

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MT-500 - Montana Statewide CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Montana Continuum of Care Coalition

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Pathways Community Network Institute

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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

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)The CoC solicited new members at least annually. All emails to the CoC list & notices posted to partner websites contain a link for becoming a new member. The CoC website features a membership notice & application & information about how to participate in monthly Board meetings, which are open to the public. New members were also solicited via membership meeting announcements annually. The YAB has a page on the CoC website & Facebook page to recruit new members. Seven local CoCs covering MT planning districts also constantly recruited new members. 2)Statewide CoC meetings are online & fully accessible to people with disabilities. The CoC website indicates that all electronic materials are available in accessible formats. The CoC has made web-based training on accessibility available to all CoC funded project staff & local CoCs. The CoC has also distributed written guidance on creating accessible electronic documents.. Local CoCs hold meetings in ADA compliant facilities. 3) Montana is predominantly white/not Latinx. Native Americans are by far the most significant nonwhite population. The Statewide CoC Coordinator has had several discussions with representatives of the Blackfeet Nation & Salish Kootenai tribes encouraging them to become CoC members & to apply for funds. Local CoCs outreached to organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness to encourage them to join their local CoC & address equity. NW MT CoC has successfully engaged participation from the Glacier Queer Alliance, & they are now partnering w/the local CoC to better serve LGBTQIA2S+ identified people. Targeted outreach has also resulted in the following organizations participating in their local CoCs to address equity: All Nations Health Center, Native American Wellness Center, Summit Independent Living Center, 406 Pride, Native American Development Corporation, & Billings Urban Indian Health Center. Helena Indian Alliance & MT Racial Equity Project are members of the Statewide CoC. Efforts to invite culturally specific organizations to participate in the CoC continue & have resulted in meaningful partnerships. For example, the Missoula CoC & All Nations Health Center work to ensure availability & accessibility of culturally appropriate services, such as ensuring access to smudging kits in shelter. The SWMT CoC has engaged the LGBTQ+ club at Montana Technological University on equity training for frontline staff.

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) 7 local CoCs covering MT’s planning districts solicited & considered input from stakeholders including PWLEH, individuals & organizations from the housing, health, education, employment, DV, food insecurity, advocacy, philanthropy, faith, business, government & non-profit sectors. Input was also solicited & considered thru 9 local Coordinated Entry Systems across the state, the YAB, CoC Board & membership, the Grants Review Panel, & HMIS Committee meetings. 10 CoC Board members are chosen by local CoCs, 4 are elected at-large & 6 are recruited/appointed by the board president to ensure representation of critically needed subpopulations, e.g. youth, mental health, veterans, etc.. The CoC participated in many statewide meetings & public hearings soliciting stakeholder input, e.g., on Consolidated Plan. United Ways are the local CoC leads in 3 districts & involved a diverse range of member organizations in their local CoCs. The Statewide CoC convened a 2-day strategic planning event to get input from local CoCs & other stakeholders on topics, including centering the voices of people w/lived experience, diversifying the Board, enhancing Tribal partner engagement, & enhancing project outcomes tracking 2) Meeting dates, locations, agendas & minutes were posted on the CoC’s website & announced through the CoC’s email list. Information was conveyed through written documents, e.g., briefing memos, agendas, proposed changes to policies/structures, & bulletins on legislative & executive branch policy matters. Information was discussed by & input obtained from the YAB, Board, Local CoCs, & Committees via in-person meetings, video conferences, emails & phone calls. 3) In-person meeting facilities are ADA compliant. The CoC website states all materials are available in accessible electronic formats. The CoC made web-based training on accessibility available to all CoC funded project staff & local CoCs & has distributed written guidance on creating accessible electronic documents. 4) The CoC & YAB staff & Local CoC Board reps compile & synthesized stakeholder feedback from emails, calls, hearings & meetings & present input to the Board. The CoC Coordinator drafted proposals for Board consideration based on that feedback. The Board met to discuss options, determine what additional input is necessary & voted on CoC matters. Based on feedback from strategic planning, the CoC established priorities w/target dates & is implementing its strategic plan.

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)The CoC notified the public that the FY 2023 CoC competition was open & applications were being accepted as follows: A notice was posted to the MT CoC website announcing the opening & that Letters of Intent were being accepted; An email notice with the same information was sent to the CoC mailing list of more than 90 contacts, including all homeless providers across the state & other potentially interested stakeholders that have not previously received CoC funding; The local CoC's were encouraged to distribute the same information at local meetings & via local networks throughout their communities; The announcements distributed by email & posted to the CoC's website stated that the competition was open to organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. Announcements also included information regarding an online workshop for potential applicants, definitions of terms & links to online resources to ensure accessibility of the application process for organizations not previously funded. A link to participate in the public workshop was posted to the CoC's website, & the workshop provided technical assistance to applicants who might be unfamiliar with the CoC program. 2) The publicly posted invitation to apply included detailed instructions on how to apply, including, minimum threshold criteria, eligible component types, selection criteria, submission instructions, the deadline, & how to submit questions. 3) Each announcement explained how the CoC would determine which project application it would submit to HUD for funding indicating that applications would be independently scored by the Grants Review Panel, with final project selection determined by non-conflicted members of the Board. The announcements included a detailed matrix used by the Grants Review Panel to score applications. The matrix specified points available in each of 6 selection criteria areas: project design, addressing inequities, project readiness, performance, coordinated entry, program budget/cost efficiency, & CoC participation. 4)The public notification & link to the online workshop were posted to the CoC website, which indicates that all materials are available in accessible electronic formats. The CoC coordinator followed accessibility guidance to ensure accessibility of application & workshop materials.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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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)

1)The CoC consulted with the MT Dept of Health & Human Services (DPHHS) on planning & allocation decisions regarding ESG funds. DPHHS is the ESG recipient, a founding member of the MT CoC & has worked with the CoC to establish the following strategies for constant consultation among DPHHS, the ESG Program Director, ESG subrecipients & the CoC: a) The CoC Executive Director met bi-monthly with the ESG Program Director. b) The DPHHS bureau chief is a MT CoC Board member along with 4 Community Action Agency (CAA) directors – CAAs are ESG subrecipients. c) The CoC & DPHHS adopted a joint policy statement to guide MT's use of ESG-CV funds that continues to establish a framework to ensure CoC consultation on ESG funding planning & allocation. d) The DPHHS ESG bureau contracts with & funds staffing for the MT CoC but stipulates that this person report to the CoC board & not the bureau. Examples of recent consultation include: planning to ensure ongoing CoC/ESG coordination during a recent ESG staffing transition; discussion of ongoing implementation of the joint policy statement (includes consultation at the local CoC level, eligible use of funds, local needs assessment, & prioritization through coordinated entry); coordinated roll-out of NSPIRE; & ESG Program Director participation in CoC meetings . 2)The CoC reviewed the DPHHS HUD ESG CAPER for project performance, utilization, resource targeting, data quality, & costs per household & provided feedback to DPHHS. 3)The CoC provided the state Con Plan office & 3 entitlement areas' Con Plan offices with the CoC's annual PIT, HIC & needs assessment data relevant to their jurisdictions. 4) Through regular meetings with DPHHS staff & DPHHS staff participation in the CoC Board & other CoC meetings, the CoC provided information to DPHHS to address homelessness within the state & ensure that homelessness is addressed in Consolidated Plan updates. The CoC Executive Director participated in the Interdepartmental Housing Integration Project & recently consulted on the development of the Consolidated Plan & strategies to gather stakeholder input.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	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.	No

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Missoula County public schools & Associated Students of Univ. of MT Bear Necessities program are signed partners with the Missoula Coordinated Entry System. MT CoC written policies & procedures codify partnerships with SEA/LEA/school districts/youth education providers by requiring every grantee agency to adopt 9 measures. These ensure that participants are informed of their educational rights & that children are enrolled in school & connected to services (e.g., early childhood education, Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act & the McKinney-Vento education services). These measures include designating a staff person who will: maintain a current list of local contacts for these programs, the local homeless education liaisons for all school districts, & the State Coordinator of Education of Homeless Children; contact each of these programs to request & receive a briefing on their programs; establish a working-relationship with the contacts; develop processes for coordinating services to clients; within 72 hours of project entry, contact the local LEA to arrange a briefing w/the family about all available education programs, coordinate assistance for enrollment & transportation to the school of origin or the local school, & make referrals to educational services; follow-up w/the family within 3 days of contacting the local homeless education liaison to ensure the child has been enrolled in school; & contact the SEA to request further assistance if needed. The Statewide CoC's written Monitoring Guide includes a standard that assesses if the grantee has: designated such a staff person to fulfill these & other responsibilities; & adopted written policies & procedures that require such coordination with the LEA/ SEA/school district/youth education providers. The Statewide CoC's written Monitoring Guide also includes a monitoring standard that assesses subrecipient agreements to ensure inclusion of the requirements for subrecipients to: establish the required educational policies & procedures; & to designate a staff person to fulfill the responsibilities to coordinate with the LEA, SEA & school districts, & youth education providers described above.

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)

MT CoC has written Policies & Procedures that require every grantee agency & encourages all other homeless services providers to adopt 9 measures ensuring a staff person informs project participants of the Educational Rights of Students & connects them directly with a local school liaison. An agency must designate a staff person who will: 1. Ensure that children are enrolled in school & connected to the appropriate services in the community, including early childhood education, Head Start, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act & the McKinney-Vento education services. 2. Maintain a current list of local contacts for the programs listed above as well as the local homeless education liaisons. 3. Request & receive briefings, establish working relationships & develop processes for coordinating services to clients from these programs. 4. Provide training & update staff essential in coordinating educational assurances. 5. Determine if any children are not currently enrolled in school at intake. 6. Provide all families with a written summary of the Educational Rights of Students in Homeless Situations. 7. Within 72 hours of intake, contact the local LEA to arrange for a briefing with the family about all available education programs, coordinate assistance for enrollment & transportation to either the school of origin or the local school, & make referrals to health, mental health, dental & other services. 8. Follow-up with the family within 3 days of contacting the local homeless education liaison to ensure child has been enrolled in school. 9. If enrollment is not completed or problems are preventing enrollment, contact the State Office of Public Instruction to request further assistance. The Statewide CoC's written Monitoring Guide includes a standard that assesses if the grantee has designated such a staff person to fulfill these responsibilities & if subrecipient agreements codify the requirement to designate such a staff person.

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	Yes	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	Yes	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The Statewide CoC Board is responsible for updating CoC-wide policies. The Board includes representatives from 3 agencies that provide services to people who meet the category 4 definition of homelessness (i.e., SAFE in Ravalli county, YWCA of Missoula, & YWCA of Billings). All 3 reps are active members in the Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (MCADSV), which is the State DV & sexual assault coalition. All three have also served on the board of MCADSV. These 3 CoC Board members, in partnership with other Board members & CoC staff, help to ensure that the CoC regularly collaborates with MCADSV, with Victim Services Providers (VSPs) & with CoC & ESG funded projects. These collaborations inform the Board’s work to update CoC-wide policies; 2) These 3 CoC Board members, in partnership with other Board members, & CoC staff also help to ensure that the CoC regularly collaborates with MCADSV, VSPs & CoC & ESG funded projects. These collaborations inform the Board’s work to ensure all housing & services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed & can meet the needs of survivors. The YWCA is the primary provider in Missoula for survivors of DV, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking & is a signed partner agency with the Missoula CoC & an access point for the Missoula Coordinated Entry System. The Missoula CoC works closely with the YWCA to ensure people who meet the category 4 definition have access to culturally competent & trauma-informed services & to overcome barriers to access for this population. To this end, YWCA annually helps to review/revise CES policies/procedures & participates in CES oversight & case conferencing. The Helena CoC has an MOU with the local DV provider (Friendship Center) & they collaborate via weekly case conferencing to ensures that housing & services are trauma-informed and meet survivors’ needs. SAFE is a leader of the Ravalli County CoC & County Coalition against DV and Sexual Violence. SAFE provides training & supports to help other providers to implement trauma-informed practices that meet the needs of survivors. The Helena CoC partners with the Friendship Center via weekly calls to provide training & resources to ensure a trauma-informed approach. In the NWMT CoC, the lead DV/SV service provider serves on the CoC’s Exec Committee & ensures that the Gaps & Needs Assessment reflects survivors needs.

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)

1)DV training for project staff on best practices, including trauma-informed & survivor-centered approaches and safety and planning protocols in serving survivors, occurs at a minimum annually. Some local CoC project staff receive this training quarterly. Examples include: in the Missoula CoC the City provides training on these best practices to project staff 3 to 4 times per year, and YWCA hosts training on these DV best practices for local providers annually; CAPNM, the NWMT CoC Lead Agency ensures that mandatory & elective training on best practices (e.g., trauma-informed care (TIC), survivor-centered services) is provided to project staff; SAFE is a leader of the Ravalli County CoC & provides training & supports to help other providers' staff to implement trauma-informed practices and safety protocols that meet the needs of survivors. 2) Local Coordinated Entry (CES) Zones typically do not employ paid staff, relying largely on leveraged staff resources at local CoC member agencies. Training for partner staff who coordinate the Local CES Zones on best practices, including trauma-informed & survivor-centered approaches, safety and planning protocols in serving survivors occur at a minimum annually. Some local Coordinated Entry staff receive this training quarterly. Examples include: the City of Missoula provides training on trauma-informed and survivor-centered services to Coordinated Entry staff 3 to 4 times per year; SAFE is a leader of the Ravalli County CoC & provides training & supports to help other Coordinated Entry staff to implement trauma-informed practices and safety protocols that meet the needs of survivors. In the NWMT CoC, Coordinated Entry staff are trained by the local CES lead agency to ensure use of these best practices throughout the CES process. CES staff also participate in webinars on these best practices. Opportunities Inc. manages the Great Falls CES Zone, and those staff also receive DV training.

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)

1) Coordinated Entry System (CES) includes safety planning protocols as follows: triage asks, do you feel safe? If a safety concern emerges: A) Household is referred to the local DV provider &/or crisis help line. Safe transportation & warm hand-off are arranged. B) An assessment determines eligibility for confidential DV shelter. If eligible, shelter has capacity & client wants that option, move-in is immediate. If shelter cannot accommodate, referral is made to ESG or other appropriate local program for a hotel voucher. C) The shelter case manager completes a CES common assessment within the first week. D) A unique identifier is assigned & entered into the By Name List. E) DV agencies attend case conferencing to ensure people with unique IDs are discussed & prioritized per policy. F) All public housing authorities in MT & the MT CoC have adopted the Model Emergency Transfer Plan (HUD-5381). That plan has been incorporated into CoC Policies & Procedures & CES safety protocols. G) Each CES Zone has inventoried all available housing, including CoC, ESG, DOJ & HHS funded programs & more. Households fleeing DV/SV have equal access to all resources & make individual determinations about what resources are safest for them. Inventory data & CES generated information on preferences, referrals, and survivor choices enable each CES Zone to identify gaps & needs & determine priorities for new housing & service development to help ensure survivor safety. Local CoC representatives serve on the Statewide CoC Board & contribute this local information to statewide CoC planning discussions. 2) CES policies provide survivors with “confidential access to the local CES process and immediate access to emergency services including domestic violence shelters, hotlines and provider services.” CES uses a unique identifier to ensure that survivors are prioritized while maintaining confidentiality. Confidentiality protocols are reviewed during training. Local CoC examples include: NWMT CoC CES maintains a written confidentiality protocol that allows for case-conferencing without provision of identifying information at the meeting; Missoula CoC YWCA manages a Unique Identifier process to mask personally identifying information while still providing the minimal information necessary for resource prioritization.

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)

1)Victim Service Providers submit HUD Annual Performance Report (APR) summaries (containing statistics but no client level information) and System Performance Measure (SPM) data from comparable databases to the Continuum of Care and HMIS Lead following the end of each Federal Fiscal Year. CoC also uses data from the following data sources to assess specialized needs of survivors: PIT Survey, Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report issued by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Other data from local DV providers, including from the comparable databases, and a MT DPHHS survey conducted twice a year of DV clients. 2) Data from the APR and SPM reports are used to assess the specialized needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking survivors, to inform CoC policy and to measure progress against performance benchmarks. For example, these data are used to inform discussions of the following specialized needs among survivors: Unique geographic needs; level of chronicity and episode frequency, need for additional services, rate of successful PH placements, the degree to which clients are being enrolled in eligible services and more. The CoC also supplements these data with the additional data sources listed above to assess specialized needs of survivors as follows: A) PIT Survey counts the number of persons in DV on the night of the PIT along with data about episode duration & frequency, disabilities, age, how long they've lived in the community, income sources and more; B) Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report issued by the National Network to End Domestic Violence is also used by the MT CoC and communities for insight into national trends in services requested and received; C) Data from other local DV providers, including from the comparable databases, is shared in local CoC planning to help determine the level of unmet need; D) A MT DPHHS survey conducted twice a year of DV clients determines the degree to which they feel like they have more tools to plan for their future safety and are they better informed about how to use community resources. DPHHS makes the results of the survey available to the CoC and each DV provider to inform discussions of gaps, needs, and funding priorities.

