

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: KS-505 - Overland Park, Shawnee/Johnson County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: United Community Services of Johnson County

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Mid-America Regional Council

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants.

For the period of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019, applicants must indicate whether the Organization/Person listed:

- 1. participated in CoC meetings;**
- 2. voted, including selecting CoC Board members; and**
- 3. participated in the CoC’s coordinated entry system.**

Organization/Person	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members	Participates in Coordinated Entry System
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	No
Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	No	No
Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
Disability Advocates	Yes	No	No
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Not Applicable	No	No
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes

Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	No	No
Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
LGBT Service Organizations	Not Applicable	No	No
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	No
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	No
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)			
County and Municipal Level Depts of Corrections	Yes	Yes	No
KS Managed Care Orgs AETNA, United Healthcare	Yes	No	No
JoCo FQHC - healthcare for homeless grantee	Yes	Yes	No

1B-1a. CoC’s Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing/Ending Homelessness.

Applicants must describe how the CoC:

- 1. solicits and considers opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;**
- 2. communicates information during public meetings or other forums the CoC uses to solicit public information;**
- 3. takes into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness; and**
- 4. ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats, e.g., PDF. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. In order to reach its goal that homelessness is rare, brief, and a one-time experience when it can't be prevented, KS-505 solicits input from organizations and individuals invested in preventing and ending homelessness including: victim service providers, homeless youth providers and homeless or formerly homeless individuals through a. emailed invitations to the CoC lead agency's email lists (1200+), b. public speaking opportunities and subsequent recruitment of new members, and c. invitation to participate in open meetings. Agenda topics, monthly meeting dates, and venues are shared monthly stating that meetings are open to all. CoC meetings include networking and expert speakers on topics including fair housing, public housing, domestic violence, human trafficking, employment opportunities/supports/training, Veteran services, mental/behavioral healthcare, homeless youth, and street outreach. All CoC information regarding membership and participation is communicated and available to the public on CoC Lead agency website. CoC Board and Lead

staff consider input from all participants when planning and recommending action. 2. KS-505 communicates information on a wide variety of topics related to federal initiatives to end homelessness and the homeless strategy in Johnson County at the monthly CoC meeting. CoC Lead staff participate in many public speaking opportunities including civic clubs, city councils, schools, nonprofit boards, law enforcement, County Commissioners, and faith communities to increase community partnerships and educate the public on homelessness, best practices, and the community response. 3. CoC Lead staff utilize information gathered from CoC public meetings and other public speaking opportunities to inform the CoC Board, strategies, policies, and procedures. 4. The CoC ensures effective outreach and communication with individuals with disabilities by making information available in accessible electronic formats.

1B-2. Open Invitation for New Members.

Applicants must describe:

- 1. the invitation process;**
 - 2. how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members;**
 - 3. how the CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;**
 - 4. how often the CoC solicits new members; and**
 - 5. any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. Monthly CoC open meeting agendas are distributed via email to over 70 organizations and meeting dates and locations are posted on the CoC Lead website. Meetings are held on the same date and time, in the same place, each month. Members are encouraged to forward the invitation to their networks. 2. The CoC has a standing informal open invitation for new members, however, twice per year a formal invitation is extended through the CoC Lead’s email distribution list of over 1,000 contacts in government, faith communities, business and community leaders, landlords, and nonprofits in addition to social media. 3. The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities through its partnership with CoC members who have or represent an agency that serves those with a variety of disabilities. The CoC makes information available in accessible electronic formats. 4. The CoC always encourages new membership through its public speaking opportunities and networking of current members. The CoC formally invites new members twice per year through the CoC Lead’s email distribution list of over 1,000 community partners and social media postings. 5. CoC participation and membership of homeless or formerly homeless individuals is initiated through CoC connections in the community serving homeless individuals and families or through staff members of these organizations who have experienced homelessness. Future outreach will be enhanced through the Lived Experience Advisory Board members.

1B-3. Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded.

Applicants must describe:

- 1. how the CoC notifies the public that it is accepting project application proposals, and that it is open to and will consider applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, as well as the method in which proposals should be submitted;**
 - 2. the process the CoC uses to determine whether the project application will be included in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition process;**
 - 3. the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposal;**
 - 4. how the CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and**
 - 5. if the CoC does not accept proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding or did not announce it was open to proposals from non-CoC Program funded organizations, the applicant must state this fact in the response and provide the reason the CoC does not accept proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC Board and membership of over 70 organizations were sent an open invitation to apply for funding in the FY2019 CoC competition on 5.15.19. The notice included the letter of intent deadline, guidance on types of funding available and current priorities. This was also posted on CoC lead agency website (ucsjoco.org). The CoC opened the local competition early in 2019 to encourage new organizations to learn more and consider applying. Another email was sent to the CoC after HUD's official release of the FY 2019 NOFA on 7.03.19, followed by an email on 7.10.19 with an updated timeline for applicants. The CoC lead agency issued the same notifications and invitations described above in community-wide newsletters to over 1,000 emails and on social media. 2. The CoC Board reviews and approves the rank and review tool annually for compliance with the current NOFA, objectivity, performance-based and data driven scoring, approving FY2019's tool at May 8 KS-505 Board meeting. No new applicants submitted a LOI for the FY 2019 NOFA by the deadline. On 9.12.19 a follow up email was sent to the full CoC membership and applicants with the Board approved Rank and Review process and coversheets, priority populations and housing supports, and scoring criteria for applications. All proposals were reviewed utilizing the approved tool and applicants were trained on how to submit documentation required by CoC staff and the application in e-snaps. 3. On 5.15.19 the CoC released the invitation to apply for CoC funds by public announcement for new and renewal applications to address homelessness. 4. The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities on the availability of the application through its partnership with CoC members who have or represent an agency that serves those with a variety of disabilities. The CoC makes information available in accessible electronic formats. 5. The CoC accepts proposals from both new and returning applicants.

