114	100.00%
RRH	64	64	64	100.00%
PSH	826	271	826	32.81%
OPH	167	0	0	NA
Total	3,827	965	3,660	26.37%

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Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	479	793	738	63	64

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

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

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

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

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For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/24/24	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered-Only Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	615	696	1,810	1,970	751	2,498
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	99	84	81	107	1,692	69
Total Sheltered Count	714	780	1,891	2,077	2,443	2,567
Total Unsheltered Count	66	69	0	35	94	80
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	780	849	1,891	2,112	2,537	2,647

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.

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3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements
Attachment Coversheet



June 10, 2024

To Vermont State Housing Authority [*CoC Project Applicant*]:

Please accept this letter as certification that Pathways Vermont commits to providing the following otherwise non-obligated, eligible match and leverage support for the entire duration of the grant term for the following CoC project as part of the FFY2024 HUD CoC Program NOFO.

PROJECT NAME: *VSHA CoC-PSH ("Shelter + Care) FY24*

PROJECT/GRANT NUMBER: *VT0024*

GRANT TERM: *December 1, 2025 - November 30, 2026*

PROJECT APPLICANT: *Vermont State Housing Authority*

ELIGIBLE COC SERVICES (*check all that apply*):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and Assess Service Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and/or Food |
| Moving Costs and/or Utility Deposits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Search & Counseling Services |
| Case Management | Life Skills Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care and/or Legal Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services |
| Education Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Assistance & Job Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Treatment Services |

IN-KIND MATCH SOURCE/AMOUNT (i.e., *VT Medicaid, Federal/State grant, fundraising, etc.*):

Source: *VT DMH-Medicaid Billing* Type: *Government* Amount: *\$92,000 (26% of Grant Total: \$350,944)*

IN-KIND MATCH SERVICES [i.e. *VT Medicaid Billing, Insurance, volunteers, etc.*] provided by: Job Title of Service Position(s) (i.e., *case manager*) and Hourly Rate* (*Total Compensation - salary, fringe, mileage, computer, phone, etc.*):

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| ● Housing Coordination - \$168 ● | ● Psychiatrist - \$168 |
| ● Case Management - \$168 | ● Clinical Assessment - \$168 |

*Hourly rate is an all inclusive rate based on Department of Mental Health Medicaid Case-Rate Funding

Sincerely,

Hilary Melton, Executive Director