

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** TX-611 - Amarillo CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** City of Amarillo

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** City of Amarillo

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

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

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

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	No	No	No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	No	No	No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	No	No	No
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	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	No	No
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	No	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	No	No
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	HMIS Administrator	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Faith Based Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. An invitation to join the CoC can be found on our website, we also distribute invitations through the local listserv and social media platforms. Our meetings are hosted at different locations within the CoC in order to help increase our network and make connections in all areas of the community. They take place on the 2nd Thursday every other month at the same time so that automated calendar reminders can be created to remind members and encourage attendance. CoC members are required to share information and recruit other relevant individuals and organizations. We created outreach materials for each member to distribute and hand out to prospective members.
2. The CoC posts minutes and agendas of each board/general membership meeting on the website in Word format which allows the reader to enlarge text, or have the document narrated to them with the “read aloud” function. Meetings are held on the first floor of a building centrally located that provides wheelchair access accommodation. Members are given the option to join from their home or office via Microsoft Teams. The CoC created a special email address to receive all requests for accommodation and to provide the members who were unable to attend with information shared at the meetings. The CoC board contains a member who is fluent in Spanish and will translate any documentation upon request. The board also includes a member who is hearing impaired and can provide sign language assistance when needed.
3. The CoC recognizes that our membership should be robust and diverse. We have very little participation by area youth service providers. So we personally reached out to Executive Directors of Child Care Management Services, Junior Achievement of the High Plains, Amarillo Children’s Home, Youth Success Project, and Wesley Community Center. All are local organizations who do good work for area disadvantaged youth. In addition, we reached out to our local Barrio Neighborhood Planning Committee, and Los Barrios de Amarillo and expressed the need to have our Hispanic community and culture represented. A new organization called Smile Big Texas, representing the interests of LBGQT+ individuals, was also extended an invitation. Finally, we contacted Panhandle Independent Living Center and asked for an individual to give voice to and represent the interests of our disabled community. Anyone who joins from these organizations will be offered a spot on the board.

1B-3.	CoC’s Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;	
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;	
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and	
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC board meets monthly and general membership convenes every other month to discuss local issues and strategize. The meetings are a platform for all to outreach on local events and projects relevant to ending homelessness. Between 12/12/22 and 1/12/23, 13 local stakeholders/organizations were contacted to gather input on barriers to housing, gaps in services and the biggest needs of our at-risk residents in preparation of the HOME ARP consolidated plan. 2) City of Amarillo Community Development (COACD) solicited community input during two "Community Engagement Meetings" held on 12/29/22, and 1/5/23. Both meetings set aside time for public comment. A "Lunch and Learn" was held on 1/4/23. On 12/9/22, COACD emailed a survey to over 3000 residents who were on a housing wait list. The purpose was to solicit their opinion on Amarillo's greatest housing needs. Additionally, COACD outreached at ESL classes on 12/6/22 and Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta on 12/4/22 to gain more culturally diverse opinions. Outreach was done at local food pantries on 12/16/22 and 12/27/22. Television interviews were given to English and Spanish stations on 1/04/23 and 1/06/23. Outreach materials were provided on local list serves, social media and with postings at City Hall and throughout our building. Information was also posted inside our city transit buses. 3) Public notices in English/Spanish were posted in local newspaper w/instructions on requesting special accommodations. Documents distributed on listservs were done in Word format which allows the reader to enlarge text, or have the document narrated to them with the "read aloud" function. 4) We received over 600 responses to the email distribution of the survey. Their responses expressed a concern for the price of living increases being felt in our community. This concern prompted the CoC to steer our remaining CARES funding eviction diversion. We contacted local JP Courts and encouraged them to refer families facing eviction to us so they could complete an application and possibly catch up without losing their homes. We helped over 90 families avoid eviction. This outreach was originally done in development of the HOME ARP consolidated plan, but the data received has been beneficial and helped to steer many of COACD's grants.