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects.

Applicants must select the appropriate response for each federal, state, local, private, other organizations, or program source the CoC included in the planning and operation of projects that serve individuals experiencing homelessness, families experiencing homelessness, unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, persons who are fleeing domestic violence, or persons at risk of homelessness.

Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects	Coordinates with Planning and Operation of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
Head Start Program	Yes
Funding Collaboratives	Not Applicable
Private Foundations	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
Project 10 20 Private Cold Weather Shelter	Yes

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1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.

Applicants must describe how the CoC:
1. consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds;
2. participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients; and
3. ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. Johnson County (JoCo) Government receives ESG funding and passes it on to subrecipients in the CoC. JoCo Community Development staff are active in both the CoC Board and CoC. JoCo Community Development relies on the CoC lead agency to inform the ESG allocation process by providing PIT data, HIC data, information on the gaps and needs in the community and other important local housing and service data. Information is obtained from the CoC through an ESG pre-allocation meeting with the CoC Lead and an open community meeting for interested ESG applicants. During the meeting, participants develop a list of priorities to inform the ESG allocation. 2. CoC Lead staff, in conjunction with JoCo Community Development, facilitate an open community meeting of interested ESG applicants and provide input on ESG applications received. The CoC Lead provides input on whether the ESG application contributes to the local CoC strategy. CoC Lead staff and Community Development work together to ensure that the performance expectations of ESG recipients fall in line with the reporting and performance expectations of the CoC through use of the approved HMIS of the CoC or comparable databases for CAPER reporting. 3. JoCo Community Development also administers the County CDBG program and serves as the lead agency for the JoCo Consolidated Plan. Community Development seeks input from the CoC on all portions of the plan related to the homelessness strategy, coordinated entry, local efforts to prevent and end homelessness, numbers of homeless individuals and families, service gaps, and system needs. The plan is presented to the public for comment and approved by the County Commission. Community Development reviews CoC applications for consistency with the Consolidated Plan and performs environmental reviews on CoC projects.

1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Yes to both

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC provided Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area.

1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Yes

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC ensured local homelessness information is communicated to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within its geographic area so it can be addressed in Consolidated Plan updates.

1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.

Applicants must describe:

- 1. the CoC’s protocols, including protocols for coordinated entry and the CoC’s emergency transfer plan, that prioritize safety and incorporate trauma-informed, victim-centered services; and**
- 2. how the CoC, through its coordinated entry, maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC is responsive to the unique needs of households fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking which include safety and confidentiality protocols. Johnson County has one domestic violence agency, Safehome, Inc. Safehome, Inc. is a CoC member and ensures safe participation in the CoC and ESG programs and in the KS-505 Coordinated Entry System. Safehome, Inc. utilizes KS-505's vulnerability assessment tool (DESC VAT) plus a lethality assessment in prioritizing clients for housing resources. Safehome, Inc. contributes to the CoC Coordinated Entry System planning as an active member to ensure that all processes are meeting the needs of their clients. Safehome clients are entered and referred off the by-name list with a confidential numeric code and only that information needed for prioritization and referral. No PII is recorded on the by-name list. Policies and procedures of the CoC Coordinated Entry require that agencies first ask if the household is fleeing domestic violence, and, if so, they are offered the option to immediately connect to a domestic violence provider. When clients enter housing, Safehome, Inc. requests the landlord complete our emergency transfer plan so clients can be moved without penalty in the event they experience domestic violence during the program. Safehome, Inc. then works with the client and the landlord to find a safer option. Safehome, Inc. does not participate in KS-505's HMIS, but does enter into a comparable database. 2. The CoC Coordinated Entry process maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality by utilizing unique identifiers and providing safe options for individuals and families whose homelessness is a result of fleeing domestic violence. Clients actively participate in the housing process by identifying rental properties that are ideal for their safety and work/school proximity. Scattered-site options increase choice while confidentiality maximizes safety.

1C-3a. Training–Best Practices in Serving DV Survivors.

Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide training, at least on an annual basis, for:

- 1. CoC area project staff that addresses safety and best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence; and**

2. Coordinated Entry staff that addresses safety and best practices (e.g., Trauma Informed Care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC coordinates with Safehome, Inc. to provide trauma-informed and victim centered training at least annually (usually October) for CoC and ESG project staff along with other CoC members on safety planning and best practices for safely working with survivors of domestic violence. Safehome, Inc. is a member of the CoC lead agency’s Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Committee and regularly reviews CoC policies and procedures to ensure compliance with TIC practices, VAWA, and other regulations related to working with domestic violence survivors. Safehome also trains on their use of a lethality assessment to determine which services are most appropriate such as shelter and critical support counseling. Safehome staff are available throughout the year to any CoC agency’s questions regarding best practices and safety planning. 2. The CoC Coordinated Entry and by-name list group, including Safehome, Inc., meet twice monthly and rely on Safehome to provide input and training to address safety planning and protocols for survivors of domestic violence entering the Coordinated Entry (CE) system. This is especially critical as more than half of DV survivors provided permanent housing supports through CE do so with a non-DV provider. During the initial triage and screening phase of CE, screeners are required to offer to connect households experiencing domestic violence to Safehome, Inc., prior to attempting diversion. Screeners utilize the trauma-informed DESC Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) in addition to a lethality assessment to assess level of vulnerability. All DV survivors are entered into CE with a numeric ID to maintain their confidentiality and with only the information needed to prioritize and effectively refer – and the by-name list is maintained on a secure server with extremely limited access to assure safety. Safehome staff connect households referred to non-DV providers through releases of information and partner with the agency to assure safe housing.

1C-3b. Domestic Violence–Community Need Data.