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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)

1)The Montana CoC has adopted the Model Emergency Transfer Plan (HUD-5381). The CoC Emergency Transfer Plan requires all CoC funded projects & each Coordinated Entry Referral Zone (CERF), including the Rural Coordinated Entry System Call Center to use consistent procedures prioritizing safety & facilitating access to a new unit as needed. All CoC projects are required to follow the Emergency Transfer Plan, which has been incorporated into CoC Policies & Procedures. The CoC has also adopted a policy that requires CERF access points & all CoC funded homeless services projects to inform all individuals & families seeking or receiving homelessness assistance, regardless of known survivor status, of their rights under the emergency transfer plan. The CoC has developed a brief, user friendly notice that clearly explains the Emergency Transfer Plan policies & procedures. CERFs & all CoC funded homeless services projects are required to briefly explain the transfer policy & provide the notice to all applicants & participants. 2) The CoC has adopted a policy that requires CERF access points & all CoC funded homeless services projects to inform all individuals & families seeking or receiving homelessness assistance, regardless of known survivor status, of the process to request a transfer. The CoC has developed a brief, user friendly notice that clearly explains that process including how & where to submit a request & what to include. CERF access points & all CoC funded homeless services projects are required to briefly explain the transfer process & provide the notice to all applicants/participants. 3)The notice referenced above also explains the process to respond to emergency transfer requests, including timing of responses, what happens if the housing provider that receives the request does not immediately have an alternative unit available or if the resident believes the new unit would not be safe, & information on accessing a unit outside of the CoC.

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)

1) Montana includes large rural areas where survivors can be hours away from the nearest service provider. To ensure safe access to all housing & services for survivors, the CoC uses Coordinated Entry System (CES) Referral Zones. Having DV providers serve as CES front-doors in every area & as members on CES case conferencing teams also helps to ensure safe access to all housing & services for survivors. In rural areas survivors can also access the Montana Rural CES Call Center. CES can also accommodate referrals across zones to help ensure safe access to all housing and services for survivors. Similarly, the MT Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence has members in each of 5 regions across MT with 24-hour crisis hotlines available in each region. This decentralized approach helps to ensure that survivors, regardless of their location, have safe access to all housing & services through Victim Service Providers (VSPs), CoC & ESG funded projects, & non-CoC/ESG funded programs serving people experiencing homelessness. Outreach teams in CES zones assist by maintaining & documenting contact, building rapport, & helping the person connect to services of their choice. All clients are asked about their choice in housing, & CES provides referrals accordingly. Households fleeing DV/SV have equal access to both DV specific & non-DV housing & services & can determine which available services best fit their individual needs, including for safety. 2) Active participation by VSPs in the Statewide CoC and in CES Zones across the state helps to ensure effective monitoring of the homeless response system to identify barriers to safe access to housing & services for survivors. Examples of proactively addressing systemic barriers to housing for survivors include: In the Ravalli County CoC, SAFE monitors the homeless response system & is proactively educating landlords about VAWA protections & connecting survivors to the State's address protection program. In the Missoula CoC the YWCA is taking similar proactive measures, including proactively educating survivors regarding their VAWA rights. In the NWMT CoC, the lead DV/SV service provider serves on the CoC's Executive Committee & ensures that systemic barriers to access for survivors are identified in the Gaps & Needs Assessment. The Statewide CoC Board includes representatives from 3 VSPs who help to ensure proactive identification of systemic barriers to safe access to housing & services for survivors.

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)

1)The CoC uses multiple strategies to safely engage, recruit, & train People with Lived Experience of Homelessness (PLEH) & Domestic/Sexual Violence (DV & SV). Examples include: the CoC’s Youth Advisory Board (YAB) recruits PLEH, DV & SV through pages on Facebook & the CoC website, conference presentations (4 in 2023), site visits (4 in 2023) & blog posts. The YAB released a short video titled End the Stigma featuring youth w/lived experience of homelessness & DV. The YAB chair was featured on a local news program focused on how lived experience should guide social assistance programming throughout the state. The YAB compensates members at \$25/hour & provides numerous training opportunities for PLEH, DV & SV, including mentorship & support from the YHDP coordinator, anti-racism & fundraising training & conference participation. YAB members receive \$250/year for leadership development activities. YAB members, including those with lived expertise in DV, & other survivors are involved in CoC-wide & local CoC policy & program development. Examples include: requesting & reviewing spend-down plans from grantees; scoring new & renewal project applications; consultation during site visits, for a statewide outreach campaign, & on affordable housing design; education for grantees on adultism, stigma, & authentic support. PLEH & DV/SV serve in multiple roles on the CoC including YAB member, local CoC member, committee member & consultant. They bring expertise in real estate, outreach & engagement, program evaluation & monitoring, policy advocacy, fundraising, public speaking & training. Their feedback was integrated in outreach strategies, project scoring, & performance improvement planning. 2) The CoC accounted for the unique & complex needs of survivors by offering a YAB-led training on pod mapping - an innovative approach to helping survivors to identify & build relationships with people, networks, organizations, & groups who they can turn to for support around violent, harmful & abusive experiences. It addresses survivors’ unique needs for safety & individual & collective healing & resiliency by helping to both expand individuals’ own care networks & to become part of others’ networks. In addition, the CoC asks for & honors name, gender, & language preferences; provides multiple options for safe communication (e.g., phone, text, email, secure messaging, in-person); & ensures survivors’ consent to disclosure of their status & participation with the CoC.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) In 2018 the CoC adopted a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy. In 2022 a consultant who identifies as LGBTQ+ helped the CoC to develop a more robust policy that includes guidance for provider agencies on ensuring a safe, healthy, affirming & discrimination-free environment for persons identifying as LGBTQ+. That policy includes guidance on topics that ensure a trauma-informed approach, including terminology, requirements around professionalism/staff conduct, confidentiality/privacy, chosen titles/pronouns, gender separated facilities/services, safety, healthcare, & dress codes. It also describes sanctions & penalties for violations & a grievance process. The CoC circulated the draft policy, including among stakeholders who identify as LGBTQ+. among agencies with deep experience serving that community, & to its YAB (83% of YAB members identify as non-binary). The CoC incorporated feedback, then adopted the policy & regularly seeks additional feedback during CoC meetings & annual training. 2) The CoC provides a sample project-level antidiscrimination policy that is consistent with both the original & new supplemental CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies. The sample project-level policy ensures that persons identifying as LGBTQ+ receive supportive services, shelter, & housing free from discrimination. In September 2023, the CoC offered a webinar overviewing both the updated CoC-wide & the project-level anti-discrimination policies for provider agencies. An LGBTQ+ identified trainer leads the webinar, which includes an opportunity for feedback & questions about implementation. 3) The CoC's Supplemental Application & its monitoring program evaluate project compliance with the local anti-discrimination policy & HUD's Equal Access requirements (e.g., supplemental application evaluates compliance in admissions & monitoring reviews recipient/subrecipient policies, participant handbooks, case notes, & interviews project staff. 4) Failure to adhere to anti-discrimination &/or Equal Access requirements results in a finding. The monitoring team makes specific recommendations to correct the finding & the provider must submit a corrective action plan to the CoC Coordinator. CoC staff/consultants are available to answer questions & provide support as agencies work to correct findings. If subsequent monitoring indicates that a project is unable or unwilling to make the necessary changes, the project could risk being reallocated.

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?
Missoula Housing Authority	27%	Yes-Public Housing	Yes
Helena Housing Authority	29%	Yes-Both	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

- 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
- 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) The CoC has strong relationships with PHAs and leverages PHA resources to end homelessness. For example, the two largest PHAs in the CoC's geographic area both have homeless admission preferences in the Housing Choice Voucher program and Public Housing. 27% of new admissions from for Missoula and 29% of new admissions for Helena were people experiencing homelessness at entry between August 2022 and July 2023. Four Local PHA directors are all CoC board members, serving as board president, and chair of the HMIS oversight committee. This level of involvement has created a high level of PHA-CES collaboration and the ability to achieve the outcomes noted above.

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	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	Yes
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.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	No
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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.	
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PHA		
Missoula Housing ...		

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

Name of PHA: Missoula Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	28
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.	28
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)The CoC requires all projects to use a Housing First approach & evaluates Housing First implementation as described below. All project must submit a Supplemental Application, which includes 11 questions & a narrative to assess whether applicants are using a Housing First approach - includes an assessment of: low barrier access (e.g., use of criminal history & background screening in admissions); housing retention practices (e.g., termination for failure to participate in services or for substance use); & service alignment with client choice & discretion. All projects may admit only applicants referred via Coordinated Entry & may not reject eligible applicants due to criminal history, substance use, lack of income, poor credit, eviction history, reluctance to engage in services or other barriers. Coordinated Entry Referral Zones also assess whether projects are adhering to Housing First commitments. 2) The CoC uses the following factors/performance indicators when evaluating compliance with HF: days from project entry to move-in to ensure prioritization of rapid housing placement; whether projects actually serve households with barriers such as active substance use & criminal history; whether projects expedite the admission process & aid in assembling necessary documentation; whether the project terminates participants for disallowed reasons (e.g., not obtaining income); & housing stabilization outcomes, such as retention in permanent housing. Coordinated Entry also monitors referrals & exits to ensure that eligible applicants are admitted, housed & stabilized promptly & not exited for impermissible reasons. 3) The CoC’s monitoring program evaluates project compliance with Housing First commitments by reviewing leases/occupancy agreements, project policies, participant handbooks, case notes, etc. to ensure that participation in services is voluntary & that participants are not denied entry or terminated due to substance use, reluctance to engage in services or treatment, lack of progress on goals or other impermissible reasons. Failure to adhere to Housing First requirements results in a finding. The monitoring team makes specific recommendations to correct the finding. If subsequent monitoring indicates that a project is unable or unwilling to make the necessary changes, the project could risk being reallocated.

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 provided through shelters, SSVF, PATH & Coord Entry (CES) identifies & engages people living unsheltered. Outreach practices in local CoCs vary. Northwest MT has the largest unsheltered population & in 2022, NWMT Coordinated Entry unified all previous outreach efforts into one team to ensure all unsheltered people are identified/engaged. That team coordinates multiple partners (e.g., shelter, housing, mental health, & addiction services providers) to conduct outreach. Missoula also has a robust outreach collaboration, including shared written policies & procedures to track sleeping locations, divide efforts, & ensure all are reached (e.g., Transition Aged Youth). Ravalli County outreach visits local campgrounds & coordinates with the US Forest Service to identify & engage people on forest lands & in campgrounds. Bozeman has a street outreach program that uses peer support & partners with police & drop-in/warming/mental health centers to enhance safety & connections to housing & services. In the SWMT Local CoC providers partner with the FQHC, Housing Authority & local mental health agency on a coordinated outreach strategy. 2) Shelters in the 5 largest cities provide street outreach covering 88% of the targeted areas. SSVF outreach now covers 55 of the state's 56 counties. The PATH program has outreach programs in 3 counties covering 55% of the state's homeless populations. In total 96 % of the CoC geographic area is covered. 3) Outreach occurs daily in the 5 largest cities & at least weekly in the more remote local CoC areas. 4) Outreach workers use motivation building strategies to engage those least likely to seek services & help them to accept assistance. Coordinated Entry standards provide that the first person to make contact is responsible for maintaining & documenting contact, & for engagement & rapport building. Personal & repeated contact ensures effective outreach for those least likely to request assistance. The Stateside CoC has made accessibility training available to Local CoCs and Project staff. Local CoCs: assess & provide access for people with limited English proficiency, including multi-lingual outreach & translated materials & conduct outreach in communities & at organizations serving high concentrations of racial/ethnic/religious minorities, &/or people with disabilities. The CoC's monitoring program evaluates compliance with federal accessibility requirements & requirements on affirmatively furthering fair housing.

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

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

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

Produced video/photography to raise awareness and build support for decriminalization		Yes
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1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.I.	

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	402	343

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

- 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;
- 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
- works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The MT Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS), which administers SNAP, TANF, WIC, Medicaid, Healthy MT Kids, health insurance marketplace tax credits, childcare assistance, LIEAP, etc. is a Statewide CoC Board member & provides local CoCs & grantees with mainstream benefits updates from state & federal agencies. Local Offices of Public Assistance (OPAs) are active participants in local CoC meetings, provide guidance on enrollment in their programs & assist local CoC providers to troubleshoot barriers to enrollment. Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in each community are also TANF operators, including TANF employment & training programs. Many CAAs are also CoC grant recipients & are very active in their local CoC meetings assisting other programs to effectively use mainstream benefits. Local CoCs use additional strategies, such as resource updates via a slack channel in Missoula that reaches hundreds of staff 2) The Statewide CoC has partnered with a foundation on an HMIS data integration project to facilitate Medicaid enrollment. Health insurance navigators assist with health insurance enrollment. CoC providers coordinate with SHIP counselors to assist in applying for & navigating health insurance. Examples from Local CoCs include: multiple healthcare organizations have signed partnerships with Missoula CoC, attend regular CES meetings (e.g., oversight committee & case conferencing) & enter data into HMIS - this allows regular information sharing about clients who enter or exit the hospital & opens easier pathways to make warm hand-offs to medical, dental, & behavioral health care; through a FUSE initiative the Helena CoC is working with hospitals & mental health agencies to build pathways for all providers to more effectively access these services for participants; Ravalli County CoC includes reps from the largest hospital & the Mental Health Center, which also provides addiction services & an assessment of the intersection of healthcare & homelessness is underway. 3) Needs & resources differ widely among local CoCs & so SOAR implementation is managed locally. Missoula CoC has a SOAR subcommittee that trains & onboards new staff from across the CoC on the SOAR process. NWMT CoC works to increase the number of SOAR certified staff & has certified staff at 4 agencies that participate both in the CoC & in the CoC's homeless outreach collaboration – regular reports at CoC meetings help to promote SOAR with all CoC projects.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Because needs & resources differ widely across urban, suburban, rural & frontier areas of Montana, sheltering strategies are determined, implemented & adjusted at the local CoC level. Examples of how the CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate shelter include: efforts to purchase a former hospital building to offer more privacy & reduce health risks for shelter residents (Helena); use of non-congregate residential & hotel/motel facilities & a capital campaign to double the number of emergency shelter bedrooms, provide en-suite bathrooms & enlarged kitchen space, & enable two rooms to be isolated from the rest of the shelter (Ravalli County); to respond to COVID isolation units were developed in congregate shelters leading to an assessment of the CoCs emergency shelter plan & development of an updated community response that includes non-congregate shelter for future public health emergencies (NWMT).; Missoula recently expanded from 25 to 30 its non-congregate sheltering sites - each can fit up to 2 people – & they are continuing to explore additional non-congregate shelter options, particularly for populations, including women, nonbinary guests, transition aged youth, & others. Several Local CoCs, including Billings had accessed COVID 19 funding to support use of motels for sheltering. The Billings CoC is now working to secure alternative funding for a property that would co-locate several projects, operated by multiple providers, thereby reducing costs through economies of scale & shared operations. This strategy would enable non-congregate sheltering.

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)

Because needs & resources differ widely across urban, suburban, rural & frontier areas of MT, infectious disease prevention efforts & response policies & procedures are established & implemented at the local CoC level. 1) Local CoCs (e.g., Great Falls, Helena, Missoula, & SWMT) participate in Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) planning bodies. COADs are a structured way for local CoCs to coordinate with their City/County Health Departments, County Offices of Emergency Management, local non-profits, private & public health/behavioral healthcare organizations, to support effective policies/procedures to respond to infectious disease (ID) outbreaks & other types of emergencies. COADs prepare & mobilize a coordinated response, share lessons learned, & continuously build local capacity, including establishing & updating policies/procedures. COADs are re-activated as needed. Local CoCs (e.g., Helena & NWMT) also work regularly with their City/County Health Departments to ensure that all policies/procedures to prevent & respond to infectious disease outbreaks, are current & appropriate per State/County regulations. For example, policies & procedures on quarantine, isolation & referral were established/updated & leveraged to respond to the Monkey Pox outbreak. The City-County Health Department is an active member of the local NWMT CoC & helped to develop plans to address shelter & healthcare needs during ID outbreaks. 2) Local CoCs also work with their COADs & City/County Health Departments to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness (PEH). For example, the Helena CoC serves on a leadership team with local public health agencies that disseminates information to prevent ID outbreaks, & the local CoC works with their local health department to help member agencies alter their models of care & adjust in response to infectious diseases. The City-County Health Department is an active member of the local NWMT CoC & helped to develop plans to prevent/manage ID outbreaks. The local health department provides training & protocols for Great Falls CoC programs. The Missoula CoC works with public health agencies to gather the most current info about prevention of & response to outbreaks & shares it with member organizations. Shelter staff are trained to disseminate updates to residents, & outreach teams share information with people who are unsheltered. The Yellowstone County CoC has a seat on its Unified Health Command.