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. On 8/2/23, an email with an attachment was emailed to the CoC’s email distribution and local listservs. It was also posted on the CoC website. The email read: “Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program competition was released on July 5, 2023. Interested applicants for the CoC NOFO funds are invited and strongly encouraged to attend a workshop provided by COACD Staff at the Simms Municipal Building located at 808 S. Buchanan St., Room 203, at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023. Attendance is highly recommended for representatives of any organization that is a: Current CoC grantee, Non-CoC funded agency interested in applying for CoC funding, including nonprofit organizations, local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and public housing agencies. 2) The notice had an attachment which included the following: “APPLICATION DEADLINE. All organizations interested in obtaining funding through the HUD NOFO – including both new and renewal project applicants – must submit their application in the ESNAPS grant management system no later than August 18, 2023, at 5 pm Central Standard Time”. The notice went on to include: “Please submit a letter of interest if your organization intends to apply. Applicants should review the information available in this Internal Competition Notification and the Notice of Funding Opportunity from HUD. Please review those materials prior to starting the application or submitting an inquiry to the City of Amarillo TX-611 CoC. Letters of Interest and Inquiries shall be submitted to [vanessa.robinson@amarillo.gov](mailto:vanessa.robinson@amarillo.gov).” 3) The same notice had an attachment with it that included: Members of the Scoring, and Ranking Committee review renewal projects based on utilization, outcome performance, cost effectiveness, Continuum of Care priority needs, alignment with HUD priorities, and compliance with HUD funding requirements. New bonus project applications will be reviewed for project quality in alignment of HUD priorities and priority to the Amarillo Continuum of Care. Each Project Application is scored individually with ranking priority determined by committee consensus. 4) The CoC posted the notices in Word format which allows enlarged text and features the “read aloud” function. The workshops were held in a building that was centrally located with a functional elevator to accommodate wheelchairs.

## 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	No
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Nonexistent
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Nonexistent
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	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	



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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Amarillo CoC provides ongoing information and updates to the membership about ESG and ESG-CV and that the coordination of the program is through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The lead agency for the Amarillo CoC is the City of Amarillo Community Development Department. The lead agency provides technical assistance to any agency interested in participating as well as ongoing support while administering their own programs. Each subrecipient of ESG and ESG-CV funding is responsible for their reporting to TDHCA. The Amarillo CoC serves the city of Amarillo and is bound by the city limits with no other jurisdictions being served. All Point in Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data is provided to the Amarillo community for the consolidated plan evaluation and updates.

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:
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1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	Yes

<b>1C-4.</b>	<b>CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.</b>	
	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

<b>1C-4a.</b>	<b>Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.</b>	
	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)**

The Amarillo CoC works with all schools within the City of Amarillo including but not limited to Amarillo I.S.D., Amarillo College, West Texas A&M University, etc. Amarillo I.S.D. The school districts utilize CoC relationships for emergency shelter, food resources, housing, and other needs. This relationship is reciprocal with educational and participation provided by the educational institutions. CoC TX-611 states: The TX-611 Amarillo Continuum of Care (CoC) will be established by representatives from relevant organizations within the geographic area of the CoC. Relevant organizations include nonprofit homeless assistance providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, and organizations that serve veterans, domestic violence victims, youth and homeless and formerly homeless individuals. The CoC provides continuous planning and coordination of services through the CoC Board whose core functions include ensuring that individuals and families experiencing homelessness have appropriate choices in the following area:

1. Unsheltered outreach
2. Emergency shelter
3. Transitional housing
4. Rapid re-housing
5. Permanent Supportive Housing
6. Addressing the needs of subpopulations including, but not limited to, unaccompanied youth, persons with disabilities, and those fleeing domestic violence

The CoC is comprised of several volunteer committees, sub-committees, and workgroups/taskforces which have various CoC planning roles and responsibilities. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. CoC Board
  - a. Grievance Committee
  - b. Monitoring, Scoring, and Ranking Committee
2. Coordinated Entry Committee
3. Permanent Supportive Housing Committee
  - a. Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee
  - b. Ending Chronic Homelessness Committee
4. Youth Homelessness Committee
5. CoC Lead for the City of Amarillo
6. Awards Committee
7. CoC Advisory Committee
8. HMIS Advisory Committee