Applicants must describe how the CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC collects de-identified information during the annual PIT Count related to history of abuse, prevalence of domestic violence, characteristics of households with a history of DV and those who are actively fleeing currently, how survivors served by Safehome may differ from those served by other providers, Inc. and others, and reviews the characteristics and needs of individuals and households fleeing domestic violence. Through Coordinated Entry, data from the by-name list is collected to review the proportion and number of households fleeing domestic violence and where they are referred to for emergency and permanent housing. The CoC utilizes HIC and APR documents to inform the level of need and gaps for survivors of domestic violence. The CoC utilizes the ESG CAPER and APRs exported from a comparable database utilized by Safehome, Inc. that does not report out/include identifying information to understand who is being served by Safehome, Inc. and to plan for future emergency shelter and rapid re-housing needs. Johnson County’s Community Violence Action Council includes membership from the

CoC Lead Agency, CoC members, and Safehome, Inc. The Violence Action Council monitors implementation of the lethality assessment by local law enforcement and reports on the number of homicides and other statistics attributed to domestic violence. In addition to community data, the CoC collects and utilizes de-identified aggregate data in a variety of ways to understand community need and inform its planning process for individuals and households fleeing domestic violence.

***1C-4. PHAs within CoC. Attachments Required.**

Applicants must submit information for the two largest PHAs or the two PHAs with which the CoC has a working relationship within the CoC’s geographic area.

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2018 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference	PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On
Johnson County Housing Services	2.60%	Yes-HCV	No
Olathe Public Housing Authority	0.00%	Yes-HCV	No

1C-4a. PHAs’ Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences.

Applicants must:

1. provide the steps the CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within the CoC’s geographic area or the two PHAs the CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if the CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, applicants may respond for one; or

2. state that the CoC does not work with the PHAs in its geographic area. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. KS-505 has worked with both housing authorities in Johnson County to adopt a homeless preference or set-aside for homeless individuals and families through the housing choice voucher (HCV) program since 2015. The Johnson County Housing Authority expanded local permanent housing options for homeless individuals and families by setting aside 20 homeless preference or set-aside vouchers and establishing MOUs with Catholic Charities of NE Kansas and Safehome, Inc. They then chose highly vulnerable households assessed to be in need of deeper/longer housing supports for which the CoC had no permanent supportive housing resources from the Coordinated Entry by-name list and connected them to these HCVs in order to improve the likelihood of them successfully maintaining their housing without ongoing support following RRH in 2015. These households are transferred to regular HCVs after 9-12 months, re-opening the set-asides for currently homeless households assessed to be highly vulnerable from the by-name list. In the spring of 2019, after three years of process, the City of Olathe Housing Authority set-aside five HCVs for homeless individuals and families and partnered with Catholic Charities to provide case management, four of which are filled as of August 2019. The CoC is partnering with Olathe’s Housing Authority to apply for

Mainstream Housing Vouchers to expand long term support for those highly vulnerable homeless households on the Coordinated Entry system's by-name list and to address eligibility and portability issues. 2. N/A.

1C-4b. Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a Moving On Strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction.

No

1C-5. Protecting Against Discrimination.

Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address all forms of discrimination, such as discrimination based on any protected classes under the Fair Housing Act and 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or -Insured Housing. (limit 2,000 characters)

KS-505 expects that all people served through the CoC's providers are provided housing and related services based on how they identify/present, and are provided equal access to safe, decent and sanitary housing and services. All agencies funded with HUD dollars in the community must have anti-discrimination policies adhering to both the Fair Housing Act and Equal Access rules. This includes equal access to the Coordinated Entry System of the CoC, street outreach, emergency services and permanent housing supports. The Coordinated Entry System policies and procedures include a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy put in place in 2018. Additionally, the HMIS Lead agency requires that individuals and families be entered into the system as they identify. The CoC conducts outreach to people in need of housing and services who are least likely to apply for programs in a variety of ways including: marketing by the Johnson County and City of Olathe Housing Authorities, CoC board and full membership outreach, publications of open waiting lists in local and minority newspapers, media, public service announcements, local government offices, senior service providers, coordinated entry hubs, public libraries, and the NAACP. The CoC is trained at least annually by a HUD Fair Housing official on fair housing and equal access regulations and procedures. During the training participants learn how to recognize fair housing violations, file a claim, and can ask questions. Information on filing a claim is available to the public on the Johnson County Housing and Community Development websites. Additionally, ESG grantees, which include all KS-505 CoC grantees must complete a fair housing certification form stating that they will adhere to fair housing and naming the person responsible for fair housing compliance in their agency. The Johnson County Consortia Collaboration is working to make online fair housing information and resources more accessible and uniform throughout the county.

***1C-5a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.**

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC implemented an anti-discrimination policy and conduct training:

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1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source?	Yes
2. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively address discrimination based on any protected class under the Fair Housing Act?	Yes
3. Did the CoC conduct annual training on how to effectively address discrimination based on any protected class under 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or -Insured Housing?	Yes

***1C-6. Criminalization of Homelessness.**

Applicants must select all that apply that describe the strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC’s geographic area.

1. Engaged/educated local policymakers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Engaged/educated law enforcement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Engaged/educated local business leaders:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Implemented communitywide plans:	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. No strategies have been implemented:	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Other:(limit 50 characters)	
Advocate w local criminal justice system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

1C-7. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Attachment Required.

Applicants must:

- 1. demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area;**
- 2. demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach; and**
- 3. demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The attached Policies and Procedures demonstrate that the Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers the entire geographic area of KS-505. 2. Establishment of the CES maximized the options for first point of contact with flexibility in how and where a household enters the system seeking assistance.