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)

Because needs & resources differ widely across urban, suburban, rural & frontier areas of Montana, strategies to most effectively equip providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks are established & implemented at the local CoC level. 1) Local CoCs (e.g., Helena, Missoula, SWMT, Yellowstone County) participated in Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) and/or Unified Health Command (UHC) planning bodies. COADs/UHCs are a structured way for local CoCs to obtain current and accurate information about public health measures and to ensure that those measures are responsive to the needs of people experiencing homelessness (PEH). Homeless services staff at all levels participated in local COADs/UHCs. This includes healthcare professionals, nonprofit directors, outreach staff, case managers, and others. This enabled efficient communication across all levels of the system and the ability to share information quickly both with providers serving PEH and with project participants. Local CoCs shared this information via general membership and committee meetings, case conferencing, email, Slack channels, social media, flyers, staff training, & word of mouth. 2) COADs/UHCs are comprised of dozens of public and private agencies across the state, including public health agencies and homeless services providers. They identified client and provider needs, overcame barriers and promoted best practices related to preventing/limiting infectious disease outbreaks. These efforts ensured communication and coordination structures were in place & quickly leveraged during public health emergencies to: monitor and disseminate information from public health authorities; train staff in shelter, outreach, and housing programs; ensure the continuation of services and stakeholder coordination using videoconferencing technology; deconcentrate shelter; rapidly stand-up non-congregate beds; ensure access to basic hygiene for people living unsheltered; expedite housing placement; secure and disseminate PPE and disinfecting products; promote precautions among staff and clients; and partner with health care providers to promote vaccine confidence among and ensure convenient vaccine access for project staff and clients. NWMT CoC also developed a strategic plan for ID outbreaks, & a subcommittee organized public forums to educate the public on the impact of ID outbreaks on PEH.

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)

1) Montana includes large rural areas where homeless persons can be hours away from the nearest service provider. To ensure coverage of 100% of the geographic area, the CoC uses Coordinated Entry Referral Zones that mirror the state's community action agency districts. Persons experiencing a housing crisis in a rural area can access the Montana Rural Coordinated Entry System Call Center at 406-282-1373. Referrals are made within the zone where someone presents for services, but the Coordinated Entry System can also accommodate referrals across zones. 2) Coordinated Entry implementations in each zone follow a standardized assessment process. The entire CoC uses the HUD Pre-Screen tool as an entry assessment into CES. The state now also uses the MAP (Matching Appropriate Placement) to score clients and determine their level of need and which local resources would be of best use to them. Case conferencing is done slightly differently across local CoC Coordinated Entry implementations, but, in all cases, they have a system in place to use the information and assessment tools cited above to prioritize all active clients on their By Name List and determine to which local resources their clients should be linked. The information sources used to inform assessment determinations, include: HMIS, the HUD Pre-Screen Tool, the Matching Appropriate Placement Tool and case conferencing. 3) Local CES Implementations are supported by a monthly statewide CES call, where participating projects provide feedback, share best practices and problem solve challenges. Statewide CES policies and procedures and Local CoC CES implementations are updated based on that feedback.

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)

1)MT includes large rural areas where homeless persons can be hours away from the nearest service provider. The CoC use districted CES Referral Zones. People in rural areas can access the Rural CES hotline, which is advertised on the Montana CoC website. This decentralized approach helps to ensure that vulnerable people, who are least likely to apply, have access regardless of location. Decentralization also enables local people who understand the demographics, barriers, and language needs in their area to determine the best approach to market CES to those least likely to apply & to develop a targeted outreach approach & materials that affirmatively further fair housing. Based on local assessments of the marketing needs, outreach teams in each zone focus on identifying & connecting the people least likely to seek assistance to the CES. When persons decline to engage (e.g., due to substance use, disabling mental illness, language barriers, etc.), the first person to make contact is responsible for maintaining & documenting contact, & for engagement, rapport building, & helping the person connect to services. 2)Each Referral Zone uses the MAP (Matching Appropriate Placement) tool to assess clients' current living situation, risk factors, and needs. Case conferencing is done a bit differently across local Referral Zones, but, in all cases, they prioritize those with the most significant needs. The information collected on the MAP assessment is used in conjunction with case notes collected while working with clients to make informed decisions during case conferencing about which clients should be prioritized for different types of housing. 3)The MAP tool explores participants preferences, which are heavily weighted in referral decisions. Each local CoC monitors the by-name list to ensure that the highest need tenants are served promptly in accordance with their preferences. The CoC evaluates days from project entry to move-in date to ensure rapid housing placement subsequent to referral. Local CoCs monitor referrals & housing placements to ensure that eligible applicants are admitted, housed and stabilized promptly. 4)The CoC discontinued use of the VI-SPDAT & developed a new assessment tool (MAP). The new tool helps to ensure a streamlined process, that asks for the least amount of information necessary & minimizes invasiveness. For clients unable/unwilling to travel to designated access points, outreach workers assist in the entry/assessment process.

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 has several strategies to affirmatively market housing & services and ensure all persons experiencing housing instability regardless of race, color, national origin, etc. are aware of the assistance provided in areas across the state. Firstly, partnering agencies and CE front doors make this information available on their websites. Secondly, flyers and brochures with information about coordinated entry are distributed and posted at locations frequently accessed by those experiencing homelessness. Lastly, coordinated entry leads are continually working to expand with partnering agencies in surrounding rural areas so that these services are accessible to anyone experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Information on the Fair Housing Act is included in brochures distributed at access points. 2) When a client first engages with any case manager or outreach worker & at enrollment their rights and remedies under all applicable laws are explained to them. The CoC requires access points and all CoC/ESG projects to provide each applicant/participant with a Bill of Rights that informs them of their rights under federal, state, & local fair housing and civil rights laws in accessible language. The Bill of Rights includes information about how to report violations and project staff assist participants to understand their rights and report violations. The CoC’s monitoring program reviews client charts to assess compliance and requires submission of a follow up plan when projects have not provided the Bill of Rights as required. The CoC hosts annual Equal Access training covering fair housing and civil rights topics. 3) Case managers work with current or prospective program participants to detail any potential conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice. Any issues identified are immediately reported. The specific rules laid out by the Fair Housing Act are covered in initial staff member training. The topic of how to make these reports is frequently discussed in case conferencing, as well as unpacking whether or not discrimination has occurred due to the participant belonging to a protected class. Statewide CoC staff works with local CoCs to ensure that any conditions/actions that impede fair housing choice for CoC/ESG participants and applicants and are promptly reported to the jurisdiction responsible for certifying consistency with the Con Plan (e.g. during regular meetings between the CoC and DPHHS).

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.	09/19/2022

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) In September 2022, the CoC HMIS Lead examined enrollment & outcomes data to detect racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance funded by the CoC & other sources. The analysis looked at exit data for participants served 9/1/21 - 8/31/22 & used two data sources: 2022 PIT Count Data, and HMIS data. The analysis includes graphic data representations, key findings & recommendations for next steps to address the identified disparities. In addition, a Data Dashboard provides real-time, publicly accessible, web-based data analyzing the number of participants, percent of exits to permanent housing and average days from intake to housing by race. Data can be filtered by provider and by prior living situation. The data source for the dashboard is HMIS. Local CoCs are also analyzing racial disparities. For example, the Missoula Equity in Action report looks at deaths & life expectancy by race among unhoused households compared to the general population; 2) Racial disparities identified by the CoC include: participants identifying as African American/Black, Native American/Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander had lower rates of positive exit outcomes (includes PH & TH), while those identifying as Asian, White, and mixed race had higher rates of positive exit outcomes compared to the aforementioned groups. Those who identified as Black/African American and Native American/Alaskan Natives were less likely to obtain permanent housing than Whites. Those who identified as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander had the lowest rate of obtaining permanent housing. Households identifying as mixed race took the least amount of time to obtain housing. In comparison, it took Blacks/African Americans 27.8 days longer to obtain housing than those identifying as mixed race, and 17.1 days longer than Whites. Those identifying as Native American/Alaska Native fell in the middle. People of Hispanic/Latino heritage and those who identified as Non-Hispanic/Latino had very similar rates of obtaining permanent housing, but Hispanic/Latino clients were able to find housing 16.27 days sooner on average than those who identified as Non-Hispanic. In Missoula, unhoused Native & African Americans make up a disproportionate # of deaths, unhoused Native Americans' life expectancy is 10 years shorter than unhoused whites & the number of unhoused Missoulians who are Native is approx. 20% compared to 1.5% in the general population.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	No
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes

5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

There are disproportionate numbers of tribal members experiencing homelessness in the CoC. To address these disparities the CoC has worked to engage tribal communities throughout the state, securing grant funding to facilitate a series of meetings between tribal communities & CoC leadership. The CoC has invited tribal participation in the statewide CoC and worked to identify the specific needs of these communities, ensures that tribal communities are aware of CoC funding opportunities, and existing CoC projects to serve tribal members experiencing homelessness throughout Montana. The MT CoC Leadership Council is a work group comprised of PWLE to advising the CoC Board on systemic barriers experienced by those experiencing homeless throughout Montana. The CoC is planning an assessment of its CES in late 2023 to ensure it is adequately addressing known disparities. The Leadership Council will be involved in planning and facilitation of this assessment. The CoC incorporates racial equity measures into its scoring criteria to access the authentic engagement of those experiencing homelessness, how projects address inequities to housing and provide culturally specific and responsive programming. The CoC implemented continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategy for its YHDP projects that includes communication, leadership development, systems analysis, and data-driven oversight of projects. Communication and systems analysis are addressed in monthly grantee roundtables where disparities are addressed, and solutions are developed. To increase youth participation in CQI, YHDP has supported YAB members participating in YHDP meetings, testifying at the state legislature, presenting at, and attending at statewide conferences, and providing professional development opportunities. Data-driven oversight of projects is done through a publicly accessible, web-based data dashboard that includes multiple measures used to understand & address disparities in the provision & outcomes of homeless assistance (e.g., the dashboard includes the number of participants, percent of exits to permanent housing, average days from intake to housing and demographics).

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 Data Dashboard provides real-time, publicly accessible, web-based data on multiple measures used to track progress on preventing and eliminating disparities in access to and outcomes of homeless assistance. For example, the dashboard includes the number of participants, percent of exits to permanent housing and average days from intake to housing by race, gender (male, female, nonbinary, transgender, male transgender, female transgender, questioning), and sexual orientation (heterosexual, bisexual, gay questioning, lesbian). Data can be filtered by provider and by prior living situation. The Data Dashboard also provides inflow and outflow data for each local Coordinated Entry Zone by race, age, gender, and disabling condition. CoC staff monitor data and compare to national statistics to identify opportunities and strategies to prevent and eliminate disparities. In addition, the CoC updates its race equity analysis at a minimum every three years. This analysis, which includes graphic representations of the data, key findings and recommendations for next steps to address the identified disparities is a vital tool in tracking progress on preventing and eliminating disparities. Local CoCs are also using data to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities. For example, as a partner in the Missoula Equity in Action initiative, the Missoula Coordinated Entry System’s (MCES) is tracking and using graphic data representations to demonstrate: annual comparisons of race demographics for unhoused households compared to the general population; deaths by race among unhoused households compared to the general population; and life expectancy by race among unhoused households compared to the general population. The Bozeman Equity Indicators Report analyzes survey, focus group, and interview data by race on indicators, including: need for homeless support or programs; housing affordability; availability of living wage jobs; & access to mental health, SUD, & employment services, providing baseline data to measure progress. Data analysis occurs at a minimum yearly to track progress on preventing and eliminating disparities. 2) The CoC is using the following tools to track progress on preventing and eliminating disparities: a CoC-wide web-based data dashboard hosted by the HMIS Lead, a CoC-wide race equity analysis and equity reports in local CoCs. These tools rely primarily on HMIS data. The Bozeman Report uses survey, focus group, and interview data.

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 CoC uses multiple strategies to engage, recruit, & train People w/Lived Experience of Homelessness (PLEH) to serve in leadership roles & participate in decision-making processes. Examples include: the statewide CoC actively recruits & currently has 2 PLEH on its Board; Local CoCs do the same & also have representation in their leadership (e.g., a PLEH serves as the chair of the NWMT CoC); the CoC's Leadership Council is comprised of PLEH who are compensated at \$35/hr, presented at the State Housing Conference & served on the Grants Review Panel; the CoC's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) recruits PLEH, through pages on Facebook & the CoC website, conference presentations (4 in 2023), site visits (4 in 2023) & blog posts. The YAB recently released a short video titled End the Stigma featuring youth with lived experience of homelessness. The YAB chair was featured on a local news program focused on how lived experience should guide social assistance programming throughout the state. Outreach efforts advertise compensation for YAB members (\$25/hour), training opportunities, & a stipend of \$250/year for leadership development. Local CoCs also use a range of outreach strategies. The NWMT CoC & the City of Kalispell are forming a Homeless Advisory Council, which is a vehicle for outreach to engage PLEH & for identifying & mentoring emerging leaders among PLEH. In the Missoula CoC, outreach was conducted to engage PLEH in interviews, focus groups & surveys to understand their impressions of the effectiveness of programs developed under the City's 10 year plan to end homelessness & a group of staff focused on equity within Coordinated Entry held focus groups with BIPOC lived experts on accessing housing resources. These strategies gather critical information to inform improvements & provide opportunities to recruit PLEH to join the CoC. The SWMT CoC meets monthly at their local shelter to ensure that PLEH have easy access to CoC decision-making. Local CoC's (e.g., Missoula, Helena) member agencies recruit PLEH as staff who participate in their local CoCs, help to recruit other PWLEH, & help to inform & guide CoC decision-making. These strategies have resulted in successful recruitment of PLEH in multiple leadership roles (e.g., CoC Board member, Local CoC chair, YAB chair, trainer & conference presenter) & engagement of PLEH in many decision-making processes (e.g., policy development, application scoring, project review/ranking/selection, & project monitoring).

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.	9	3
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	7	5
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	3	1

4. Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	6	1
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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 uses multiple strategies to provide professional development & employment opportunities to people with lived experience of homelessness (PLEH). YAB & Leadership Council members get paid experience as experts in homelessness & consult on a range of program and system level decisions. The CoC is currently seeking PLEH to apply for a new YHDP Program Coordinator position. YAB members receive \$250/year to attend a professional development opportunity. This year members have attended anti-racism trainings, & one member joined a Community Centric Fundraising Cohort. YAB members participated in formal facilitation training & have multiple opportunities to practice facilitation & presentation skills (e.g., YAB members facilitated a youth listening session about housing insecurity & a YAB member presented at the Montana Statewide Housing Conference). In addition, YAB members gain valuable experience in group processes & coalition building through their participation in YHDP meetings. They also gain valuable public relations skills (e.g., YAB recently partnered with a professional production company to produce a short video titled End the Stigma featuring youth with lived experience of homelessness & the YAB chair was featured on a local news program focused on how lived experience should guide social assistance programming throughout the state). Other professional development strategies for PLEH utilized include leading training for human services staff, testifying at the state legislature & local government & having a person with lived expertise co-write a grant application. These opportunities not only help PLEH to develop employment skills, but also provide critical exposure to potential employers. In fact, one YAB member has become a community organizer at a statewide nonprofit, another has started their career at the Native American Development Corporation, & one member now sits on an advisory board for the Montana Women's Foundation. CoC member agencies across the state also provide professional development opportunities (e.g., Supportive Employment, Supportive Education, skills-based training, internships, and continuing education). Member agencies also hire staff with lived experience & provide mentorship opportunities for staff with lived expertise to partner with staff who have other types of expertise. Local CoCs also provide professional development opportunities to PLEH e.g., the Helena CoC invites PLEH to participate in CoC trainings.

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)The Statewide CoC routinely gathers feedback from people w/lived experience of homelessness (PLEH) as follows: YAB members leverage their experience receiving homeless assistance to provide guidance & expertise to grantees (e.g., met with grantees who did not expend their awards, assisted a grantee to plan & execute a statewide outreach campaign; participated in the MT CoC Scoring Committee; & met with a provider struggling to engage youth in their program). Surveys (e.g., PIT, outreach, & community needs) are administered in-person to gather feedback from PLEH. Local CoCs also routinely gather feedback & provide that feedback to the statewide CoC. Examples: in the Missoula CoC a group of staff focused on equity within Coordinated Entry held focus groups with lived BIPOC experts to gather insights about their experiences accessing housing resources. Local CoCs (e.g., NWMT CoC, Missoula, Helena) have member agencies that employ PLEH who provide feedback about the experience of homelessness to their local & Statewide CoCs. 2) The CoC also routinely gathers feedback from participants in CoC/ESG projects. Examples: Surveys are administered in-person to gather feedback from CoC/ESG participants; Helena CoC holds regular listening sessions with project participants; the NWMT CoC & the City of Kalispell are forming a Homeless Advisory Council, which is a vehicle for obtaining feedback from CoC/ESG participants; Missoula CoC conducted surveys, focus groups, and interviews with CoC/ESG project participants; in the NWMT CoC one agency takes the lead on following up with all clients served by CoC and/or ESG programs quarterly to gather feedback on how to improve services. 3) To address employment challenges experienced by YAB members, the CoC provides a range of professional development opportunities (e.g., \$250 annual stipend to attend a professional development opportunity, participation in facilitation training). All YAB suggestions from their review of client intake forms were incorporated. As a result of feedback from their Homeless Advisory Committee, the SWMT CoC began needle exchange and is working to develop PSH. Feedback from PLEH helped the Helena CoC to establish an agenda that includes: expanding Housing First, affordable housing development, & zoning reform. Missoula CoC now uses “unhoused” & created an authorized camping site in direct response to feedback from PLEH. SWMT CoC used info from focus groups with PLEH to inform design/location for PSH.