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

All Participants with school-age children are informed of their rights to have their children enrolled immediately, even without the required documentation. They will be given assistance in obtaining necessary documents. They can be enrolled regardless of up to date immunizations and will be assisted with getting their children vaccinated. They have the option of being enrolled in any school open to other children living in the same neighborhood. Children will be allowed to participate fully in all school activities. They will be allowed to enroll in a district of their choice as long as they meet the definition of homeless.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	No
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	No
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Amarillo CoC works very closely with Family Support Services which is the primary agency that serves individuals who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking. The CoC board of directors makes it a priority to enlist the expertise of this agency by consistently ensuring a staff member from the agency is a part of the board. Family Support Services plays a vital role in the review and revision of the CoC policies specifically surrounding these topics. Each agency is notified of current and upcoming training to continue our efforts to ensure the entire CoC is trauma-informed and well equipped to meet the needs of survivors.

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Family Support Services provides annual training to agencies of the CoC in best practices for serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking. This training has taken the form of group updates but predominantly is through individualized training targeted for each agency and their staff.

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

CoC TX-611 policy states:

**Confidentiality**

The CoC/ESG Provider will keep confidential any information that the Program Participant submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, unless the Program Participant gives CoC/ESG Provider written permission to release the information on a time limited basis, or disclosure of the information is required by law or required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance from the covered program. This includes keeping confidential the new location of the dwelling unit of the Program Participant, if one is provided, from the person(s) that committed an act(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the Program Participant. See the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act for all Program Participants for more information about HP’s responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. All persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall have immediate and confidential access to available crisis services within the defined CE geographic area. The Amarillo CoC Coordinated Entry System assessors shall be trained on the complexity of responding to households fleeing domestic violence, privacy and confidentiality, and safety planning, including how to handle emergency situations at Access Points. Assessors shall make safety referrals to Victim Service Providers as determined to be clinically appropriate or at the request of the household. Providers dedicated to serving the Coordinated Entry System will work in partnership with advocacy organizations/shelters serving survivors of domestic violence to ensure considerations are made to address the specific safety and privacy needs of victims. This includes households having the ability to decline housing in neighborhoods that would compromise their location, the choice to be entered anonymously into a separate database and have full access to housing options.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC meets on a monthly basis with the sole DV provider, the aggregate data is pulled from the Osniium database. This information is used to determine various gaps in services such as not reaching the minority population, hotline call vs shelter stays, follow up care and providing a disproportion amount of service to a certain demographics.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC TX-611 states: SECTION SIXTEEN: EMERGENCY TRANSFER PLAN FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

Emergency Transfers

The Amarillo CoC and CoC/ESG Providers are concerned about the safety of its Program Participants who receive rental assistance, and such concern extends to the Program Participants who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA),<sup>1</sup> CoC/ESG Providers allow Program Participants who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the Program Participant's current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.<sup>2</sup> The ability of the CoC/ESG Provider to honor such request for Program Participants currently receiving assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the Program Participant is or has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether the CoC/ESG Provider has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the Program Participant for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

This plan identifies Program Participants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to Program Participants on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Federal agency that oversees that Emergency Solutions Grants is in compliance with VAWA.

Eligibility for Emergency Transfers

A Program Participant who has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L is eligible for an emergency transfer, if: after review of pertinent information, determination is made that the Program Participant is subject to threat of imminent harm from further violence if the Program Participant remains within the same unit. If the Program Participant has experienced sexual assault, the Program Participant may also be eligible to transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an emergency transfer.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and	
2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Family Support Services is an active participant in the Amarillo CoC. This agency has a frontline relationship with the vast majority of all survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Family Support Services is very aware and well-versed in the services of partnering housing service agencies that are capable and focused on support to these survivors. The Amarillo CoC has a close relationship with the City of Amarillo Community Development Department. Community Development has housing assistance programs that prioritize these survivors to ensure they are safe and the adequate care and attention they deserve. CoC TX-611 policy states: 1 Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. 2 Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and	
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Amarillo CoC continues to work on a community effort to implement and utilize a robust coordinated entry system. In the design of this system, the Amarillo CoC will ensure that it includes safety protocols, planning protocols, and confidentiality protocols.