CES has improved communication and relationships between agencies in the CoC and throughout the community. Through the “no wrong door” approach, triage and diversion are conducted by a variety of homeless providers. There are three CES hubs, all near bus lines and ADA compliant, where a DESC Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) can be administered in the western, northeastern, and southern parts of Johnson County. The CES ensures those experiencing homelessness can receive outreach services or present at any social service agency for triage and diversion, and those least likely to apply for assistance can be connected in a variety of ways. Local government, law enforcement, CDBG/ESG entitlement jurisdictions, early childhood programs, education authorities, and mental health providers are educated on how to connect those experiencing homelessness to a CES hub. For those unable to access a hub, there are two VAT trained street outreach workers and one trained peer support staff who travel throughout KS-505’s geography to offer services and complete VAT screenings. 3. The KS-505 CES is governed by policies and procedures on how to access the system, assesses vulnerability, and prioritizes households for permanent housing without preconditions. The prioritizing characteristics are as follows: chronic homeless, veterans, those experiencing/fleeing domestic violence, those with a documented disability, and households with children under 18 years of age or who are transitional age youth. Within each score, KS-505 has determined further prioritizing characteristics to help ensure those most in need of assistance are receiving it in a timely manner through CES case conferencing.

1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

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1D-1. Discharge Planning Coordination.

Applicants must indicate whether the 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. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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*1E-1. Local CoC Competition–Announcement, Established Deadline, Applicant Notifications. Attachments Required.

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:

1. informed project applicants in its local competition announcement about point values or other ranking criteria the CoC would use to rank projects on the CoC Project Listings for submission to HUD for the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition;	Yes
2. established a local competition deadline, and posted publicly, for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline;	Yes
3. notified applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing along with the reason for the decision, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline; and	Yes
4. notified applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline.	Yes

1E-2. Project Review and Ranking–Objective Criteria.

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition:

1. Used objective criteria to review and rank projects for funding (e.g., cost effectiveness of the project, performance data, type of population served);	Yes
2. Included one factor related to improving system performance (e.g., exits to permanent housing (PH) destinations, retention of PH, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness, job/income growth, etc.); and	Yes
3. Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers that utilized data generated from a comparable database and evaluated these projects on the degree they improve safety for the population served.	Yes

1E-3. Project Review and Ranking–Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities.

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Applicants must describe:

1. the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing and ranking projects; and

2. how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account when reviewing and ranking projects.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. Additional points were incorporated into the Rank and Review scoring tool and awarded for focusing housing and supports on homeless individuals and families who had specific needs and vulnerabilities including chronic homelessness, veterans status, transitional aged youth status, fleeing domestic violence or sexual assault, families with children, chronic disease or HIV+ status, substance abuse, or mental illness which may reflect early childhood trauma/abuse. Project applicants are encouraged to serve a broad variety of vulnerable populations with their housing, and to review prior year’s clients to project likely future populations served. The “program focus” category made up 10 of the 120 available points. 2. Additionally, each project applicant was asked how they consider the severity of needs and vulnerabilities in prioritizing who is served and how they are responsive to the identified gaps and needs of the CoC. Project applicants shared that they incorporated histories of employment or underemployment, long-standing disabilities, history of self-sufficiency, and for DV survivors, scores on a lethality assessment. Project applicants’ responses to the Rank and Review Tool’s questions informed the 20-point section of the Rank and Review Ranking criteria’s community responsiveness and coordination component. Twenty-five percent of the Rank and Review Ranking criteria points were based on the applicant’s response to the needs and vulnerabilities of participants. For those serving persons fleeing domestic violence, these criteria were confirmed through a parallel and confidential, but equivalent APR.

1E-4. Public Postings–CoC Consolidated Application. Attachment Required.

Applicants must:

1. indicate how the CoC made public the review and ranking process the CoC used for all project applications; or

2. check 6 if the CoC did not make public the review and ranking process; and

3. indicate how the CoC made public the CoC Consolidated Application—including the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing that includes all project applications accepted and ranked or rejected—which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; or

4. check 6 if the CoC did not make public the CoC Consolidated Application.

Public Posting of Objective Review and Ranking Process		Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, Project Listings	
1. Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Did Not Publicly Post Review and Ranking Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Did Not Publicly Post CoC Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>

1E-5. Reallocation between FY 2015 and FY 2018.

Applicants must report the percentage of the CoC’s ARD that was reallocated between the FY 2015 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.

Reallocation: 16%

1E-5a. Reallocation–CoC Review of Performance of Existing Projects.

Applicants must:

- 1. describe the CoC written process for reallocation;**
 - 2. indicate whether the CoC approved the reallocation process;**
 - 3. describe how the CoC communicated to all applicants the reallocation process;**
 - 4. describe how the CoC identified projects that were low performing or for which there is less need; and**
 - 5. describe how the CoC determined whether projects that were deemed low performing would be reallocated.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. CoC Lead staff monitor the spending and performance of CoC grantees throughout the year which informs the reallocation process. The KS-505 written process for funding reallocation includes three reasons a project could be recommended to the CoC Board for reallocation. First, the grantee is no longer interested in continuing the project or part of the project. Two, the grantee no longer needs the CoC funding as other funding is available for the project or part of the project. Three, the grantee underperforms and following unsuccessful attempts at remediation and/or correction, the CoC Board and/or Performance Review Committee meets to recommend reallocation of part or all of the project funding to a new grantee. If one or more of the above scenarios have been met and attempts at remediation have been exhausted, an electronic request for proposals will be issued or a project will be replaced by a new CoC project application, depending on timing of the concern. The CoC Board has the final decision-making authority on all new projects created through reallocation. A resolution confirming Board decision is voted on by members of the full CoC at the subsequent monthly meeting. 2. The reallocation process is approved by both the CoC and the CoC Board - last revised and approved September 2017

3. The CoC Lead provides the written reallocation process to the CoC Board, CoC, funded agencies, and potential applicants and posts it on the CoC lead agency's website (ucsjoco.org) for reference. 4. The CoC identified low performing projects and projects for which there is less need through the application process, performance data, spending information, and coordinated entry referral process. 5. The CoC utilized the written reallocation process to determine if there were any low performers and if funds would be reallocated. In 2019, none were identified as meeting criteria for reallocation in FY2019, although two renewals are under remediation/correction for data quality.