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)

1) In the past 12 months, Local CoCs engaged City and County government officials to advance initiatives to reform zoning & land use policies. For example, a Helena CoC Action Team engaged regularly with local officials regarding zoning policies and best practices for infill housing and affordable housing opportunities. Representatives from local government, including Hamilton City planners, Councilpersons, & the County Commissioner served on the Ravalli CoC planning board, regularly updated CoC members regarding local zoning policies and encouraged participation in related City Council meetings. The Missoula CoC engaged both City and County staff to ensure that a major growth policy update, which will update zoning policies, integrates considerations for sheltering & housing unhoused neighbors. This involved many hours spent working with developers and creating incentives to integrate and increase the supply of affordable housing. 2) In the past 12 months Local CoCs engaged city and county government officials to advance initiatives to reduce regulatory barriers to housing development. For example, the NWMT CoC worked to engage local municipalities to join meetings and the local CoC to help reduce regulatory barriers to housing developments as part of its plan towards functional zero. They used public forums, emails, & 'calls to action', to engage local officials to be a part of regulatory solutions. The Missoula CoC engaged both City and County staff to ensure that a major growth policy update, which will update regulations/code, integrates considerations for sheltering and housing unhoused neighbors. This involved many hours spent working with developers and creating incentives to integrate and increase the supply of affordable housing. In addition, the Statewide & local CoC partnered with organizations around the state to engage State legislators to pass legislation that would include deed restriction regulations to ensure that homes developed through the MT Community Reinvestment Plan remain affordable into the future and to enable use of the Coal Trust Homes Program to develop mobile home parks.

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

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

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/03/2023
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.	08/03/2023

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	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)?	110
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	29
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH

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)% of exits to PH & % of persons remaining in or moving to PH are scored factors in renewal evaluation & ranking. Data are collected in HMIS & analyzed in Excel & the CoC data dashboard, which tracks, for example, exit destinations for all CoC funded projects by Coordinated Entry Zone, provider, Veteran and Chronic Status, gender, race, sexual orientation & prior living situation. Retention in PH is a scored factor in renewal evaluation & ranking. 2)Time from entry to move-in is a scored factor in renewal evaluation & ranking. Data are collected in HMIS & analyzed in Excel & the CoC data dashboard, which tracks median days to housing by exit destination, CES Zone, provider, & Veteran/Chronic status & average days to housing by gender, race, sexual orientation, & prior living situation). 3)The CoC’s process for reviewing, selecting, and ranking projects uses scoring criteria and assigns points to projects that authentically engage people with high needs and vulnerabilities: low or no income, >1 disability, escaping violence or history of victimization, criminal history and chronic homelessness (CH). Additional points are assigned to projects based on extent of Housing First implementation and efforts to reduce barriers for people with severe needs. 4)The CoC’s process for reviewing, selecting, and ranking projects considers how project performance may be impacted by serving the highest need/most vulnerable populations by assigning points based on the local gaps and needs analysis, which local CoCs can use to identify particular types of projects that meet a local need for models targeted to specific vulnerable/high need populations and assigning points to how projects authentically engage clients. The Scoring Committee can also consider unique factors that impact performance that are not captured in the CoC’s objective scoring criteria, such as, whether a project is the only one in its geographic area that serves particular high need/vulnerable populations.

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)

1)The CoC’s Scorecard Committee includes a Latinx and Anishinaabe member. That committee determines the criteria & points used to rate & review new & renewal project applications. The CoC has identified which races are overrepresented in the local homelessness population & is working to bring them more fully into the process of determining the review the rating factors used to score project applications. 2) The input from persons of different races, including those over-represented in the local homelessness population resulted in inclusion of race equity measures on the CoC Scorecard. For example, applicants are required to submit a narrative about & are scored on how they authentically engage clients to address inequities in housing and service access in their area; take actions to address those inequities; and/or have established plans to take such actions; have integrated culturally specific & responsive programming &/or have established plans to do so. The COC’s Scorecard Committee currently includes a Latinx and Anishinaabe member. That committee sets the criteria used by the Grants Review Panel and the CoC Board to score and rank project applications. The CoC has also identified which races are over-represented in the local homelessness population & is working to bring them more fully into the process of reviewing, selecting, & ranking projects. The CoC has taken steps to strengthen efforts that promote race equity in its competition review and ranking process (e.g, by adding additional scoring criteria specific to issues of equity and by actively recruiting new members from the BIPOC and tribal communities to serve on the Grants Review Committee and CoC Board. 3) The CoC Scorecard, which establishes evaluation metrics for new and renewal project applications requires submission of a narrative used to assess and score the extent to which applicants have identified inequities in housing and service access in their area, taken actions to address those inequities, and/or have established plans to take such actions. This narrative is also used to assess the extent to which applicants have integrated culturally specific and responsive programming and/or have established plans to do so.

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) The CoC’s reallocation process was adopted by the CoC in 2013. The CoC Board reviewed the revised the policy in 2023. The CoC solicited feedback from CoC Members & communicated the process to project applicants during the CoC Competition. The revised Reallocation Policy has implemented a process to identify and reallocate projects that are low performing or less needed. A Performance and Evaluation Committee comprised of non-conflicted members monitors project performance on an ongoing basis. This committee sets annual performance benchmarks for the statewide CoC and individual projects, as well as establishes scoring criteria based on those benchmarks and HUD systems performance measures. The committee also monitors utilization and identify projects for reallocation based on failure to fully utilize funds. 2)The CoC did not identify any projects for reallocation in the 2023 competition. 3)The CoC did not reallocate any projects in the 2023 competition. 4) The CoC did not identify any projects that met the threshold for reallocation or no longer met a prioritized need with the the CoC.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023. NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
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	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.	
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1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
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.	09/11/2023

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.	
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	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.	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
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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 HMIS Lead has informed all Victim Service Providers in the state of comparable database requirements, and, as new projects are added, will continue to offer a list of available comparable database systems to any providers that are not yet in compliance with the requirement. CoC policy requires that all VSPs submit Annual Performance Report summaries (with no client information) and System Performance Measures for each project from a comparable database to the CoC and HMIS Lead following the end of each Federal Fiscal Year. The HMIS Lead analyzes reports submitted to the Continuum of Care by VSPs for indications that a provider's system may not be in compliance with HUD's comparable database requirements. The HMIS Lead also provides information to providers to help them work with their vendors to resolve any compliance related issues that are found in comparable databases. 2) The majority of ES and TH DV providers in the CoC are using a HUD compliant comparable database, and 100% of DV RRH projects are using the CoC's Wellsky Comparable Database, which is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards. 3. The CoC's HMIS (Wellsky) is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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	1,245	243	852	85.03%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	542	87	155	34.07%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	343	85	258	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	905	0	261	28.84%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	250	0	0	0.00%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

ES & RRH HMIS Bed Coverage rates exceed 85%. The CoC has no Safe Haven beds. TH: 1) The CoC leverages non-participating TH provider relationships w/HMIS participating organizations & local governments & private funders to persuade them to use HMIS & uses HUD funds to waive certain HMIS costs. Most non-participating TH providers; however, are privately funded, rural and not located in proximity to HMIS participating organizations. To persuade these providers to join HMIS, the CoC will: First target providers with a direct relationship to a CoC member or HMIS user; Then build on existing relationships to educate nonparticipating TH providers on the benefits of HMIS participation. 2) Steps to reach an 85% TH participation rate: First, identify CoC members who have relationships to leaders of non-participating TH projects; Then coordinate outreach to provide information about HMIS and begin a dialog; Lastly, set up meetings with TH program staff and the HMIS Lead to identify and address barriers that prevent HMIS participation. PSH: 1) In 2022 the CoC secured a commitment from the local VAMC to provide HOMES data files for upload into HMIS. Due to staff turnover at the VAMC, receipt of the files was delayed until after the 2023 HIC was finalized. The CoC has since received those files for HUD-VASH projects, which are now fully participating in HMIS. 2) The steps have already been taken to achieve more than an 85% PSH participation rate. Now the CoC & HMIS lead are addressing data quality issues identified in the HOMES data set. OPH: 1) In 2023 there was a large increase in the number of Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) in use (250 beds). The CoC will work with the MT State Housing Authority (MTSHA) to ensure that all EHV's in use are participating in HMIS. 2) Steps to reach an 85% OPH participation rate: The CoC will meet and communicate with MTSHA to ensure they understand what is required. The CoC will provide technical assistance to MTSHA to support their ability to meet the requirements. In addition, for all component types with HMIS bed coverage below 85% (TH/PSH/OPH): the CoC & HMIS Leads will regularly monitor the number of beds added to assess progress towards the targeted participation 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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/26/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Each local CoC worked with any agencies in their area that work with youth to devise strategies for locating and identifying homeless youth during the count. Several YHDP grantees were involved with planning and implementing the PIT. Unaccompanied youth serving on the YAB assisted regional planning groups with the PIT Count planning process. 2) YHDP grantees and youth volunteers with lived experience of homelessness helped local unsheltered PIT coordinators to identify places where homeless youth were most likely to be on the night of the count. Unaccompanied youth serving on the YAB assisted regional planning groups with the PIT Count planning process, which included selection of locations where homeless youth were most likely to be counted. In several local CoCs, students also assisted their local PIT coordinators with count planning, which included selection of locations where homeless youth were most likely to be counted. 3) No youth who were currently experiencing homelessness were used as survey collection volunteers for this year's Point in Time count, but the CoC and PIT leads are planning to push for organizations that serve homeless youth to identify youth in their communities that would be willing to volunteer as survey counters/collectors in 2024.

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)

- 1) There were no methodology or data quality changes made to our sheltered PIT count implementation from 2022 to the 2023 count.
- 2) There were no methodology or data quality changes made to our unsheltered PIT count implementation from 2022 to 2023.
- 3/4) Not Applicable - The CoC conducted a 2023 unsheltered count and made no changes to the sheltered or unsheltered counts as described above.

2C. System Performance

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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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Principal risk factors from national literature were compared to MT CES & PIT data to identify the following risk factors: lack of affordable housing, income, health, escaping violence & racial inequities. 2)The publicly accessible, web based CoC data dashboard ensures that relevant data are easily available & fully transparent. It tracks, for example, system inflow data & coordinated entry diversion outcomes by Local Coordinated Entry (CES) Zones & cost. The CoC provides diversion training to CES stakeholders to support a problem-solving approach to assist those at risk of homelessness. CES connects at-risk households to affordable housing, workforce services, & other mainstream benefits & services. The CoC is working with MT Legal Services on strategies to provide more legal & landlord mediation services. The CoC is working to expand affordable housing options via a coalition promoting state funded tax credits & through advocacy for homeless set-asides/preferences when awarding federal tax credits. A participation agreement w/the MT Dept of Labor ensures that WIOA adopts “most vulnerable” policies that prioritize education, training and employment for the most vulnerable populations including those households most at-risk of becoming homeless. Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are frontline providers of bundled prevention services and the CoC is partnering with them to approach providers of Labor, Medicaid, Housing, Mental Health and others, to implement more systematic approaches to accessing mainstream services and adopting more common assessment and prioritization tools. With training and supports from the CoC in partnership with CSH, front door providers are offering new and more intense diversion services to help people at risk of becoming homeless to explore and secure alternative housing arrangements and access services to stabilize in housing. The CoC has implemented continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategies led by a CQI subcommittee for its YHDP projects, including: a publicly accessible, web-based data dashboard; grantee roundtables to discuss data and plan strategies to improve performance; focus groups with project participants to identify opportunities to improve; data-driven oversight of projects (e.g. monthly data reports & baseline data comparison); and quarterly reports shared with the YAB & YHDP Executive Committee. The YHDP CQI initiative serves as a model to expand across the CoC. 3)David O’Leary, Director MT CoC.

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

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

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

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

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
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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)Time from entry to move-in is a scored factor in renewal evaluation & ranking. The CoC data dashboard ensures that relevant data are easily available & fully transparent (tracks median days to housing by exit destination, CES Zone, provider, & Veteran/ Chronic status & average days to housing by gender, race, sexual orientation, & prior living situation). Other strategies used to reduce length of homelessness include a significant expansion of outreach to identify, assertively engage & rapidly assess the most vulnerable people. This expansion is enabling outreach workers to build rapport with clients reluctant to engage in services who would otherwise have remained homeless long-term. HMIS tracks the Length of Time from project entry to housing placement in all CES participating programs, & the CoC is using these data to identify opportunities to expedite the process. Through a Strategic Planning initiative funded by the MT Healthcare Foundation & facilitated by CSH, the CoC is expanding the use of housing navigators to reduce the time it takes to gather necessary documents & find viable units. That initiative is also advancing a CoC-wide Housing Problem- Solving Approach by providing training on rapid exit strategies for case managers. The training is helping them to use a strengths-based, housing-focused case management approach & to provide light touch services to house persons that will not likely be prioritized for RRH or PSH. 2)The CoC identifies & houses those with the longest lengths of homelessness as follows: the CES common assessment tool scores households based on length of time homeless, statewide CES standards & local prioritization policies establish people experiencing chronic homelessness as the highest priority. Housing Navigators & case managers are assigned to assist with housing search and move-in. The CoC has implemented continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategies led by a CQI subcommittee for its YHDP projects, including: a publicly accessible, web-based data dashboard; grantee roundtables to discuss data and plan strategies to improve performance; focus groups with project participants to identify opportunities to improve; data-driven oversight of projects (e.g. monthly data reports & baseline data comparison); and quarterly reports shared with the YAB & YHDP Executive Committee. The YHDP CQI initiative serves as a model to expand across the CoC. 3)David O'Leary, Director MT CoC.

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)% of exits to PH is a scored factor in renewal evaluation & ranking. The web based CoC data dashboard ensures that relevant data are easily available & fully transparent. It tracks, for example, exit destinations by Coordinated Entry Zone, provider, Veteran and Chronic Status, gender, race, sexual orientation & prior living situation. The CoC’s is increasing exits to PH from ES, TH, & RRH (CoC has no SH) by expanding the use of housing navigators (HNs) & providing HNs & case managers w/training & supports. This strategy will advance use of a strengths-based, housing-focused case management approach & an effective light-touch model to house persons not prioritized for RRH or PSH. The CoC w/MT Dept of Commerce (DoC): has provided refresher training on the use of the an app, which inventories & matches renters with landlords; & is assessing options to improve connections w/property managers. 2)Retention in PH is a scored factor in renewal evaluation & ranking. To promote retention in & exits to PH the CoC is working with PHAs to secure “Moving-on” preferences & setasides. The CoC is also working to expand affordable housing, thereby increasing exit options, e.g., working w/state partners to: submit joint applications for subsidized housing; secure state affordable housing tax credits & obtain homeless set-asides/preferences when awarding federal tax credits. To increase PH retention, the CoC is: collaborating w/the MT Medicaid Waiver program to enhance tenancy supports; working w/PSH providers on a service model that builds client trust, improves engagement, increases retention & reduces exits to homelessness; working with Community Mental Health Centers to monitor clients for signs of change & expedite delivery of case management, clinical, & recovery services; & working with MT Legal Services to expand legal and landlord mediation services to prevent negative exits. The CoC has implemented continuous quality improvement (CQI) for its YHDP projects, including: a publicly accessible, web-based data dashboard; grantee roundtables to discuss data and plan strategies to improve performance; focus groups with project participants to identify opportunities to improve; data-driven oversight of projects (e.g. monthly data reports & baseline data comparison); and quarterly reports shared with the YAB & YHDP Executive Committee. The YHDP CQI initiative serves as a model to expand across the CoC. 3)David O’Leary, Director MT CoC.

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 uses detailed reports from HMIS to identify returnees and monitor returns on a quarterly basis. These reports show high return rates from ESG and SSVF programs and provide useful information about client characteristics (e.g., rates of disability and chronic homelessness). Local Coordinated Entry (CES) zones also identify returning households and assess reasons for unstable exits. 2)To reduce returns, the CoC conducts Medicaid-HMIS data matches and looks specifically at returnees to ensure that they are enrolled in Medicaid and SSI. The CoC also provides returnee data to the 7 FUSE (Frequent Users Systems Engagement) communities to facilitate prioritization of high need returnees for supportive housing. The CoC also shares data on returns with its Innovative Accelerator Initiative team. This initiative is increasing housing and tenancy supports by updating and expanding Medicaid waivers. In addition, through a Strategic Planning initiative funded by the MT Healthcare Foundation and facilitated by CSH, the CoC is establishing action steps to reduce returns from ESG and SSVF projects and among non-disabled people. In addition, the CoC provides diversion training to local CES stakeholders to support a problem-solving approach that assists returning households and prevents them from re-entering the system. The CoC data dashboard tracks system inflow data & coordinated entry diversion outcomes by Local Coordinated Entry (CES) Zones & cost. CES is working to reduce returns by connecting these households to affordable housing, workforce services, and other mainstream benefits & services. The CoC is also working with MT Legal Services on strategies to provide more legal and landlord mediation services to prevent returns. The CoC has implemented continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategies led by a CQI subcommittee for its YHDP projects, including: a publicly accessible, web-based data dashboard; grantee roundtables to discuss data and plan strategies to improve performance; focus groups with project participants to identify opportunities to improve; data-driven oversight of projects (e.g. monthly data reports & baseline data comparison); and quarterly reports shared with the YAB & YHDP Executive Committee. The YHDP CQI initiative serves as a model to expand across the CoC. 3) David O’Leary, Director MT CoC.