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



1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
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)?	No

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. The CoC reached out to BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and disabled individuals in the community who shared their insights. We used their suggestions as a foundation for creating the policy. Studies have shown that discrimination threatens access to housing. Minorities, LGBTQ+ and disabled individuals are more likely to become homeless, and once homeless, more likely to endure discrimination and harassment. It is critical for all service providers to ensure they are not further contributing to discrimination and marginalization and ensure individuals receive equal in accessing all programs. All of this was considered when developing the policy and any future revisions. We are developing a survey for participants that will give an opportunity to provide anonymous feedback and report any discrimination. The CoC participated in mental health literacy training and provided tips on identifying/addressing a mental health or substance use challenge. PBHA presented tips for interacting with people in a variety of environments who are in distress or susceptible to encounters that may trigger past traumatic experiences. It demonstrated diverse types of poverty and its effect on families' interaction with law enforcement, CPS and school staff. 2) The CoC developed a series of trainings on HUD's Equal Access Rule which will discuss inclusion of gender identity and sexual orientation as part of the protective classes. Service providers will be instructed to develop their own policies and procedures. The CoC has also requested and been approved for additional HUD approved Technical Assistance and will inquire on best practices when implementing and enforcing compliancy with the new policies. 3) The Policies have been approved by the CoC and we have begun collecting data that will focus on the nature of any complaints received going forward. Each complaint will be investigated and will have a significant impact on future policy revisions. 4) As of the date of this application, we have not had an agency with demonstrated noncompliance of the anti-discrimination policies. Since the policies are based on state and federal law, the CoC would seek legal counsel regarding alleged or suspected noncompliance.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
City of Amarillo	20%	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)**

1) Currently, our PSH program receives referrals from Texas Panhandle Centers street outreach program. These individuals are placed on the PSH program for, on average, 1 year. This gives participants a direct line to housing without being placed on a wait list. Once housed, they remain on case management and receive assistance with a variety of issues. After 1 year they will be eligible for an HCV voucher for ongoing rental assistance. Families receiving HCV assistance for 1 year are then screened for their suitability for a family self-sufficiency program that is goal-oriented. This program helps families save for their future by earning an escrow credit as their earned income increases within the contract term. Once the program is successfully completed by all goals being met, the escrow money is received by the family. This money can be used for a variety of life improving events.

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	No
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)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	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
		<b>Program Funding Source</b>
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Emergency Housing Vouchers

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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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

<b>PHA</b>
This list contains no items

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1. Foster Care	No
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) All projects must meet threshold guidelines. Narrative questions are scored in the plans and methods the project will use to comply with housing first. Projects funded through the City are required to follow housing first principles. 2) CoC provides standards which include housing first guidance for all programs. For new projects, the CoC administers a Housing First Self Assessment and asks new providers to complete it. This self assessment addresses the principles of housing first and asks the provider to look into their own policies to see how they align. Providers are informed that HUD compliance is centered around housing first approach. 3) Upon completing the housing first self-assessment, an action plan is established with a list of instructions on how they can become more HUD compliant. In 1 year, the provider will be given a follow-up monitoring to assess their progress.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Street outreach is conducted through the Coming Home Program as well as TPC PATH Street Outreach. The Coming Home Program employs individuals with lived experience in homelessness, as well as individuals who have recovered from substance use, addiction and mental health issues. Every day they visit local encampments and provide food, water, and provide transportation to healthcare, and other resources. Amarillo's homeless gather at areas of town not frequently visited by the regular public, mostly drainage areas and underpasses. The street outreach has vehicles that are equipped to reach areas without paved streets that are overgrown with grass and weeds. 2) The Street Outreach programs cover 100% of the geographic area that is available to them. CoC contains less than 5% of gated communities. But those areas do not provide access to homeless individuals. 3) Street outreach is done every weekday. 4) Refugee services of Amarillo recently closed its doors and some of the refugees have shown up in encampments. The team was provided easy access to language line services and was able to communicate with these individuals and are currently working to get them housed.