DV Bonus

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1F-1 DV Bonus Projects.

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is requesting DV Bonus projects which are included on the CoC Priority Listing: No

Applicant Name	DUNS Number
This list contains no items	

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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2A-1. HMIS Vendor Identification. Caseworthy (as of 10.02.2017)

Applicants must review the HMIS software vendor name brought forward from FY 2018 CoC Application and update the information if there was a change.

2A-2. Bed Coverage Rate Using HIC and HMIS Data.

Using 2019 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type:

Project Type	Total Number of Beds in 2019 HIC	Total Beds Dedicated for DV in 2019 HIC	Total Number of 2019 HIC Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	110	52	58	100.00%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	25	4	21	100.00%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	85	5	80	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	25	0	25	100.00%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-2a. Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-2.

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

**1. steps the 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 the CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.
(limit 2,000 characters)**

Not applicable

***2A-3. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission.**

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC submitted its LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0. Yes

***2A-4. HIC HDX Submission Date.**

**Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2019 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX).
(mm/dd/yyyy)** 04/26/2019

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

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2B-1. PIT Count Date. 01/22/2019

Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2019 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy).

2B-2. PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date. 04/26/2019

Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy).

2B-3. Sheltered PIT Count–Change in Implementation.

Applicants must describe:

1. any changes in the sheltered count implementation, including methodology or data quality methodology changes from 2018 to 2019, if applicable; and

2. how the changes affected the CoC’s sheltered PIT count results; or
3. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC had significant changes to its sheltered count methodology in 2019 with the opening of the seasonal Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) for adult only households on the night of the 2019 PIT count. The CoC continued a complete count of all clients in emergency shelter and transitional housing through the administration of client-level surveys and utilization of HMIS data as in prior years. Utilizing surveys, HMIS data and performing de-duplication checks utilizing unique identifying information ensured there was no duplication of surveys. The CoC continues to increase its use of HMIS data in the sheltered count. 2. The utilization of HMIS data, in addition to survey completion,

improved data quality and completeness of responses. This approach allows the CoC to better analyze the needs of the sheltered homeless population, which leads to better strategic planning to address needs and gaps identified through the count in the annual application and other community initiatives. In 2019, the opening of the CWS increased the emergency shelter count and improved the CoC’s understanding of needs and factors impacting adult only households’ homelessness. Lack of an adults only shelter in prior years and during non-cold weather seasons has made this population difficult to reliably count, regardless of best practices and planning and ongoing outreach efforts. All persons staying at the CWS completed a PIT survey. The CoC will work to continue to coordinate this effort in future counts

***2B-4. Sheltered PIT Count–Changes Due to Presidentially-declared Disaster.**

Applicants must select whether the CoC added or removed emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe-Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially-declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC’s 2019 sheltered PIT count. No

2B-5. Unsheltered PIT Count–Changes in Implementation.

Applicants must describe:

- 1. any changes in the unsheltered count implementation, including methodology or data quality methodology changes from 2018 to 2019, if applicable; and**
 - 2. how the changes affected the CoC’s unsheltered PIT count results; or**
 - 3. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC did not have significant changes to its unsheltered count methodology. In 2019, CoC trained volunteers completed surveys with all persons and households identified as unsheltered in Johnson County. CoC members who regularly engage with the unsheltered homeless population and were trained on the survey tool searched known encampments, cars, parks, and other places not meant for human habitation within county boundaries. They attended public meal sites, food distribution sites, clothing pantries, and other known locations. Through ESG and other funding, the CoC had additional Street Outreach staff resources who contributed to a better assessment of known locations and improved training was provided to volunteers conducting the count on the streets, improving unsheltered survey completion. 2. The addition of dedicated Street Outreach staff and improved training contributed to a more complete count of unsheltered homeless individuals and families through a greater awareness of unsheltered locations and training that included reflection on common mistakes from previous counts to inform this count. CoC staff made themselves available to assist with any unclear responses or unique/challenging situations throughout the collection period. 3. N/A if no changes.

***2B-6. PIT Count–Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness.**

Applicants must:

Indicate whether the CoC implemented specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in their 2019 PIT count. Yes

2B-6a. PIT Count–Involving Youth in Implementation.

Applicants must describe how the CoC engaged stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness to:

- 1. plan the 2019 PIT count;**
 - 2. select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and**
 - 3. involve youth in counting during the 2019 PIT count.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. In 2019, the CoC worked closely with homeless liaisons from the six school districts in Johnson County, organizations serving youth and young adults on the streets and in transitional housing, the local community college, mental health, corrections and behavioral healthcare providers to engage, identify, and survey homeless youth. Additionally, youth were consulted around where unaccompanied youth might be located and how best to connect with them. The CoC also engaged with these groups in survey creation, planning and implementation of the count. Most children and youth identified as homeless were found to be living with their families or were doubled-up. Any unaccompanied youth 12-24 identified as homeless were immediately connected with a dedicated youth street outreach worker with access to youth services in both Johnson County and the Kansas City Metro Area, which included transitional living programming for those 16-22, as well as rapid rehousing and PSH programs as appropriate. Regular CoC participation including PIT count planning and survey implementation by organizations serving youth assisted and will continue to assist the CoC with its plans for choosing places to seek out homeless youth, conduct appropriate surveys and provide resources to meet their immediate and longer-term needs. In the 2019 PIT count, no unaccompanied children under 18 were identified, and all 10 youth households 18-24 identified and surveyed were sheltered. Several Johnson County youth that have experienced homelessness have been engaged to be part of the Lived Experience Advisory Board and its planning for the 2020 PIT count.

2B-7. PIT Count–Improvements to Implementation.