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 CoC uses an employment income metric to rate & rank projects. MT Dept of Labor (DOL) & CoC have a Participation Agreement to enhance coordination & increase incomes of persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) & RRH/PSH participants. The agreement includes data sharing, access to WIOA for youth, developing a cross referral process, cross training between job services & local CoCs, & targeting employment services to PEH w/the highest needs. Via the Innovative Accelerator Program, the CoC is working w/State partners to broaden Medicaid tenancy supports to ensure enrollment in mainstream employment services. Trainings on inclusive hiring/hiring for lived experience held in 2022 support efforts to hire program participants. YAB provides opportunities for young PEH to build employment skills, e.g. training on & experience in facilitation & grant writing. The CoC has implemented continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategies for its YHDP projects, including: a publicly accessible, web-based data dashboard; grantee roundtables to discuss data and plan strategies to improve performance (e.g., employment income); focus groups w/project participants to identify opportunities to improve; data-driven oversight of projects (e.g. monthly data reports & baseline data comparison); & quarterly reports shared with the YAB & YHDP Executive Committee.

2)Mainstream employment organizations, such as Community Action Partnership, Opportunities Inc. and Kalispell/Flathead Job Services, are local CoC members & active participants in efforts to increase employment income. Local Coord Entry zones are assessing employment needs & connecting applicants quickly to mainstream employment organizations (e.g., Job Services of MT, Vocational Rehab, and Express Employment). The Ravalli County CoC is represented on the Community Management Team of their Workforce Development System, which facilitates coordination with mainstream employment organizations. The Billings CoC has Job Services of MT participating in on-site case management at shelter. Local CoCs have implemented Family Self-Sufficiency & the Supported Employment & Education Program (SEP). SEP staff partner with local education, Job Service, Vocation Rehabilitation, university, etc. to identify hiring needs & connect clients to mainstream employment services. The YHDP CQI initiative serves as a model to expand across the CoC. 3) David O’Leary, Director MT CoC.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC uses a non-employment cash income metric to rate & rank projects. The CoC analyzes HMIS data to identify opportunities to increase non-employment cash income among participants. To increase access and enrollment in TANF (in addition to SNAPs & WIC) the MT CoC has partnered with the MT DPHHS Division of Human and Community Services, which administers these three programs, to provide training specifically to CoC grantees on how to assist clients to use a single application for these programs. Local CoCs and Coordinated Entry zones provide training and information to CoC projects to help ensure receipt of cash benefits. Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in each community are very active in their local CoCs and assist other programs to increase participants' benefit income. Strategies to improve access to non-employment income include: grantee surveys capturing # of referrals made, followed-up and enrolled & barriers to successful enrollments; coupled with HMIS data analysis on increases in these income categories at assessment and exit for the same reporting periods captured in the surveys. This information is used to shape action plans through the CoC's strategic planning process and inform discussions with DPHHS on resolving enrollment barriers. The CoC has implemented continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategies for its YHDP projects, including: a publicly accessible, web based data dashboard; grantee roundtables to discuss data and plan strategies to improve performance; focus groups w/project participants to identify opportunities to improve; data-driven oversight of projects (e.g. monthly data reports & baseline data comparison); & quarterly reports shared with the YAB. The YHDP CQI initiative serves as a model to expand across the CoC.2) David O'Leary, Director MT CoC.

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
HRDC IX PSH-HFV	PH-PSH	15	Both
Baatz Block Apart...	PH-PSH	14	Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? HRDC IX PSH-HFV
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): WTTZVC2S4FQ7
3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 15
5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Baatz Block Apartments
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): MZSHP67KNHR7
3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 14
5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)
 not applicable

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)

not applicable

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

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA HOMELESS PREF...	09/22/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA MOVING ON PRE...	09/22/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/22/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/22/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Local Competition...	09/15/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/22/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/22/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/22/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/22/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/26/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	MT-500 HDX Compet...	08/29/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leverage	09/25/2023
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Leverage	09/25/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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


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September 22, 2023

To Whom It May Concern at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

The Montana Continuum of Care Leadership Council supports the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care (MT-500) priorities for serving people experiencing homelessness with Severe Service Needs within the continuum's geographic area.

The Montana Continuum of Care Leadership Council is a workgroup composed of people with lived experience of homelessness that reviewed the priorities outlined below.

We support the following priorities for serving people experiencing homelessness with severe service needs:

- **Outreach Services to:**
 - Identify individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
 - Assess participant's housing and service needs and preferences.
 - Assist participants to swiftly connect to housing assistance and locate and move into a housing unit.
 - Link participants to ongoing supports that are aligned with their needs and preferences and can help them to achieve long-term housing stability.
- **Permanent Housing including both Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH)** (funded annually and included in the MT-500 2023 Consolidated Application) **to:**
 - Provide subsidized housing and flexible, person-centered supportive services to help participants to obtain permanent housing, stabilize in housing and identify and achieve personal goals.
- **Coordinated Entry System Hubs to:**
 - Assist people with severe service needs to quickly get connected to housing and ongoing support services.
- **CoC Planning** (funded annually and included in the MT-500 2023 Consolidated Application) **to:**
 - Provide technical assistance and support to provider agencies to ensure that all CoC projects are:
 - Rapidly implemented
 - Quickly housing participants and helping them to stabilize in housing & increase their income

- Treating participants with dignity and helping them to meet their own self-defined goals.
- Training staff appropriately.
- Working towards achieving established system performance measures.

The projects included in the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care 2023 Continuum of Care Consolidated Application are critically needed to help end homelessness among people with Severe Service Needs. We encourage HUD to award the funding requested for these important projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Ashlie Wise". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashlie Wise, Montana Continuum of Care Leadership Council
(see authorization to sign Survey Monkey report)

Cc: Jim McGrath, Georgia Cady, Jill Bonny, Chris Krager (MT-500 Executive Committee)

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Yes No

Response	Count
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**Montana Continuum of Care Supplemental Application
FY2023 Local Competition**

Project Name	Helena Housing PSH
Project Applicant	Helena Housing Authority

*Project Name and Applicant Name MUST be listed as they appear in e-snaps
A Supplemental Application MUST be submitted for each project*

Question 1: DV Projects Only - Comparable Database and Client Safety

Describe how your project improved the safety of your clients and how you used data or other information to track and document improved safety (suggested maximum of 200 words or less).

Question 2: Local CoC Participation and Community Engagement

Did a representative(s) of the applicant agency participate in any of the following Local CoC or Community Planning activities:

- Local CoC Meetings/Community Planning Meetings
- CES Case Consultation
- Other (please describe): HHA Executive Director Michael O’Neil

Is the long standing the chairman of the local Lewis and Clark County Human Services Task Force that funds most homeless services in the county . Michael O’Neil Also chairs the City of Helena Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board. HHA also is co-lead agency of the Helena area Housing is Healthcare FUSE Initiative focused on addressing the housing and service needs of persons and households with the greatest needs who are homeless or unstably housed .

Question 3: Statewide CoC Participation

Did a representative(s) of the applicant agency participate in any of the following Statewide CoC activities:

- Annual Meeting
- Standing Committee (HMIS Data, CES Local Leads/PIT, NOFO Planning, or Scorecard)
- Special Committee (Ad Hoc Governance Steering or MERA Response)

HHA Executive Director Michael O’Neil serves on the statewide Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors. He was an original founding leader of the Montana statewide continuum of care in the mid 1990’s and he has remained involved and active in various capacities with the CoC since then.

Question 4: Needs and Gaps Analysis / Project Prioritization

Describe what gap(s) in your local Needs and Gaps Assessment your project addresses and how the project addresses them (suggested maximum of 100 words or less).

The Helena Housing PSH program addresses the priority housing needs of persons who are chronically homeless or homeless with permanent disabilities. Our Helena area District 8 homeless data and service provider experiences consistently identify identified chronically homeless or homeless persons with disabilities particularly persons with serious disabling mental illness and frequently with co-occurring substance abuse disorders as a priority population to be served through our local CoC resources. The HHA PSH targeted populations have among the greatest challenges in obtaining and retaining housing. The PSH program provides affordable rent assisted housing linked to community healthcare and support services helping participants obtain and maintain stable housing which supports more regular health and community support services contacts improving health and life outcomes. Through the CES, we have determined that single adults who are chronically homeless and who have a serious disabling mental illness and (often) co-occurring substance abuse disorders are the population who most frequently demonstrate the highest priority need on our By-Name List.

Question 5: Participant Engagement and Equity

Describe how your project authentically engages participants to continually improve program services and outcomes, address inequities in housing access within your service area, and integrate culturally specific or culturally responsive programming (suggested maximum of 250 words or less – *see Attachment A for a sample answer*).

The HHA PSH program is responsive to addressing individual needs through eliminating most program related barriers to obtaining housing assistance and providing flexibility in operation . PSH Housing program staff work with the program participant and/or service providers to best meet individual goals for community living. HHA PSH staff often can help resolve participant landlord issues. The HHA PSH program allows for continued program participation for participants who may lose their housing for one reason or another they are not penalized.

In response to program participant expressed wishes and the development of new community service offerings, the HHA PSH program has expanded its service provider network to provide participants meaningful choices in obtaining service supports. Currently the HHA PSH program has five active service providers including AWARE, Helena Indian Alliance, Many Rivers Whole Health, PureView Health Center, and St. Peter's Health. At times, PSH program participants may want to try different providers and having more choices with a variety of service offerings and approaches allows individuals to choose service providers with particular service expertise or cultural resources allowing individuals to feel more comfortable with their supports and services leading to better outcomes. HHA regularly provides training to community support services providers.

Our HHA PSH program and its service partners have shown a commitment to cultural responsiveness. The Helena Indian Alliance is an important service partner in the PSH program providing a full array of medical, mental health, and substance abuse services in a cultural

sensitive way that is available to all in the Helena community but is particularly supportive of Native American participants. Our PSH program is targeted at the needs of chronically homeless persons providing a flexible, housing first approach to persons with extensive histories of homelessness and living with challenging disabilities and or chronic health conditions particularly with SDMI. Service providers and community organizations serving the homeless are utilizing Peer to Peer approaches to service delivery that help empower persons in their recovery. HHA is responsive to addressing linguistic diversity with language interpretive services available, and has adopted technology (Rent Café portal) that allows greater access to its housing applications and program documents in a wide variety of languages. Our PSH program has long served a diverse population respectful of diversity in backgrounds, ages, gender, sexual orientation, beliefs, values, knowledge, life experience, lifestyle, and social behaviors.

HHA staff are involved in and help lead Helena community efforts to addressing housing and homelessness needs including the local C o C Helena Resource Advocates and Leadership team, Coordinated entry, FUSE Housing is Health Care Initiative, and the Lewis and Clark County Human Services Task Force which provides frequent feedback as to community needs and challenges. HHA staff provides direct outreach to persons who are homeless in the community in places where homeless persons regularly gather, organize and attend community focus groups/listening sessions where persons who are homeless are able to share their insights as to their needs, challenges, and recommendations for improvements to community housing and service systems. HHA staff have been making visits to local homeless encampments to outreach persons who may be eligible for the HHA PSH program and other HHA housing programs. This community involvement and outreach helps inform the operations of our HHA PSH program and other HHA housing programs. All HHA housing programs have a preference for persons or households who are experiencing homelessness. Forty percent of households entering our HHA Housing programs overall are homeless at time of program entry. Our local HCV program has a set-aside for PSH participants who wish to transition to the regular HCV program.

The Helena area Housing is Healthcare FUSE Initiative led by HHA, St. Peter's Health, and the United Way is helping draw attention to the high costs of homelessness on community resources in the community helping shift decision makers perceptions to help shape support for housing interventions for persons who are homeless. The FUSE Initiative is also bringing new St. Peter's Health resources in the form of FUSE Community Health Workers who are working with high needs FUSE individuals to help them obtain and maintain stable housing and receive necessary wrap around services. Community Efforts at outreaching landlords are underway to encourage their participation in housing voucher rental assistance programs. Efforts to appeal or address HUD FMR's are underway in the Helena area and across the state which do not reflect the high cost of rentals in our area and the rapid rent increases seen here in the last few years. Building more affordable units to the lowest income persons in the Helena area is an important goal of Helena Housing Authority's redevelopment of its public housing properties in the next few years. The cost of housing is a major crisis requiring the efforts of all parties: federal, state, and local government, nonprofits, private developers, and the community at large.

HHA will be developing additional housing units in the next 18 months. HHA may convert some of its scattered site PSH vouchers to project based assistance in some of these new units to address rental market challenges and barriers. Affordability and housing supply is the biggest

barrier we face in addressing housing needs in our PSH program. The gap in housing affordability is the greatest it has ever been locally.

The biggest inequities in accessing housing in the Helena area is cost and supply. These market conditions create a very tight rental housing market which places significant barriers to obtaining affordable rentals for those in our community with the greatest challenges-lowest incomes, persons with chronic health conditions and or disabling condition especially persons with SDMI and co-occurring disorders , and persons with personal histories with challenging criminal backgrounds or poor rental histories . Our HHA PSH program is specifically targeted at the housing needs of persons who face barriers related to these types of challenges.

Optional Housing First Assessment *Projects can receive up to 5 Bonus Points*

Housing First Assessment (Housing Projects Only - PSH, RRH and TH-RRH)

Housing First projects are effective in assisting all subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness to access and sustain permanent stable housing. It has been demonstrated that projects can operate well and safely without requirements that prevent many people living on the streets and in the shelter system from entering and/or remaining in housing.

Housing First Questions - 2 bonus points available

All housing project applicants may answer the following questions related to the proposed project's eligibility criteria and project rules.

Low Barrier Access:

- a. Does the project require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check)?

Yes No

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- c. Does the project require participants to be clean and sober for a specified period prior to project entry as a condition for admission?

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- d. Does the project serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status?

Yes No

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Yes No

- f. Does the project expedite the admission process including aiding in assembling necessary documents in order to support the application for admission and using person-centered and flexible processes for admission to the project?

Yes No

Housing Retention:

- g. Does the project terminate participants for failure to participate in treatment or support services including case management?

Yes No **No**

- h. Does the project terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use?

Yes No **No**

- i. Does the project require participants to obtain income as a condition of remaining in the project?

Yes No **No**

- j. Does the project make all efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project?

Yes No **Yes**

- k. Are project participants held to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases (such as not being allowed visitors, curfews, required to do chores, or not being allowed to have alcoholic beverages in their unit)?

Yes No **No**

Participant Engagement:

- l. Does the project provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community-based services?

Yes No **Yes**

- m. Does the project provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations

Yes No **Yes**

- n. Are project staff trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies to support participant engagement including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed approaches?

Yes No **Yes**

Excellent answer =3pts, Good = 2pts, Fair = 1 pt, Poor = 0 pts

Housing First Narrative - up to 3 points available Helena Housing Received 3pts

Please provide an overall description of how this project utilizes a housing first approach. This response will be scored based on how the project design is with aligned with Housing First Principles including: *Client participation in services is not a prerequisite for housing placement; Few, if any, programmatic requirements for entry into housing (e.g. sobriety, minimum income threshold); Services are provided as per client's choice and discretion.* (Suggested maximum of 250 words or less).

The HHA PSH program is fully committed to operating consistent with Housing First Principles. HHA during its twenty-five-year history of operating the HHA PSH program or its earlier incarnations, Shelter Plus Care etc. has systematically removed barriers to housing in its operation of the program to achieve a Housing First PSH Program.

Criminal background checks are not required except for checking applicants against the sexual offender registry listings as required by statute. We do not require sobriety or other housing readiness tests. Work or income level is not a program requirement.

HHA encourages and works to link participants to services but services are not required to apply for or participate in the HHA PSH program.

HHA PSH program is flexible in its operations continuing to work with persons through various housing challenges. Persons who lose a housing placement are free to continue in the program. HHA PSH staff may work with the participant and/or their service providers to address these type of concerns that can lead to losing a housing placement. HHA PSH program participants have regular leases with no additional requirements not typically found in a standard lease. PSH participants who lose their housing do not lose their PSH voucher.