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

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

Your CoC's Strategies		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	2	2

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Our semi-monthly CoC meetings feature an in-depth training on a topic ranging from healthcare to housing, to accessing mainstream benefits. The information discussed is collected and later sent out to local listservs as well as the CoC's email distribution list. We also have a local website known as Amarillo Resource Network which connects providers to advocates and creates community connections to area resources. They feature an event calendar and provide a community outreach platform. 2) The CoC Collaborates with Texas Panhandle Centers through our Shelter Plus Care program to provide mental health services on a sliding scale. TPC also has a PATH Street Outreach Program that provides mental health services to project participants. Regence Health Network provides healthcare/dental services to homeless individuals that includes coordination and transportation assistance to scheduled appointments. The services are on a sliding scale, but anyone who is declared to be homeless will not pay for services. The City of Amarillo Public Health Department provides ongoing education to area providers regarding more specific healthcare issues (STD's, cancer screenings, etc.) TPC, Regence Health Network and Public Health Department each have seats on the CoC's Board. Panhandle Community Services has Certified Health Navigators who assist participants with enrolling in marketplace health insurance, Medicaid/Chip and Medicare Part B Plans. On July 21, 2023, Panhandle Behavioral Health Alliance held a mental health and resource fair for service providers, medical professionals, law enforcement and social workers to educate on collaborative approaches to guide communities' efforts to enhance early intervention approaches, discover recovery-oriented strategies and manage crises. 3. Service providers are highly encouraged to attend the online SOAR training provided through SAMHSA. In 2024 the CoC will add SOAR training on the scoring, and ranking sheet and provide points for providers who have at least 1 SOAR certified person on staff for the next round of funding.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.	
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Amarillo CoC has engaged the City of Amarillo Mayor and Council over the course of several years in the discussion of the need for non-congregate shelter in the city. The City of Amarillo has listened and pledged \$5 million dollars toward the construction of Transformation Park. This multi-million dollar project will include a Day shelter with bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, a large dayroom, pet kennels, commercial kitchen (3 meals/day), resource partner multi-use rooms, etc. Additionally, there will be a large outdoor shelter with individual cabins for private space and sleep. Individual space bathrooms and showers will also be constructed. Additional fundraising is ongoing with a target start date for construction in November 2023.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Amarillo CoC has collaborated with the City of Amarillo Public Health Department in the effort to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. A decision-making employee from Public Health actively participates as a CoC board member and chairs the Education committee.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The above-mentioned City of Amarillo Public Health employee provides extensive education to the CoC membership and the information is then disseminated to clients in the community. Free immunizations, health screening, disease prevention contraception are three of the main components provided to the homeless community. During the COVID pandemic, Amarillo Public Health partnered with the CoC by providing immunization clinics at the local shelters and also provided transportation options to the main clinic site. The homeless population was considered high-risk and was included in the first wave of immunization focal points.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System—Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's coordinated entry system was created and prematurely implemented in order to be HUD compliant. It is being revisited and redesigned in an effort to streamline the process and include multiple entry points. When complete it will cover the entire geographic area and will use a standardized assessment process through HMIS. The process will include VAT scoring, or something similar that will be preapproved by the CoC membership.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The coordinated entry will reach reach people who are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance through our largely successful street outreach teams. A vulnerability assessment tool will be the focus of prioritizing the assistance provided. They will work hand in hand with ESG, TBRA and RRH programs to get people into permanent housing in the shortest time possible.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1) The CoC will address marketing once the coordinated entry system has been implemented. 2) all program participants will be advised of their rights and remedies through the providers who will be given training on all remedies available to participants under state, federal and local fair housing and civil rights laws. 3) Participants will be instructed to report any conditions or actions that impede fair housing through their case managers who will follow the chain of command and immediately follow-up on all grievances.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/01/2023

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC used HUD's Racial Equity Analysis Tool, US Census Information, HUD's 2022 CoC Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations for CoC as well as Texas; and PIT Count information from 2021, 2022, and 2023. The CoC reviewed client demographics and compared them to the total CoC population, then the population of Texas. Then a comparison was done between the sheltered and unsheltered population within the CoC. HMIS administrator recently discovered errors in project structure setup and reached out to the vendor for guidance. Vendor will complete a project setup restructure in the next few weeks, after which we will be able to determine disparities in housing outcomes, average length of participation and returns to homelessness.