Applicants must describe the CoC’s actions implemented in its 2019 PIT count to better count:

- 1. individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness;**
 - 2. families with children experiencing homelessness; and**
 - 3. Veterans experiencing homelessness.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. In order to improve the count of individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness in the community, the CoC engaged and sought the input of emergency shelter, transitional housing, and street outreach providers serving and interacting with chronically homeless individuals and families on engagement strategies, survey tools, and utilizing a trauma-informed approach. New ESG Street Outreach funds have provided for a dedicated position which has significantly increased the CoC knowledge of individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness in the community. The survey specifically and strategically asks a set of questions that will determine and confirm if an individual or family is experiencing chronic homelessness. Volunteers are trained on administering the survey to discern chronic homelessness. Over 95 percent of surveys were complete. 2. The CoC improved the count of families with children experiencing homelessness through its engagement, training, and the participation by school homeless liaisons, shelters and transitional housing program staff serving households with children, emergency assistance providers, education providers, physical and mental healthcare providers, local law enforcement, and public housing authorities. 3. The CoC improved the count of Veterans experiencing chronic homelessness by engaging VA staff, VASH administrators, and SSVF program managers to assist in PIT planning and outreach. CoC Lead staff provided training on the survey tool using a trauma-informed approach, instructing volunteers how to be respectful and to identify distress, troubleshoot challenges, the importance of accurate data collection to better understand needs, populations, and service gaps. Extra training time was spent on questions establishing whether households included Veterans by enumerating all household members present to assure that surveys were accurate and reliable, and reports were valid.

3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

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***3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.**

Applicants must:

Report the Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.	201
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3A-1a. First Time Homeless Risk Factors.

Applicants must:

- 1. describe the process the CoC developed to identify risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;**
- 2. describe the CoC’s strategy 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 the CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC reduced the number of first time homeless by 36 percent from FY2017 to FY2018. The CoC identified the following risk factors through membership feedback, PIT data and CE referral reviews. 2. Risk factors include: increased cost of living, history of eviction, debt and poor credit, high rent, low vacancy, competitive markets with increasing rents, and loss of landlord partnerships through property sales to outside corporations. Additional factors include, 83 percent of households with incomes less than \$35,000 a year are cost-burdened, state policy enacted reducing lifetime TANF from 60 to 24 months between 2011-2016, and reduced SNAP. Strategies to reduce first-time homelessness will include: partnering with the county PHA’s new Landlord

Recruiter and Catholic Charities' Housing Navigator positions to expand the number of landlords willing to partner to house at-risk households, raising awareness of housing affordability issues, promoting a multi-city collaborative housing study that will look at needs and solutions for affordable housing options, strategically using EFSP funds to prevent homelessness and connecting households to supports and mainstream benefits to stabilize income, and finally re-establishing a CHDO to expand low cost housing options. Other strategies under consideration include establishment of a risk mitigation fund and renter insurance program. CoC partners in identifying risk factors include four multi-service centers and emergency assistance providers in the community offering diverse homelessness prevention assistance. These funds are a critical part of the strategy to assist those at-risk of becoming homeless and allows HUD CoC and ESG funding to focus on rapid re-housing and permanent housing. 3. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

***3A-2. Length of Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.**

Applicants must:

Report Average Length of Time Individuals and Persons in Families Remained Homeless as Reported in HDX.	134
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3A-2a. Strategy to Reduce Length of Time Homeless.

Applicants must:

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;**
 - 2. describe how the 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 the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The FY2018 average length of time (LOT) homeless for those in ES and TH was 134 bed nights, a 25 percent increase over FY2017, reflecting the increasing difficulty in the CoC of re-gaining housing due to higher costs and landlords increasing eligibility criteria. Median LOT homeless was 86 days, a 7 percent increase. The smaller increase in median vs. average LOT homeless suggests that a subgroup of households has much greater challenges to re-establishing housing, which supports the CoC's strategy to reduce LOT homeless by expanding partnerships with landlords, increasing HCVs for households assessed to be highly vulnerable who are homeless through partnering on grant applications with public housing authorities, and advocating for expanded lower cost housing options in the county. Additionally, diversion is re-visited for permanent housing options not considered, planning continues to establish year-round emergency shelter for adult only households to reconnect them to services and housing, and risk mitigation funds and renter's insurance programs continue to be explored to incentivize landlord partnerships. 2. The CoC identifies and houses individuals and families with the longest lengths of

time homeless primarily through Coordinated Entry and the by-name list in which those who are equally vulnerable with prioritized characteristics are listed from LOT homeless. Households include adults only, youth, households with children, and those fleeing DV. 3. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services of Johnson County is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

***3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX.**

Applicants must:

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	71%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	100%

3A-3a. Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing.

Applicants must:

1. describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;
2. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;
3. describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
4. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC has strong permanent housing placement and retention rates. The ES/TH/RRH exit to PH rate is 71 percent in FY2018, a 10 percent decrease from FY2017 but a 40 percent increase from FY2016. The CoC strategy to further increase the percentage of households in ES/TH/RRH programs exit to permanent housing destinations includes expanded RRH options and additional HCVs through partnership with the PHAs; strong monitoring, thoughtful modifications and successful implementation of the Coordinated Entry System and By-Name List; and expanded partnerships with landlords. The CE System continues to build cross-organizational partnerships to provide the best PH options based on the client’s level of vulnerability, improving the likelihood that they will be referred quickly and regain and sustain PH. The CoC is working to

make the most appropriate referral for the participant through CE to increase PH retention rates in ES/TH/RRH programs. 2. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services is responsible for the CoC strategy to increase the rate in which homeless individuals and families in ES/TH/RRH exit to permanent housing destinations. 3. Those in PSH other than RRH maintain their PH successfully through ongoing case management, MOUs between providers and landlords, and employment and educational services to increase income and maintain housing stability. KS-505's PSH grantee serves only single individuals with severe and persistent mental illness who are homeless and they have a deep set of services and supports for this population. Following stabilization and successful housing in PSH, these individuals are moved into independent or supported housing with mainstream benefits and employment income. 4. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to increase the rate in which homeless individuals and families in PH projects, other than RR, retain their permanent housing or exit to other permanent housing.