HHA PSH program has worked to develop greater choice in service providers participating in the program. The program currently has five active participating service providers allowing participants greater choice in selecting services that meet their individual needs. . Currently the HHA PSH program has five active MOU service providers including AWARE, Helena Indian Alliance, Many Rivers Whole Health, PureView Health Center, and St. Peter's Health.

HHA PSH and other staff regularly receive fair housing training . Each year HHA offers a variety of training opportunities for HHA housing program staff including PSH program including trauma informed services, and participant engagement training in the past year.

Our PSH program serves a diverse population respectful of diversity in backgrounds, ages, gender, sexual orientation, beliefs, values, knowledge, life experience, lifestyle, and social behaviors. Our HHA PSH program operates in high fidelity to Housing First principles.



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Good morning,

Apologies for the long e-mail on a Monday morning, but the NOFO process moves quickly, and we want to pass along the information you will need moving forward.

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YHDP Projects

YHDP Projects are once again non-competitive in FY2023 - YHDP Project Applicants can contact Keegan or myself with any questions.

e-snaps Technical Assistance

Technical assistance from Housing Innovations for completing your Project Application in e-snaps is available again this year with some notable changes - Project Applicant agencies will be responsible for covering the cost of all technical assistance. The rate for TA is \$185 per hour. The CoC will invoice agencies for all TA costs.

You can request TA by sending an email to david@mtcoc.org

Before requesting TA, please refer to the excellent information from HUD on setting-up an Applicant Profile and completing your e-snaps Project Application here:









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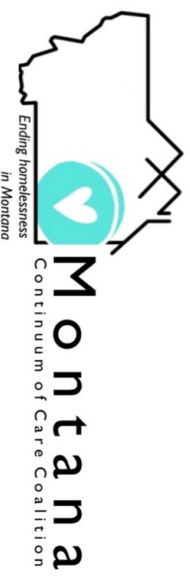
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LOCAL COMPETITION SCORING TOOL



Renewal Project Scoring Criteria

PROJECT NAME		PERFORMANCE MEASURES							POINTS EARNED
PROJECT APPLICANT		CRITERIA	DATA SOURCE	POSSIBLE POINTS					POINTS EARNED
PROJECT TYPE				PH-PSH	PH-RRH	DV	TH-RRH	SSO-CE	
REVIEWED BY									
		Time from Entry to Move-In (PH-RRH and TH-RRH only)**#	APR Question 22c	-	5	5	5	-	
		Exits to Permanent Housing (PH-RRH and TH-RRH only)**#	APR Question 23c	-	20	20	20	-	
		% Of persons remaining in or moving to Permanent Housing (PH-PSH only)**#	APR Question 5a.8, 23c	25	-	-	-	-	
		% Of adults with increased earned income: Stayers**#	APR Question 19a.1	5	5	5	5	-	
		% Of adults with increased earned income: Leavers**#	APR Question 19a.2	5	5	5	5		
		% Of adults with increased other (non-employment): Stayers**#	APR Question 19a.1	5	5	5	5	-	

* Notes Objective Criteria

Notes System Performance Criteria

+ Notes Severe Barriers Criteria

Note: Where the data source column indicates APR, data are from a comparable database for Victim Services Providers

% Of adults with increased other (non-employment: Leavers**#	APR Question 19a.2	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Rapid CE Assessment*	% of HHS with verifies CE Assessment >85%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
Increased Access to Benefits*	% of HHS that access a mainstream Benefit >25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE PERFORMANCE									
Funding Management: Percentage of Funds Utilized*	APR/Intent to Renew: 95% or more =10 points 75% or more =5 points >75% =0 points	10	10	10	10	10	10		
Funding Management: Drawdowns*	At least 4 per Grant Cycle (Quarterly) eLOCCS:	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Data Quality*	APR: Question 6a, 6b, & 6c Data Elements with 5% or less error rates	15	15	-	15	-	15	-	
COMPARABLE DATA BASE (DV PROJECTS ONLY)									
How did you improve safety of your clients and how did you use data or other information to track and document improved safety?+	Narrative response in Supplemental Application: Question 1	-	-	10	-	-	-		
COST EFFECTIVENESS									
Project Cost Effectiveness* (compared to similar project average)	APR Question 5a: # served/eLOCCS expenditure adjusted for local FMIR	5	5	5	5	5	-		
COORDINATION AND ENGAGEMENT									
Local CoC and Community Engagement*	Supplemental Application: Question 2 (<2 =5pts/1 =3pts/0 =0pts)	5	5	5	5	5	5		

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Statewide CoC Participation *	Supplemental Application: Question 3 (<2 =5pts/1 =3pts/0 =0pts)	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Needs and Gaps Analysis/Project Prioritization	Supplemental Application Narrative: Question 4	5	5	5	5	5	5	
PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT AND EQUITY								
Describe how your project authentically engages participants	Supplemental Application: Question 5	10	10	10	10	10	10	
BONUS POINTS								
Optional Housing First Assessment	Supplemental Application: Questions = 2pts Narrative = up to 3pts	5	5	5	5	5	-	
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE		110	110	105	110	60	-	
TOTAL POINTS EARNED		-	-	-	-	-	-	
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POINTS EARNED (PROJECT SCORE)								-

Maximum points available for objective criteria: 90

Maximum points available for systems performance criteria: 45

Maximum points available for addressing severe barriers: 10

Sources of Scoring Criteria Information:

Project applications will be scored on information from one or all of the following sources:

- Your project application submitted into *e-snaps*.
- Your most recently submitted APR.
- Other narratives or information provided in the Local Supplemental Application.

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**Montana Continuum of Care Supplemental Application
FY2023 Local Competition**

Project Name	
Project Applicant	

*Project Name and Applicant Name MUST be listed as they appear in e-snaps
A Supplemental Application MUST be submitted for each project*

Question 1: DV Projects Only - Comparable Database and Client Safety

Describe how your project improved the safety of your clients and how you used data or other information to track and document improved safety (suggested maximum of 200 words or less).

Question 2: Local CoC Participation and Community Engagement

Did a representative(s) of the applicant agency participate in any of the following Local CoC or Community Planning activities:

- Local CoC Meetings/Community Planning Meetings
- CES Case Consultation
- Other (please describe):

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Housing First Narrative - up to 3 points available

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Project Scored on 09/08/2023



Renewal Project Scoring Criteria

APR and Spending Report Data for the period of 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022

PROJECT NAME	Helena Housing PSH						
PROJECT APPLICANT	Helena Housing Authority						
PROJECT TYPE	PH-PSH						
REVIEWED BY	Clint Wynne, Keegan Flaherty, Nicole Steinberg, and Lynne Staigmiller						
PERFORMANCE MEASURES							
CRITERIA	DATA SOURCE	POSSIBLE POINTS					POINTS EARNED
		PH-PSH	PH-RRH	DV	TH-RRH	SSO-CE	
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% Of adults with increased earned income: Leavers	APR Question 19a.2 0% = 0 points	5	5	5	5	-	0 (APR - 0%)
% Of adults with increased other (non-employment): Stayers	APR Question 19a.1 30% or higher = 5pts	5	5	5	5	-	5 (APR - 33.33%)
% Of adults with increased other (non-employment): Leavers	APR Question 19a.2 30% or higher = 5pts	5	5	5	5	-	5 (APR - 33.33%)

Rapid CE Assessment	% of HHs with verifies CE Assessment >85%	-	-	-	-	10	N/A
Increased Access to Benefits	% of HHs that access a mainstream Benefit >25%	-	-	-	-	10	N/A
GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE PERFORMANCE							
Funding Management: Percentage of Funds Utilized	APR/Intent to Renew: 95% or more =10 points 75% or more =5 points >75% =0 points	10	10	10	10	10	5 <i>(Utilized 78%)</i>
Funding Management: Drawdowns <i>Reported eloccs draws</i>	eLOCCS: At least 4 per Grant Cycle (Quarterly)	5	5	5	5	5	5 <i>(Monthly)</i>
Data Quality 3 Data Elements with a greater than 5% error rate = 12 points	APR: Question 6a, 6b, & 6c Data Elements with 5% or less error rates	15	15	-	15	-	12
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How did you improve safety of your clients and how did you use data or other information to track and document improved safety?	Narrative response in Supplemental Application: Question 1	-	-	10	-	-	N/A
COST EFFECTIVENESS							
Project Cost Effectiveness (compared to similar project average)	APR Question 5a: # served/eLOCCS expenditure adjusted for local FMR	5	5	5	5	-	5 <i>(See below)</i>
COORDINATION AND ENGAGEMENT							
Local CoC and Community Engagement	Supplemental Application: Question 2 (<2 =5pts/1 =3pts/0 =0pts)	5	5	5	5	5	5 <i>(Checked 3/3)</i>
Statewide CoC Participation	Supplemental Application: Question 3 (<2 =5pts/1 =3pts/0 =0pts)	5	5	5	5	5	5 <i>(Checked 3/3)</i>
Needs and Gaps Analysis/Project Prioritization	Supplemental Application Narrative: Question 4	5	5	5	5	5	4.5*

PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT AND EQUITY							
Describe how your project authentically engages participants	Supplemental Application: Question 5	10	10	10	10	10	8.8*
BONUS POINTS							
Optional Housing First Assessment	Supplemental Application: Questions = 2pts Narrative = up to 3pts	5	5	5	5	-	5 Questions = 2pts Narrative = 3pts
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE		110	110	105	110	60	-
TOTAL POINTS EARNED		-	-	-	-	-	90.3
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POINTS EARNED (PROJECT SCORE)							82.1

Sources of Scoring Criteria Information:

Project applications will be scored on information from one or all of the following sources:

- Your project application submitted into *e-snaps*.
- Your most recently submitted APR.

Other narratives or information provided in the Local Supplemental Application.

**denotes criteria scored by the Grants Review Panel*

Project Score examples:

PH-PSH Project earns 81 points out of 110 possible points: $81/110 = 0.736 \times 100 = 73.6$ – **Project Score is 73.6**

SSO-CE Project earns 52 points out of 60 possible points: $52/60 = .866 \times 100 = 86.6$ – **Project Score is 86.6**

Score for Helena Housing PSH: $90.3/110 = 0.8209 \times 100 = 82.1$

Project Cost Effectiveness

Total Contracted Amount \$360,072 – Remaining Balance \$79,806.3 = Amount Spent \$280,265.70

Cost per Household = Amount Spent (most recent completed grant cycle) / Count of Clients (APR most recent completed grant cycle)

$\$280,266/40 = 7,006.65$ per Household

Cost per Household x FMR Scale for Region (from chart) $7007 \times .984829 = 6900.69$ (FMR AVG)

FMR AVG / Project Cost per Household $6901/7007 = .9848 \times 100 = 98.48$

Project Cost Effectiveness = 98.5% (per Scoring Matrix those @ or below 100% receive 5 points)

Comments from the Grants Review Panel:

Supplemental Application Question 4:

- It would have been helpful to provide data

Scored Housing First Assessment for Helena Housing PSH - Earned 5 of 5 available points

Optional Housing First Assessment
Projects can receive up to 5 Bonus Points

Housing First Assessment (Housing Projects Only - PSH, RRH and TH-RRH)

Housing First projects are effective in assisting all subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness to access and sustain permanent stable housing. It has been demonstrated that projects can operate well and safely without requirements that prevent many people living on the streets and in the shelter system from entering and/or remaining in housing.

Housing First Questions - 2 bonus points available Correct answers in RED

All housing project applicants may answer the following questions related to the proposed project's eligibility criteria and project rules.

2 points for answering all 14 questions

1 point for answering 7 or more questions

0 points for answering fewer than 7 questions

Low Barrier Access:

- a. Does the project require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check)?
Yes No **No**

- b. Does the project prohibit all persons with specified criminal convictions on a blanket basis to be excluded from admission (excluding registered sexual offenders)?
Yes No **No**

- c. Does the project require participants to be clean and sober for a specified period prior to project entry as a condition for admission?
Yes No **No**

- d. Does the project serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status?
Yes No **Yes**

- e. Does the project serve and house transgender individuals according to the gender they identify?
Yes No **Yes**

- f. Does the project expedite the admission process including aiding in assembling necessary documents in order to support the application for admission and using person-centered and flexible processes for admission to the project?
Yes No **Yes**

Housing Retention:

- g. Does the project terminate participants for failure to participate in treatment or support services including case management?

Yes No **No**

- h. Does the project terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use?

Yes No **No**

- i. Does the project require participants to obtain income as a condition of remaining in the project?

Yes No **No**

- j. Does the project make all efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project?

Yes No **Yes**

- k. Are project participants held to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases (such as not being allowed visitors, curfews, required to do chores, or not being allowed to have alcoholic beverages in their unit)?

Yes No **No**

Participant Engagement:

- l. Does the project provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community-based services?

Yes No **Yes**

- m. Does the project provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations

Yes No **Yes**

- n. Are project staff trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies to support participant engagement including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed approaches?

Yes No **Yes**

Excellent answer =3pts, Good = 2pts, Fair = 1 pt, Poor = 0 pts

Housing First Narrative - up to 3 points available

Please provide an overall description of how this project utilizes a housing first approach. This response will be scored based on how the project design is with aligned with Housing First Principles including: *Client participation in services is not a prerequisite for housing placement; Few, if any, programmatic requirements for entry into housing (e.g. sobriety, minimum income threshold); Services are provided as per client's choice and discretion.* (Suggested maximum of 250 words or less).

The HHA PSH program is fully committed to operating consistent with Housing First Principles. HHA during its twenty-five-year history of operating the HHA PSH program or its earlier incarnations, Shelter Plus Care etc. has systematically removed barriers to housing in its operation of the program to achieve a Housing First PSH Program.

Criminal background checks are not required except for checking applicants against the sexual offender registry listings as required by statute. We do not require sobriety or other housing readiness tests. Work or income level is not a program requirement.

HHA encourages and works to link participants to services but services are not required to apply for or participate in the HHA PSH program.

HHA PSH program is flexible in its operations continuing to work with persons through various housing challenges. Persons who lose a housing placement are free to continue in the program. HHA PSH staff may work with the participant and/or their service providers to address these type of concerns that can lead to losing a housing placement. HHA PSH program participants have regular leases with no additional requirements not typically found in a standard lease. PSH participants who lose their housing do not lose their PSH voucher.

HHA PSH program has worked to develop greater choice in service providers participating in the program. The program currently has five active participating service providers allowing participants greater choice in selecting services that meet their individual needs. . Currently the HHA PSH program has five active MOU service providers including AWARE, Helena Indian Alliance, Many Rivers Whole Health, PureView Health Center, and St. Peter's Health.

HHA PSH and other staff regularly receive fair housing training . Each year HHA offers a variety of training opportunities for HHA housing program staff including PSH program including trauma informed services, and participant engagement training in the past year.

Our PSH program serves a diverse population respectful of diversity in backgrounds, ages, gender, sexual orientation, beliefs, values, knowledge, life experience, lifestyle, and social behaviors. Our HHA PSH program operates in high fidelity to Housing First principles.

STATEMENT

MT-500 PROJECTS REDUCED OR REJECTED

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PROJECT:HRDC IX PSH – HFV

REDUCED BY: \$29,322

APPLICANT: YWCA HELENA

PROJECT: YWCA HELENA JOINT TH-RRH FY2023

REDUCED BY: \$29,323

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PROJECT: COORDINATED ENTRY

PROJECT TYPE: SSO-CE

PROJECT SCORE: 32

APPLICANT: FAMILY PROMISE OF GALLATIN VALLEY

PROJECT: NEW SHELTER OPERATIONS

PROJECT TYPE: JOINT TH/RRH

PROJECT SCORE: 31.4

APPLICANT: DISTRICT VII HRDC

PROJECT: YOUTH HOUSING NAVIGATOR

PROJECT TYPE: SSO-CE

PROJECT SCORE: 32.2

APPLICANT: OFF THE STREETS

PROJECT: OFF THE STREETS

PROJECT TYPE: PH-PSH

PROJECT SCORE: 31.8

APPLICANT: YELLOWSTONE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

PROJECT: COORDINATED ENTRY CAPACITY BUILDING

PROJECT TYPE: SSO-CE

PROJECT SCORE: 31

PROJECT REJECTION LETTERS SENT 07/14/2023

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Human Resources Council, District XII, Action Inc.	Action Inc. YHDP Transitional Housing	N/A	N/A	\$112,990	Accepted
Alliance for Youth, Inc.	Alliance for Youth YHDP 2023	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Accepted
Browning School District #9	BPS asspoomootsiyov YHDP	N/A	N/A	\$178,645	Accepted
Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc.	CAPNM YHDP Renewal 2023	N/A	N/A	\$51,617	Accepted
Dawson Community College	DCC - YHDP Renewal Application FY2023	N/A	N/A	\$40,222	Accepted
Alliance for Youth, Inc.	Alliance for Youth YHDP II 2023	N/A	N/A	\$102,870	Accepted
District 7 Human Resources Development Council	YHDP Renewal Project FY2023	N/A	N/A	103,150	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP Diverison	N/A	N/A	\$60,321	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX SN	N/A	N/A	\$110,005	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP PSH	N/A	N/A	\$55,253	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP RRH	N/A	N/A	\$36,935	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP TH/RRH	N/A	N/A	\$131,776	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP TH/RRH	N/A	N/A	\$234,376	Accepted
hrci	DXI HRC YHDP 2024-2025	N/A	N/A		Accepted
Montana Legal Services Association	YA Legal Housing Project FY23	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Accepted
Turnbweed	YHDP Renewal 2023	N/A	N/A	\$104,685	Accepted
Kalispell Public Schools	Kalispell Public Schools YHDP renewal FY23	N/A	N/A	\$75,030	Accepted
YHDP TOTALS				\$1,681,105	

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:21:27 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection

Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:57:47 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: David O'Leary

To: Hannah Altman

CC: Heather Grenier, bguyer

Hannah,

The board did meet today and decided on final project selection – HFV was selected but was reduced by \$29,322 for a total amount of \$100,678. This reduction was necessary to align the Continuum's total funding request for new projects to what is available. You will need to amend your project's budget – you can reduce the number of households you expect to serve to align with this new amount. Will you be able to make the adjustments by mid next week?