2. Using the above-mentioned data, the CoC determined that there are disparities between the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population. 7% of CoC Total population is comprised of blacks, but they represent 10% of the sheltered homeless population and 16.71% of the unsheltered population. Multiple race individuals make up 7% of the total CoC population, 9.35% of the sheltered population and 12.27% of the unsheltered population. Hispanic households remained constant at 34% of the total CoC population, 30.57% of the sheltered population and 30.54% of the unsheltered population

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	No
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	No
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	No
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	No
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The first step in eliminating the disparities is knowing that they exist. Now that it has been identified, the question becomes ...why? To answer that question, the CoC has developed a short survey that will be given to people who have identified as BIPOC upon achieving a positive housing outcome. The questions are designed to give them an opportunity to anonymously provide feedback on any barriers or discrimination encountered on their journey into permanent housing. Their responses will provide the foundation for systemic changes throughout the CoC. In the meantime, the CoC has raised awareness within our organizations of the disparities as they exist in our outcomes and population. We have reached out to local organizations that serve or work with BIPOC individuals and offered those voices a seat at the table. We will work to diversify staff and create outlets for everyone to provide anonymous feedback. Our Language Access Plan implemented policies to include outreach and public notices in languages other than English. We have given our providers easy access to language lines to eliminate communication barriers and are working towards a cost-effective strategy of obtaining Spanish translations of all vital documents. We are gathering data which will tell us exactly how many encounters our organizations have with LEP individuals and what languages are spoken. Currently, we do have the capacity to translate any document upon request.

The CoC believes that knowledge is the first crucial step in eliminating racial disparities in our community. With knowledge, we can make informed, strategic changes in our service delivery that will result in equal opportunity housing for all individuals.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC will implement the following:
  - a. The CoC will regularly monitor Census, Poverty and PIT count rates by race, ethnicity and gender identity
  - b. Average length of time homeless by race, ethnicity and gender identity
  - c. Exit destinations by race, ethnicity and gender identity
  - d. Returns to homelessness by race, ethnicity and gender identity
  - e. Stella P which can show race and ethnicity distributions for households served in different project types
2. The CoC will use survey data, PIT count, HMIS, and census information to track community level progress on preventing and eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Amarillo CoC regularly outreaches to individuals who have experienced homelessness to take on leadership and advisory roles within the CoC. Our street outreach team has built effective lines of communication with the homeless community and encourages their continued involvement to help others. We have found this method to be the most effective as we are seeking individuals who are stably housed, not actively in addiction, and able to commit to this important role. We have several that meet this criteria and have provided great insight over the years. We currently have 1 board member who has lived experience and he is an active participant in all board meetings and votes on all items brought to the board. The Coming Home team employs many individuals with lived experience in homelessness or have experience in addiction recovery, mental health issues and substance use.

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC is currently working with Texas Workforce Solutions and Goodwill to provide employment training and opportunities to the clients. Sharing Hope ministry provided Dressing for Impressing luncheon and seminar that provided interview techniques, makeup and hair style demonstrations and provided participants with a job interview outfit. A career resource fair was held on 8/30/23 and included community partners and applications for employment. The Coming Home team actively hires individuals with lived experience in homelessness as well as people who have recovered from mental health issues, substance use and addiction.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-2) The CoC has daily contact with people experiencing homelessness through the Coming Home Program. They provide feedback as well as advocate for their needs. Their observations have been helpful in steering our grant funding.  
 3) The CoC's Coming Home Team workflow process is built around the needs of the homeless. Fridays are reserved for the entire team to help newly housed people move into their new homes. They provide a van and the manpower to facilitate the move in of all of their participants.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Members of the CoC are included in the citywide discussions and planning processes to increase the affordable housing supply in Amarillo. This includes meetings with Amarillo City Management, Mayor, and City council. The city leadership is very supportive of this priority and pledges to positively work toward solutions. Reformed zoning policies are a regular occurrence within the City Council to facilitate continued housing growth.