***3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX.**

Applicants must:

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6-month period as reported in HDX.	4%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 12-month period as reported in HDX.	4%

3A-4a. Returns to Homelessness–CoC Strategy to Reduce Rate.

Applicants must:

- 1. describe the strategy the CoC has implemented to identify individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness;**
- 2. describe the 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 the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. Current data indicates that in FY2018, four percent of people in permanent housing returned to homelessness after exiting permanent housing over a 6-12-month period and remained at four percent at 24 months, down from 13% returning in FY2017 at 24 months. Only four households of 108 in a two-year time frame touched the homelessness system again, and all did so within the first six months after exiting from a permanent housing (PH) program. As a result, the CoC strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness is focused on those factors most likely to destabilize households immediately after leaving a PH program. The CoC relies on data in HMIS and CoC performance measures to identify common characteristics or barriers for those returning to homelessness to prevent future returns. 2. CoC agencies will offer ongoing case management and follow-up once rent assistance ends to

remain a resource, should the individual or family need additional assistance or mediation to maintain their permanent housing. The CoC will strategically monitor and allocate its homelessness prevention dollars (from ESG, Emergency Food and Shelter Program, and private local emergency assistance dollars) through collaborative CoC communication and planning. Finally, with the CoC's emphasis on low-barrier Housing First approaches to ensure people can access housing and services without preconditions in all CoC programs, often very vulnerable households are placed in housing and need stabilizing services and supports through initial challenges to move to sustainable independent housing. Returns to homelessness are prevented through focused and more effective assistance for each individual or family based on their vulnerabilities versus a one-size-fits all approach. 3. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness.

***3A-5. Cash Income Changes as Reported in HDX.**

Applicants must:

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in CoC Program-funded Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing projects that increased their employment income from entry to exit as reported in HDX.	43%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in CoC Program-funded Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing projects that increased their non-employment cash income from entry to exit as reported in HDX.	25%

3A-5a. Increasing Employment Income.

Applicants must:

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to increase employment income;**
 - 2. describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to employment;**
 - 3. describe how the CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and**
 - 4. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. CoC program-funded providers have demonstrated increases in earned income for those they served in the past two SPMs reports (FY2016=20%, Fy2017=33% and FY2018=43%) more than doubling the percentage that left programs with increased income from employment. The CoC strategy to increase employment includes: growing connections and a network of resources to help households increase income to afford stable housing, Kansas Workforce Development agencies training of CoC members on their job support services and training and vocational programming for local residents, and distributing upcoming job fair notices and training/certification/apprenticeship opportunities for those seeking employment or improved employment. 2. The CoC strategy to increase access to employment includes networking, collaboration, and client connections within the CoC. CoC agencies create

access to employment by bringing employers to client spaces for interviews, providing interview coaching or access to job fairs. In addition, individual providers such as Catholic Charities, Safehome, and Jo Co Mental Health have dedicated workforce development programming for their clients. The CoC acknowledges that increased transportation resources are essential to employment and providers include promoting transportation solutions in the strategy. 3. The CoC works to build effective partnerships with the Kansas workforce investment boards, and other mainstream employment organizations such as state vocational rehabilitation services, Department of Corrections employment programs, Johnson County employment programming, and Cultivate to help homeless and at-risk of homeless individuals and families increase their cash income. 4. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services of Johnson County is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

3A-5b. Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.

Applicants must:

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income;**
- 2. describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources;**
- 3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.**

1. CoC program-funded providers have successfully increased non-employment cash income three-fold in the past two years, based on SPM reports (FY2016=8%, Fy2017=16% and FY2018=25%). Providers share that many households are already connected to mainstream benefits when they enter programs if they are eligible. The CoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income includes the utilization of the SOAR program principles implemented by Johnson County Mental Health SOAR trained case managers who will assist homeless clients with disabilities in accessing non-employment benefits. All households entering a CoC or ESG program are assessed for and assisted by staff to apply for mainstream benefits in order to promote stable income and thus contribute to stable housing and health. In addition, the CoC has strengthened its communication and partnership with State-level agencies who manage federally-funded benefits and advocate for the expansion of cash income supports for the most vulnerable households. The CoC monitors success and emerging challenges to increasing non-employment cash income and will revise strategies according to outcomes. 2. The CoC strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources includes reducing barriers to application for those benefits, education and information regarding mainstream benefits and other programs the household may qualify for. Many CoC members also advocate for the extension or expansion of state controlled sources of cash income to better stabilize households who are homeless. 3 CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A-5c. Increasing Employment. Attachment Required.

Applicants must describe how the CoC:

- 1. promoted partnerships and access to employment opportunities with**

private employers and private employment organizations, such as holding job fairs, outreach to employers, and partnering with staffing agencies; and

**2. is working with public and private organizations to provide meaningful, education and training, on-the-job training, internship, and employment opportunities for residents of permanent supportive housing that further their recovery and well-being.
(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC promotes partnerships and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations through advertisement of job fairs, collaboration with staffing agencies, and resources from the Kansas Workforce Partnership. Kansas Workforce Partnership has been a long-time contributor of employment resources to the CoC and strategies for the Johnson County Consolidated Plan. The CoC is working to establish prioritized access to employment opportunities for people experiencing homelessness through these networks. 2. The CoC is working with public and private organizations to provide education training, on-the-job training, internship and employment opportunities for residents of permanent supportive housing to keep them successful. CoC members and their clients can access My Resource Connection (MyRC), a web resources designed and maintained by Johnson County to increase client’s success by linking several resource databases and human service agencies in one place. MyRC provides information about job openings, job fairs, and employment and education support. Clients can search and apply for jobs and even plot jobs on a map to find the best transportation resources available. CoC members also partner with County government and local businesses to create job opportunities through the County Supported Employment Project (CSEP) which began as a way to connect clients of corrections, mental health and developmental support services to jobs within county government and has expanded to include local businesses. CSEP conducts traditional job fairs, as well as “reverse job fairs” where job seekers host their own tables with displays to market their skills and share their resumes. Area employers then walk through the fair to meet job candidates and conduct on-site interviews. All HUD funded programs follow Section 3 guidelines and require grantees to make every effort to employ low-to-moderate income residents in their project area.