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

David O'Leary

Executive Director

Montana Continuum of Care Coalition

Phone: (406) 609-8990

david@mtcoc.org

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:24:44 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Re: application
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:55:26 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Kim Mangold
CC: jenifer@ywcahelena.org
Priority: High
Attachments: YWCA Helena Applicant Name Correction.pdf

Kim,

See the attached – the “Applicant” should be the organization, not the CEO. You will also want to change the Project Name to something more descriptive such as “YWCA Helena Joint TH/RRH FY2023”

The board did meet today and decided on final project selection – your project was selected but was reduced by \$29,323 for a total amount of \$166,825. This reduction was necessary to align the Continuum’s total funding request for new projects to what is available. You will need to amend your project’s budget – you can reduce the number of households you expect to serve to align with this new amount. Will you be able to make the adjustments by mid next week?

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

From: Kim Mangold <kimm@ywcahelena.org>
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 2:54 PM
To: David O'Leary <david@mtcoc.org>
Subject: RE: application

Hi David, I popped back in the office today for a few minutes. I don’t understand why Jenifer would not be the contact as she is the CEO?? Who should we change it to?

Kim Mangold
YWCA Helena Grants Manager
kimm@ywcahelena.org

From: David O'Leary <david@mtcoc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Jenifer Gursky <jenifer@ywcahelena.org>; Kim Mangold <kimm@ywcahelena.org>
Subject: Re: application

Yes, that will work. Thanks, Jenifer.

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From: Jenifer Gursky <jenifer@ywcahelena.org>



July 14, 2023

Jill Bonny
Poverello Center
1110 W. Broadway Street
Missoula, MT 59807

Dear Ms. Bonny,

Thank you for submitting a Letter of Intent for HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.

Selecting projects to move forward in the Continuum of Care Competition is one of the most difficult decisions the Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors has to make. Decisions are based on many factors including funding availability, review and scoring of Letters of Intent, and priorities set by the Montana Continuum of Care.

I regret to inform you that Poverello Center's project was not selected to move forward in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition. The total funding requested for new projects in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition far exceeded the amount of Continuum of Care Bonus funding available to Montana. Unfortunately, the Montana Continuum of Care is not able to fund all projects submitted.

Poverello Center's Letter of Intent scored 32/40 points available and was ranked 5th among projects submitted. Scoring Criteria was approved by the Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors on March 15, 2023. Please feel free to contact David O'Leary, Executive Director of the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition with any questions you may have.

The Montana Continuum of Care commends your organization's work and encourages it to continue to strive for excellence in the fight to end homelessness.

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Jim McGrath
President
Montana Continuum of Care



July 14, 2023

Robin Mayer
Family Promise of Gallatin Valley
1603 Tschache Lane
Bozeman, MT 59718

Dear Ms. Mayer,

Thank you for submitting a Letter of Intent for HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.

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I regret to inform you that Family Promise of Gallatin Valley's project was not selected to move forward in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition. The total funding requested for new projects in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition far exceeded the amount of Continuum of Care Bonus funding available to Montana. Unfortunately, the Montana Continuum of Care is not able to fund all projects submitted.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley's Letter of Intent scored 31.4/40 points available and was ranked 7th among projects submitted. Scoring Criteria was approved by the Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors on March 15, 2023. Please feel free to contact David O'Leary, Executive Director of the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition with any questions you may have.

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July 14, 2023

Denise Jordan, CEO
District VII HRDC
7 North 31st Street
Billings, MT 59101

Dear Ms. Jordan,

Thank you for submitting a Letter of Intent for HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.

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I regret to inform you that District VII HRDC's project was not selected to move forward in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition. The total funding requested for new projects in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition far exceeded the amount of Continuum of Care Bonus funding available to Montana. Unfortunately, the Montana Continuum of Care is not able to fund all projects submitted.

District VII HRDC's Letter of Intent scored 32.2/40 points available and was ranked 4th among projects submitted. Scoring Criteria was approved by the Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors on March 15, 2023. Please feel free to contact David O'Leary, Executive Director of the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition with any questions you may have.

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July 14, 2023

Craig Barthel
Off The Streets
Billings, MT

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I regret to inform you that Off The Streets' project was not selected to move forward in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition. The total funding requested for new projects in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition far exceeded the amount of Continuum of Care Bonus funding available to Montana. Unfortunately, the Montana Continuum of Care is not able to fund all projects submitted.

Off The Streets Letter of Intent scored 31.8/40 points available and was ranked 6th among projects submitted. Scoring Criteria was approved by the Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors on March 15, 2023. Please feel free to contact David O'Leary, Executive Director of the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition with any questions you may have.

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July 14, 2023

Kari Boiter, Chair
Yellowstone County Continuum of Care
Billings, MT 59102

Dear Ms. Boiter,

Thank you for submitting a Letter of Intent for HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.

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Project Name	
Applicant Agency	
Reviewed By	

FY 2023 LETTER OF INTENT SCORECARD			
SCORING CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	SOURCE	POINTS SCORED
Project Design - Does the applicant show understanding of CoC and HUD priorities? Does the Letter of Intent demonstrate an understanding of guiding principles, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing First and Low Barrier Leveraging community resources Meets community need 	10	Letter of Intent Project Design and Budget: Questions 1 and 2	
Addressing Inequities - Does the applicant address inequities in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessing housing in the service area and what action steps is the project taking to address them? Integrating culturally specific or culturally responsive programming? 	N/A	Question included on the Supplemental Application NOT SCORED	
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Coordinated Entry – Applicant agrees to participate in the Montana Coordinated Entry System	NOT SCORED	Letter of Intent Coordinated Entry Participation	
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Continuum of Care Participation – Does the applicant agree to actively participate in the Montana Continuum of Care?	5	Letter of Intent Continuum of Care Participation <i>Are both boxes checked?</i>	
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	40		



FY 2023 Letter of Intent Scorecard Scoring Matrix Guide

10 POINTS	
EXCELLENT	7 – 10 POINTS
GOOD	4 – 6 POINTS
FAIR	2 – 3 POINTS
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Human Resources Council, District XII, Action Inc.	Action Inc. YHDP Transitional Housing	N/A	N/A	\$112,990	Accepted
Alliance for Youth, Inc.	Alliance for Youth YHDP 2023	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Accepted
Browning School District #9	BPS asspoomootsiyov YHDP	N/A	N/A	\$178,645	Accepted
Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc.	CAPNM YHDP Renewal 2023	N/A	N/A	\$51,617	Accepted
Dawson Community College	DCC - YHDP Renewal Application FY2023	N/A	N/A	\$40,222	Accepted
Alliance for Youth, Inc.	Alliance for Youth YHDP II 2023	N/A	N/A	\$102,870	Accepted
District 7 Human Resources Development Council	YHDP Renewal Project FY2023	N/A	N/A	103,150	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP Diverison	N/A	N/A	\$60,321	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX SN	N/A	N/A	\$110,005	Accepted
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Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP TH/RRH	N/A	N/A	\$131,776	Accepted
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP TH/RRH	N/A	N/A	\$234,376	Accepted
hrci	DXI HRC YHDP 2024-2025	N/A	N/A		Accepted
Montana Legal Services Association	YA Legal Housing Project FY23	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Accepted
Turnblweed	YHDP Renewal 2023	N/A	N/A	\$104,685	Accepted
Kalispell Public Schools	Kalispell Public Schools YHDP renewal FY23	N/A	N/A	\$75,030	Accepted
YHDP TOTALS				\$1,681,105	



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2023 NOFO Montana Local Competition

Posted on September 13, 2023 in NOFO (Grants)



2023 CoC Project Selection & Ranking

The Montana Continuum of Care Coalition Board of Directors met on 9/11/2023 and approved the final Project Selection and Rankings for the 2023 Montana HUD NOFO Competition. Two CoC Bonus Project Applications were reduced to align the CoC Bonus request with funding available.

Final Project Selection and Rankings are:

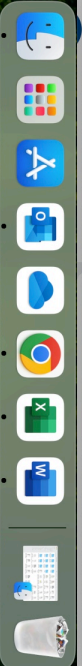
MTCoC Project Rankings – 2023

Rank	Score

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- 2023 NOFO Montana Local Competition September 13, 2023
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MTCoC Project Rankings – 2023

Rank		Score
RENEWAL PROJECTS – TIER 1		
1	Missoula Housing Authority – MHA PSH Renewal 2023	84.5
2	HRDC of District IX – HRDC IX RRH	82.7
3	Helena Housing Authority – Helena Housing PSH	82.1
4	PHA of Butte – PHA Butte Permanent Supportive Housing	79.8
5	YWCA Missoula – YWCA Missoula RRH Program	78.5
6	HRC Dist XII, Action Inc – Action Inc Rapid Rehousing	73.2
7	NW Montana Human Resources – CAPNM Shelter Plus	71.6
8	NW Montana Human Resources – CAPNM RRH	71.4
9	S.A.F.E. – S.A.F.E. 23 TH-RRH	68.3
10	Friendship Center – Domestic Violence Housing Assistance	NA

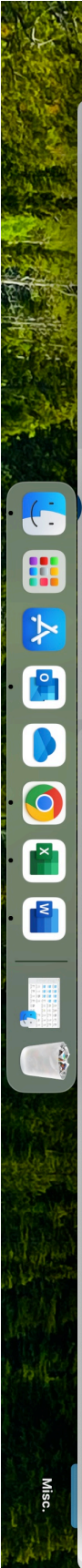
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April 28, 2023

2023 HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity
April 20, 2023

Priority Listing are posted in accordance with HUD requirements
October 17, 2022

Topics

- Membership
- NOFO (Grants)
- Training
- Uncategorized





10	Friendship Center – Domestic Violence Housing Assistance	\$175,834	NA
11	NW Montana Human Resources – CAPNM PSH	\$30,880	N/A
12	Pathways Community Network, Inc – HMIIS Renewal FY2023	\$157,332	N/A
13	YWCA Billings – YWCA Billings Rapid Rehousing*	\$54,542	57.9

RENEWAL PROJECTS – TIER 2

YWCA Billings – YWCA Billings Rapid Rehousing* \$209,158 57.9

*Straddles Tier 1 and Tier 2 – Total Amount Requested \$263,700

COC BONUS PROJECTS – TIER 2

14	Neighbor/Works Great Falls – Baatz Block Apartments	\$54,081	70.6
15	HRDC of District IX – HRDC IX PSH HFV (Reduced)	\$100,678	81.7
16	YWCA Helena – YWCA Helena Joint TH-RRH (Reduced)	\$166,825	76.4

COC PLANNING GRANT 2023

Montana Continuum of Care Coalition	\$229,703	N/A
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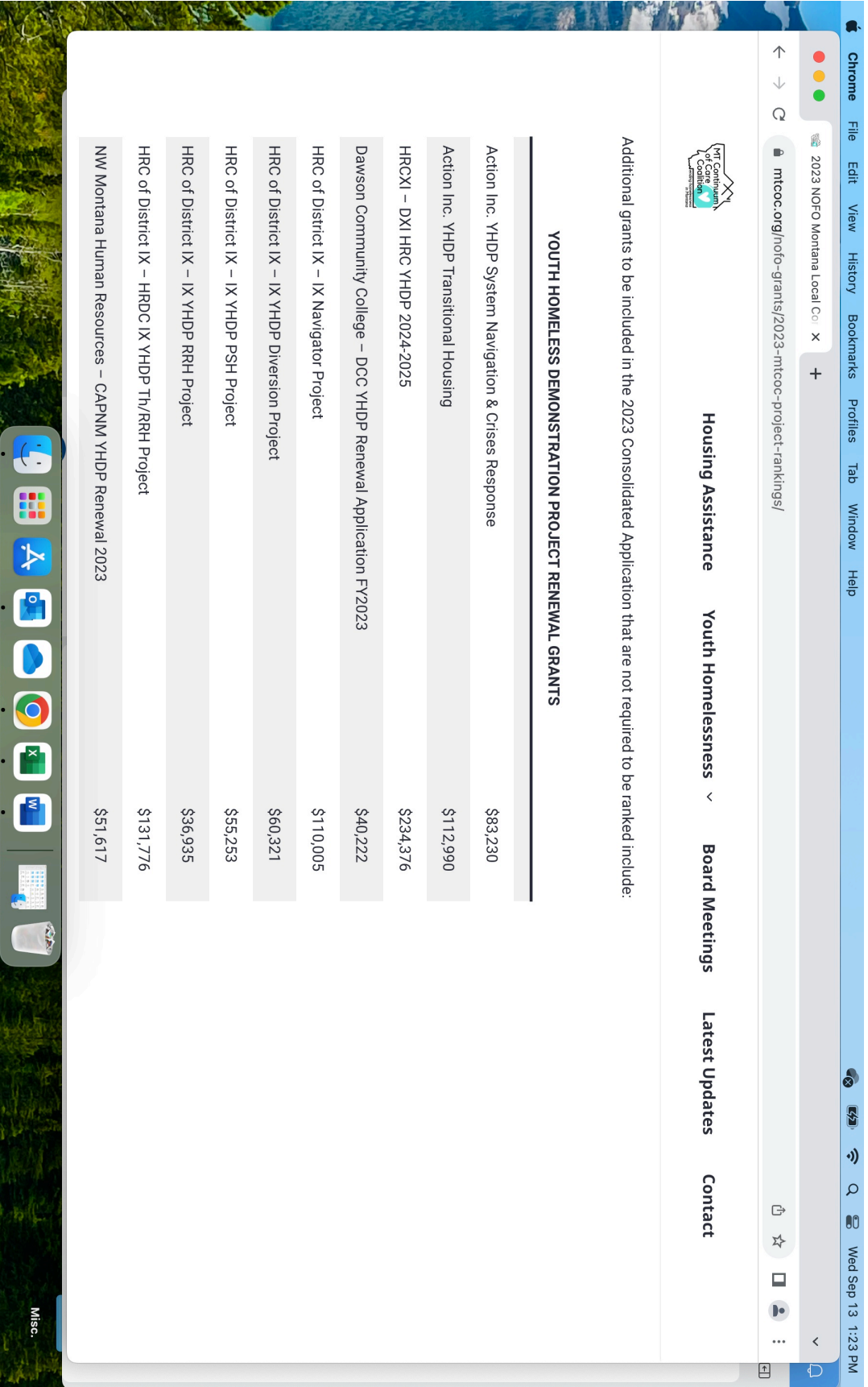
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Additional grants to be included in the 2023 Consolidated Application that are not required to be ranked include:

YOUTH HOMELESS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT RENEWAL GRANTS

Action Inc. YHDP System Navigation & Crises Response	\$83,230
Action Inc. YHDP Transitional Housing	\$112,990
HRCXI – DXI HRC YHDP 2024-2025	\$234,376
Dawson Community College – DCC YHDP Renewal Application FY2023	\$40,222
HRC of District IX – IX Navigator Project	\$110,005
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HRC of District IX – IX YHDP PSH Project	\$55,253
HRC of District IX – IX YHDP RRH Project	\$36,935
HRC of District IX – HRDC IX YHDP Th/RRH Project	\$131,776
NW Montana Human Resources – CAPNM YHDP Renewal 2023	\$51,617





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HRC of District IX – HRDC IX YHDP Th/RRH Project	\$131,776
NW Montana Human Resources – CAPNM YHDP Renewal 2023	\$51,617
HRDC 7 – Dist 7 HRDC YHDP Project	\$103,150
Alliance for Youth – Alliance for Youth YHDP 2023	\$100,000
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Browning Public Schools – BPS aisspoommotsiyop YHDP	\$178,645
Montana Legal Services Association – YVA Legal Housing Project FY2023	\$100,000
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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:11:50 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:57:20 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Alisa Reich
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf
Alisa,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

YWCA Missoula, YWCA Missoula Rapid Rehousing Program was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$334,050. Your project was ranked 5th and is included in Tier 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Executive Director

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:13:29 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:05:06 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Hannah Altman
CC: Heather Grenier, bguyer
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf

Hannah,

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Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc., HRDC IX RRH was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$122,665. Your project was ranked 2nd and is included in Tier 1.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:13:02 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:02:32 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Michael O'Neil
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf
Michael,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Helena Housing Authority, Helena Housing PSH was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$343,656. Your project was ranked 3rd and is included in Tier 1.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:12:21 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:59:51 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: rstordahl@buttehousing.org
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf
Revonda,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Public Housing Authority of Butte, PHA Butte Permanent Supportive Housing was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$116,176. Your project was ranked 4th and is included in Tier 1.