## 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:

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- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	<b>Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.</b> NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/18/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/18/2023

1E-2.	<b>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.</b> NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
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1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes



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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	140
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	3
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) All of the projects that were analyzed were previously funded last year. In addition there was one new project submission this year. The CoC uses data from HMIS to review the projects usage and effectiveness of their program procedures. The CoC uses data from HMIS to analyze the length of time it takes to house people in permanent housing. The CoC examines the agencies usage of the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) in their examination of the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities. 2) It was discovered that the tree structure in HMIS was incorrectly set up for a number of projects. We have been working with the vender to remedy this situation. We believe that the incorrect structure has made it extremely difficult to pull certain data from the system. We hope that the restructuring will enable us to efficiently retrieve the most reliable data going forward. 3) The CoC renewal project scoring tool measures the percentage of persons served by a project with vulnerabilities or severity of needs, including history of victimization/abuse, criminal histories, chronic homelessness, low or now income, and/or past or current substance abuse. Projects can score points for having a large portion of their client base with severe needs, off-setting any lowered score in other measures. The CoC will evaluate the scoring tool each year to ensure it is fair to projects serving clients with severe service needs, who also may have lower performance. If needed, point evaluation can be changed to encourage performance and adjust for barriers faced by CoC funded projects. 4) The final priority listing and ranking for 2023 ranks projects by overall performance.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Amarillo CoC recognizes and takes into consideration that there are many different races of individuals that are experiencing homelessness. The races of those most overrepresented in the Amarillo homelessness population are significantly represented in their input. These individuals are represented with membership on the board and in the general membership. The scoring and ranking committee has representation from the previously homeless category and they play a vital role in the discussions and review process. The rating and ranking of projects examines many different factors and the inclusion of all races and ethnicities is important. Continued efforts to quantify the way the CoC uses this data will continue to be of paramount importance in the future.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
	2. whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	
	3. whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
	4. why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Reallocation Process: CoC Program-funded projects are monitored by the Amarillo CoC Board of Directors in conjunction with the City of Amarillo Community Development Department (Lead Agency). All renewal project reviews are used to determine how the project performed and determine if a project should be considered for reallocation. Review of quarterly reports, comprehensive assessment of agency capacity and performance measure goals and objectives are utilized. Reallocation recommendations are based on the following: A. Outstanding obligation to HUD without payment schedule, B. Monitoring finding with overdue or unsatisfactory response, C. History of inadequate financial management accounting practices, D. Evidence of untimely expenditures on prior award, E. History of major capacity issues that significantly impact the operation of the project, F. History of serving ineligible persons, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes, or G. Project did not consistently meet the CoC performance measures.
2. The CoC did not identify any projects for reallocation for FY23.
3. The CoC did not reallocate funds for FY 23.
4. The CoC did not identify any low performing or less needed projects for FY23.

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/12/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/25/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	

You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/12/2023
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The DV shelter uses an HMIS comparable database called Osnium. Through the HMIS comparable database vendor, they receive additional training and support regarding HMIS data standards, database customization, and comparable database requirements. They can receive virtual or on-site assistance to providers working in HMIS. 2) The shelter is using a comparable database compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS data standards. 3) The CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 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.

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	367	39	328	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	214	25	189	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	4	0	4	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	156	0	156	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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

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

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)

The CoC is over 84.99% utilization rate

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

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

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<b>2B-1.</b>	<b>PIT Count Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/27/2023
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<b>2B-2.</b>	<b>PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
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<b>2B-3.</b>	<b>PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.</b>	
	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)**

The Amarillo CoC collaborates with agencies that specifically serve homeless youth to include emergency shelters and outreach. The collaboration is specifically with the agencies and the adult providers within these organizations. The CoC has not explored the procedures and concerns surrounding the inclusion of homeless youth in the execution of the count. This is an area we will explore and possibly implement in the future with the caveat that we want to respect and protect these youth. The homeless youth stakeholders are engaged with the scouting and actual participation of the count. While there are limited providers in our CoC focusing on youth, the CoC enjoys strong working relationships with them. We did not have any homeless youth to involve in our count. We solicited feedback from a number of community partners including youth serving organizations to ensure we searched areas most likely to have youth present. In previous years our largest youth stakeholder was the Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle (CCTXP), in September of 2022, which the City of Amarillo lost their biggest stakeholder for homeless youth. We are continuing to reach out to other stakeholders in the community to find and fill-in those gaps.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Not Applicable. We used the same methodology as we have in past years. The City of Amarillo does continue to complete both winter and summer PIT counts to ensure that we are doing our absolute best to reach all homeless communities and persons as well as to reach and fill in the gaps documented.

## 2C. System Performance

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<b>2C-1.</b>	<b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>	
	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) The economic climate of the last few years has been a burden for many low-income families. The housing market, particularly the rental housing market, has seen huge increases in our area. Our region has experienced inflation across the board, so the risk factors were not hard to find. City of Amarillo Community Development (COACD) immediately saw an increase in the number of people behind on their rent. Many faced eviction and when COACD reached out to the eviction courts we learned the JP courts were evicting approx. 4 households a week. 2) With the remaining CARES ACT funds we immediately started providing rental/utility assistance to families at-risk of becoming homeless. We contacted the courts and asked them to please send these families to our offices to fill out an application before evicting. Our fast response prevented 80 families from losing their homes. 3) Caressa Pena, Grant Monitor.

<b>2C-1a.</b>	<b>Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
	Was your CoC’s Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:	

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

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) With prioritization of of vulnerable households, outreach and first-class street outreach teams, our housing navigation coordinators had new move-ins almost every week. 2) Lack of documentation, poor credit history/rental history/no credit history always slows down the housing process. Individuals have the right to search a suitable area, affordability, school districts best suited for their needs. This will slow down the process as well. 3) Maria Cano, Housing Navigator

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC believes that improving the quantity and quality of our landlord/property management relationships is key to positive housing destinations. Amarillo's housing market is dated. The older homes are more affordable, and not always in the best shape. With increased landlord/property management relationships, we will be able to increase the housing supply to areas with newer homes and better school districts. 2) Supportive services are crucial to combatting returns to homelessness. Once housed, individuals could feel overwhelmed with the pressures of budgeting, employment, bills, childcare, transportation. A solid support system will help give participants the support system everyone needs to thrive. 3) Stephanie Rodarte-Suto, Assistant Director of Community Development.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1) The CoC has strong relationships within our providers. Communication between providers is one way we detect returns to homelessness. Providers engage in meetings that consist of discussions that identify households returning to homelessness. They discuss trends in the causes for returns to homelessness. These meetings provide insight into specific challenges participants could be experiencing and possible solutions. In addition, we also track returns to homelessness for 24 months after a participant is housed. 2) Ongoing case management has been the strongest deterrent to returns to homelessness that we have found. Keeping good lines of communication open between participants and case workers is key. The trust that is built helps participants reach out when they are having difficulty. 3) Alvaro Hrgic, Coming Home Coordinator

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1) The Coming Home Peer Reintegration Employment Partnership (Prep) represents the combined efforts of several organizations to help homeless individuals progress to independence. Coming Home works in partnership with Workforce Solutions Panhandle, Hillside Christian Church and Amarillo National Bank. The pilot project was originally funded by Amarillo City Council with the American Rescue Plan allocation. The program provides participants the chance to integrate into the workforce by cleaning and maintaining city parks. City of Amarillo Community Development (COACD), along with Texas Tech Department of Psychiatry and local homeless advocates and service providers refer the program to those who are chronically homeless and coping with medical and psychiatric needs. Workforce Solutions Panhandle will provide 6 weeks of salary and uniforms for participants. Hillside Christian provides the use of its facilities to hold training sessions and lunch for project participants. Amarillo National Bank provides financial literacy training and a free savings account. 3) Alvaro Hrgic, Coming Home Coordinator

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) Training of the CoC's front line staff on improving access to benefits is one strategy we use to increase access to non-cash benefits. SOAR training to front line staff is provided free online. Providers are required to have at least 1 SOAR certified case manager available to better serve the clients. Networking and outreach are 2 other ways that help to increase clients' non cash benefits.
- 2) Caressa Pena, Grant Monitor will oversee this strategy.

### 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:

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>3A-1.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.</b>	
	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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<b>3A-2.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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<b>3A-3.</b>	<b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

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

### 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC is not requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction



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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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