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From: David O'Leary
To: Alisa Reich
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Alisa,

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YWCA Missoula, YWCA Missoula Rapid Rehousing Program was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$334,050. Your project was ranked 5th and is included in Tier 1.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:11:19 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:54:54 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Kristen Chambers
CC: Margie Seccomb
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf

Kristen,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Human Resources Council, District XII, Action Inc., Action Inc. Rapid Rehousing was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$94,277. Your project was ranked 6th and is included in Tier 1.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:09:42 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:44:54 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: ckipp@capnwmmt.org
CC: Sean O'Neill

Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf
Cassidy,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc CAPNM Shelter Plus was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$77,404. Your project was ranked 7th and is included in Tier 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:09:17 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:40:24 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: ckipp@capnwmmt.org
CC: Sean O'Neill
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf

Cassidy,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc CAPNM RRH was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$61,078. Your project was ranked 8th and is included in Tier 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:10:33 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:51:49 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Stacey Umhey
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf
Stacey,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Supporters of Abuse Free Environments, Inc SAFE FY 23 TH-RRH was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$146,952. Your project was ranked 9th and is included in Tier 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:10:09 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:48:58 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Gina Boesdorfer <
CC: Kim Patterson
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf

Gina,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Friendship Center of Helena Inc, Domestic Violence Housing Assistance was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$175,834. Your project was ranked 10th and is included in Tier 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:08:36 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:38:09 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: ckipp@capnwmmt.org
CC: Sean O'Neill
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf

Cassidy,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc CAPNM Permanent Supportive Housing was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$30,880. Your project was ranked 11th and is included in Tier 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:07:52 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: FY2023 Project Selection
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:33:48 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: William Matson
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf
Bill,

The Montana Continuum of Care Board of Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2023 and finalized the Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 NOFO Competition (see attached).

Pathways Community Network, Inc was selected for inclusion in the amount of \$157,332. Your project was ranked 12th and is included in Tier 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

David O'Leary

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:19:28 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Ranking and Selection
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:17:51 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Erin Lambert
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf, YWCA Billings Scorecard with Notes.pdf

Erin,

The board met today and finalized the Project Ranking and Selection for FY2023 (see attached).

YWCA Billings was selected for inclusion. Your project scored 57.9 and was ranked 13 which does straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2 with \$54, 542 included in Tier 1 and \$209,158 in Tier 2.

A scorecard with notes is attached. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

David O'Leary

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:20:37 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection and Ranking
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:26:46 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Casey More
CC: Sherrie Arey
Priority: High
Attachments: 2023 MT-500 Project Ranking APPROVED 09112023.pdf
Casey,

The Board of Directors met today and finalized the Project Selection and Ranking for FY2023 (see attached).

NeighborWorks Great Falls' Baatz Building PSH was selected for inclusion @ \$54,081. Your project scored 70.6, ranked 16th and is included as the top-ranked CoC Bonus Project for FY2023.

A final project Scorecard is available upon request. As always, please let me know first if you have any questions.

David O'Leary

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:21:27 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Final Project Selection

Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:57:47 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: David O'Leary

To: Hannah Altman

CC: Heather Grenier, bguyer

Hannah,

The board did meet today and decided on final project selection – HFV was selected but was reduced by \$29,322 for a total amount of \$100,678. This reduction was necessary to align the Continuum's total funding request for new projects to what is available. You will need to amend your project's budget – you can reduce the number of households you expect to serve to align with this new amount. Will you be able to make the adjustments by mid next week?

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:24:44 Mountain Daylight Time

Subject: Re: application
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:55:26 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: David O'Leary
To: Kim Mangold
CC: jenifer@ywcahelena.org
Priority: High
Attachments: YWCA Helena Applicant Name Correction.pdf

Kim,

See the attached – the “Applicant” should be the organization, not the CEO. You will also want to change the Project Name to something more descriptive such as “YWCA Helena Joint TH/RRH FY2023”

The board did meet today and decided on final project selection – your project was selected but was reduced by \$29,323 for a total amount of \$166,825. This reduction was necessary to align the Continuum’s total funding request for new projects to what is available. You will need to amend your project’s budget – you can reduce the number of households you expect to serve to align with this new amount. Will you be able to make the adjustments by mid next week?

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

From: Kim Mangold <kimm@ywcahelena.org>
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 2:54 PM
To: David O'Leary <david@mtcoc.org>
Subject: RE: application

Hi David, I popped back in the office today for a few minutes. I don’t understand why Jenifer would not be the contact as she is the CEO?? Who should we change it to?

Kim Mangold
YWCA Helena Grants Manager
kimm@ywcahelena.org

From: David O'Leary <david@mtcoc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Jenifer Gursky <jenifer@ywcahelena.org>; Kim Mangold <kimm@ywcahelena.org>
Subject: Re: application

Yes, that will work. Thanks, Jenifer.

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From: Jenifer Gursky <jenifer@ywcahelena.org>

LOCAL COMPETITION SELECTION RESULTS: MT-500 FY2023 - APPROVED 09/11/2023

TIER 1						
APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	SCORE	RANK	REQUESTED FUNDING AMOUNT	STATUS	
Missoula Housing Authority	MHA PSH Renewal 2023	84.5	1	\$1,063,971	Accepted	
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX RRH	82.7	2	\$122,665	Accepted	
Helena Housing Authority	Helena Housing PSH	82.1	3	\$343,656	Accepted	
Public Housing Authority of Butte	PHA Butte Permanent Supportive Housing	79.8	4	\$116,176	Accepted	
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Human Resources Council, District XII, Action Inc.	Action Inc. Rapid Rehousing	73.2	6	94,277	Accepted	
Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc.	CAPNM Shelter Plus	71.6	7	\$77,404	Accepted	
Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc.	CAPNM RRH	71.4	8	\$61,078	Accepted	
Supporters of Abuse Free Environments (SAFE), Inc.	SAFE FY 23 TH-RRH	68.3	9	\$146,952	Accepted	
Friendship Center of Helena Inc.	Domestic Violence Housing Assistance	N/A	10	\$175,834	Accepted	
Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc.	CAPNM Permanent Supportive Housing	N/A	11	\$30,880	Accepted	
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YWCA Billings	YWCA Billings Rapid Re-Housing	57.9	13	\$54,542	Accepted	
TIER 2						
YWCA Billings	YWCA Billings Rapid Re-Housing	57.9	13	\$209,158	Accepted	
NeighborWorks Great Falls	Baatz Block Apartments	70.6	14	\$54,081	Accepted	
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX PSH-HFV	81.7	15	\$100,678	Accepted/Reduced	
YWCA Helena	YWCA Helena Joint TH/RRH FY2023	76.4	16	\$166,825	Accepted/Reduced	
District VII HRDC	Youth Housing Navigator SSO-CE	32.2		\$107,500	Rejected	
Poverello Center	Coordinated Entry SSO-CE	32		\$101,338	Rejected	
Off The Streets	Off The Streets PH-PSH	31.8		\$225,000	Rejected	
Family Promis of Gallatin Valley	New Shelter Operations Joint TH/RRH	31.4		\$100,000	Rejected	
Yellowstone County Continuum of Care	Coordinated Entry Capacity Building SSO-CE	31		\$420,000	Rejected	
GRANTS INCLUDED IN THE FY2023 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE RANKED						
Montana Continuum of Care Coalition	MT-500 CoC Planning Grant 2023	N/A	N/A	\$229,703	Accepted	
YHDP RENEWALS - NON COMPETITIVE						
Human Resources Council, District XII, Action Inc.	Action Inc. YHDP System Navigation & Crisis Response	N/A	N/A	\$83,230	Accepted	
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Alliance for Youth, Inc.	Alliance for Youth YHDP 2023	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Accepted	
Browning School District #9	BPS aisspoommootsiyop YHDP	N/A	N/A	\$178,645	Accepted	
Northwest Montana Human Resources, Inc.	CAPNM YHDP Renewal 2023	N/A	N/A	\$51,617	Accepted	
Dawson Community College	DCC - YHDP Reneal Application FY2023	N/A	N/A	\$40,222	Accepted	
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District 7 Human Resources Development Council	YHDP Renewal Project FY2023	N/A	N/A	103,150	Accepted	
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.	HRDC IX YHDP Diversion	N/A	N/A	\$60,321	Accepted	
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Montana Legal Services Association	YYA Legal Housing Project FY23	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Accepted	
Tumbleweed	YHDP Renewal 2023	N/A	N/A	\$104,685	Accepted	
Kalispell Public Schools	Kalispell Public Schools YHDP renewal FY23	N/A	N/A	\$75,030	Accepted	

2023 HDX Competition Report

PIT Count Data for MT-500 - Montana Statewide CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	1545	1801	1585	2178
Emergency Shelter Total	767	900	1,072	1414
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	318	268	220	268
Total Sheltered Count	1085	1168	1292	1682
Total Unsheltered Count	460	633	293	496

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	223	59	381	558
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	59	59	270	380
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	164	0	111	178

2023 HDX Competition Report

PIT Count Data for MT-500 - Montana Statewide CoC

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	167	178	138	161
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	145	146	124	147
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	22	32	14	14

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	251	165	110	172	207
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	135	104	110	142	144
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	116	61	0	30	63

*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	1,245	852	1,002	85.03%	135	243	55.56%	987	79.28%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	542	155	455	34.07%	51	87	58.62%	206	38.01%
RRH Beds	343	258	258	100.00%	85	85	100.00%	343	100.00%
PSH Beds	905	261	905	28.84%	0	0	NA	261	28.84%
OPH Beds	250	0	250	0.00%	0	0	NA	0	0.00%
Total Beds	3,285	1,526	2,870	53.17%	271	415	65.30%	1,797	54.70%

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Notes

*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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

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

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	245	247	276	279

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	55	88	99	61

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	232	326	402	343

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Summary Report for MT-500 - Montana Statewide CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.
Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	2122	2222	72	93	21	34	40	6
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	2146	2254	84	100	16	38	41	3

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer to the client's entry date effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2625	2741	552	579	27	180	188	8
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2889	2773	554	582	28	189	197	8

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Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from ES	114	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%
Exit was from TH	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	687	15	2%	14	2%	25	4%	54	8%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	803	17	2%	14	2%	25	3%	56	7%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	1801	1585	-216
Emergency Shelter Total	900	1072	172
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	268	220	-48
Total Sheltered Count	1168	1292	124
Unsheltered Count	633	293	-340

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	2511	3005	494
Emergency Shelter Total	2413	2983	570
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	160	84	-76

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	158	150	-8
Number of adults with increased earned income	13	10	-3
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	8%	7%	-1%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	158	150	-8
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	45	51	6
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	28%	34%	6%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	158	150	-8
Number of adults with increased total income	52	59	7
Percentage of adults who increased total income	33%	39%	6%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	129	137	8
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	10	8	-2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	8%	6%	-2%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	129	137	8
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	27	17	-10
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	21%	12%	-9%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	129	137	8
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	34	24	-10
Percentage of adults who increased total income	26%	18%	-8%

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Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	2540	2802	262
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	810	690	-120
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	1730	2112	382

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	3231	3317	86
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	921	777	-144
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	2310	2540	230

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

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

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

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	230	128	-102
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	44	26	-18
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	26	22	-4
% Successful exits	30%	38%	8%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	2662	2690	28
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	727	686	-41
% Successful exits	27%	26%	-1%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	202	603	401
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	193	574	381
% Successful exits/retention	96%	95%	-1%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	741	1040	1296	294	362	387	941	901	906	232	304	376			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	643	786	968	121	93	105	272	232	233	175	276	275			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	86.77	75.58	74.69	41.16	25.69	27.13	28.91	25.75	25.72	75.43	90.79	73.14			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	2419	2705	2909	161	128	40	367	330	729	1463	1196	1325	15	276	838
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	2112	2386	2374	65	76	13	80	57	134	1009	759	929	6	118	241
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	1518	1498	1072	7	7	1	3	2	13	40	35	43	0	54	37
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	71.88	62.78	45.16	10.77	9.21	7.69	3.75	3.51	9.70	3.96	4.61	4.63	0.00	45.76	15.35

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Submission and Count Dates for MT-500 - Montana Statewide CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/26/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/28/2023	Yes



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To whom it may concern,

This letter of commitment confirms that Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) of District IX will be subsidizing residential rents at the Housing First Village development located at 2007 Wheat Drive, Bozeman, MT. HRDC is making this commitment as the Housing Choice Voucher operator for the Montana Department of Commerce and Montana Housing, the statewide Public Housing Authority. HRDC intends to use Housing Choice Vouchers to fund the difference between rents received (30% of tenants' income) and operating costs. Application for Housing Choice Vouchers has been made to the Montana Department of Commerce. Subsidies will be provided beginning on the grant start date of the project if awarded through the 2023 CoC Competition. Assuming the project is awarded CoC funds and a grant agreement is executed, these subsidies will be available for program participants by no later than 7/1/24. This commitment is for five of the eventual eighteen units in the Housing First Village project which meets the 25% threshold needed for bonus point consideration.

This commitment is in conjunction with the rental assistance for five units to CoC program funding via the new project application submitted by HRDC IX in the 2023 CoC program competition (Project Name: HRDC IX PSH - HFV).

If awarded, HFV will serve, at minimum, five households who meet the Dedicated Plus eligibility criteria as defined by HUD and who will be referred and prioritized by the applicable Coordinated Entry Network in accordance with the written standards adopted by the Montana Continuum of Care. Participant eligibility for the project is based on HUD CoC program fair housing requirements and not restricted by HRDC.

Thank you for your consideration,

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August 26, 2022

Baatz Block Apartments LLLP
 NeighborWorks GF/Homeword Inc.
 1535 Liberty Lane, Suite 116-A
 Missoula, Montana 59808

RE: Notice of Project Based Voucher Award

Dear Baatz Block Apartments LLLP:

The Great Falls Housing Authority is pleased to announce that you your application through the competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process for Project Based Vouchers has been approved and accepted. The award of PBV units is as follows:

Baatz Block Apartments LLLP
400-402 2nd Avenue South
Great Falls, Montana 59405
Total Number of units in project: 25
Number of PBVs approved: 24
Contract Term: 20 Years

The Great Falls Housing Authority will work with you to develop and execute an Agreement to Enter into a PBV Housing Assistance Payments Contract (AHAP) once all requirements as outlined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and per the regulations at 24 CFR 983 have been met.

Approved rents will be determined at the time of the PBV HAP Contract execution and based on comparable market rents. In most cases, rents may not exceed 110% of the HUD published Fair Market Rents which are currently as follows:

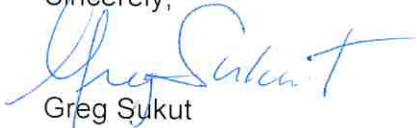
110% of FMR (PHA County as of 10/1/2021)*	0 Bedroom	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
	\$806	\$932	\$1,192	\$1,508	\$1,620

*Fair Market Rents are subject to change annually

Should you have any questions, please contact David Holt, Section 8 Leasing Specialist, davidholt@gfhousing.org.



Sincerely,



Greg Sukut
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August 22, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of commitment confirms a formal agreement between Community Health Partners (CHP) and HRDC IX of Bozeman (HRDC). CHP will provide supportive services to program participants of the proposed HRDC IX PSH-HFV project, which has been submitted as part of the Montana Continuum of Care application. The support services provided for the purpose of enhancing the Housing First village residents' ability to maintain independent living include: medical and psychological case management, benefits advocacy and income support assistance, money management/payee services, nutritional counseling and assistance in obtaining other resources and support for residents such as childcare, transportation, job training and job placement.

CHP will document, at a minimum, \$25,169 annually in supportive services, including medical and psychological case management, provided to participants of the above named project by HRDC. The valuation of these committed resources is consistent with local rates paid for these services. This amount meets the 25% threshold of the total funding being requested for the project.

These supportive services will be provided beginning on the grant start date should the project be awarded through the 2023 CoC Competition. Assuming the project is awarded CoC funds and a grant agreement is executed, these subsidies will be available for program participants by no later than 7/1/24 and will continue to be available each operating year of subsequent renewals. CHP will continue to provide these services for the full operating year for each subsequent renewal. If awarded, HFV will serve six households who meet the DedicatedPlus eligibility criteria as defined by HUD and who will be referred and prioritized by the applicable Coordinated Entry Network in accordance with the written standards adopted by the Montana Continuum of Care. Participant eligibility for the project is based on HUD CoC program fair housing requirements and is not restricted by CHP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lander Cooney
Chief Executive Officer
Community Health Partners