3A-5d. Promoting Employment, Volunteerism, and Community Service.

Applicants must select all the steps the CoC has taken to promote employment, volunteerism and community service among people experiencing homelessness in the CoC’s geographic area:

1. The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The CoC trains provider organization staff on facilitating informal employment opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness (e.g., babysitting, housekeeping, food delivery).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants with formal employment opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The CoC trains provider organization staff on volunteer opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The CoC works with organizations to create volunteer opportunities for program participants.	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. The CoC works with community organizations to create opportunities for civic participation for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., townhall forums, meeting with public officials).	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Provider organizations within the CoC have incentives for employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The CoC trains provider organization staff on helping program participants budget and maximize their income to maintain stability in permanent housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3A-6. System Performance Measures 05/30/2019
Data–HDX Submission Date

Applicants must enter the date the CoCs submitted its FY 2018 System Performance Measures data in HDX. (mm/dd/yyyy)

3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives

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3B-1. Prioritizing Households with Children.

Applicants must check each factor the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children for assistance during FY 2019.

1. History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Number of previous homeless episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Unsheltered homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Criminal History	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Bad credit or rental history	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3B-1a. Rapid Rehousing of Families with Children.

Applicants must:

1. describe how the CoC currently rehouses every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless that addresses both housing and service needs;

2. describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families with children successfully maintain their housing once

assistance ends; and

3. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of them becoming homeless.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. KS-505 recognizes that families with children who have experienced multiple episodes of homelessness are more likely than other families to return to homelessness in the future. Therefore, families with children are prioritized on the CES by-name list. The CoC works to rapidly re-house every family with children within 30 days of becoming homeless by utilizing a low-barrier Housing First approach and eliminating preconditions for assistance. Providers engage families in case management as soon as possible to begin breaking down barriers to housing, identify stable housing solutions, obtain employment income and apply for mainstream benefits to increase income and stability. Other strategies include a connection event held twice a month to bring together families with preschool and school age children experiencing homelessness in school districts with social service and emergency assistance providers, representatives of mainstream benefits and local workforces to stabilize families and connect them to permanent housing, in addition to, case managers forming and maintaining relationships with landlords who are willing to work with high vulnerability/high barrier families. 2. The CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families with children successfully maintain their housing after the assistance ends. Once housing is obtained, case managers continue to support families through progressive engagement and financial coaching to ensure households continue to stabilize after rental assistance ends and navigate the unexpected. Case managers also help households establish connections to long-term community supports. According to PIT data, from 2018 to 2019 the CoC saw 10 percent decrease in households with children experiencing homeless and is working to continue that trend. 3. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to rapidly re-housing families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.

3B-1b. Antidiscrimination Policies.

Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH)) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on any protected classes under the Fair Housing Act, and consistent with 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or - Insured Housing.

1. CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded housing and services providers on these topics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. CoC conducts optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded housing and service providers on these topics.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

4. CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that might be out of compliance and has taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3B-1c. Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Addressing Needs.

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC’s strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness who are 24 years of age and younger includes the following:

1. Unsheltered homelessness	Yes
2. Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation	Yes
3. LGBT youth homelessness	Yes
4. Exits from foster care into homelessness	Yes
5. Family reunification and community engagement	No
6. Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs	Yes

3B-1c.1. Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Prioritization Based on Needs.

Applicants must check all that apply that describes the CoC’s current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.

1. History of, or Vulnerability to, Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Number of Previous Homeless Episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Unsheltered Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Criminal History	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Bad Credit or Rental History	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-1d. Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Housing and Services Strategies.

Applicants must describe how the CoC increased availability of housing and services for:

1. all youth experiencing homelessness, including creating new youth-focused projects or modifying current projects to be more youth-specific or youth-inclusive; and
 2. youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness including creating new youth-focused projects or modifying current projects to be more youth-specific or youth-inclusive.
- (limit 3,000 characters)

1. The CoC has increased the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness through the creation of an ESG youth street outreach project through reStart, Inc. which also receives HHS funding to match this and reach and serve homeless youth through its Transitional Living Program (TLP). To date this year, this position has served 4 youth under 18, and 20 youth between 18-24. Fourteen youth have accessed stable permanent housing through family or friends, transitional living programs, rapid rehousing programs, self-housing and even a college dorm. Through collaboration with the school district, the CoC more quickly identifies and connects homeless youth to services and diverts them from literal homelessness. The CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures prioritizes youth for assistance based on vulnerability, which reflects history of previous homeless episodes, lack of housing options due to criminal or other history, mental/medical health or substance use, and mortality risk such as hospitalizations or tri-morbidity. Scoring also reflects survival skill level including vulnerability to exploitation, victimization, and self-safety. As an example, in 2019, youth street outreach workers assisted a youth who accessed the seasonal cold weather shelter to identify permanent housing by re-connecting and building social networks and identifying independent and transitional living options in order to regain permanent housing.

2. The CoC has increased the availability of housing and services for unsheltered youth experiencing homelessness through the creation of a full-time street outreach position and collaboration with reStart, Inc. reStart, Inc. is part of a larger network of homeless youth providers in the Kansas City Metro Area. The primary goal of reStart Inc.'s street outreach project is to connect homeless, runaway youth, and at-risk youth with community resources and assist them in finding safer and more stable housing options. They build strong relationships with youth through trauma-informed practices, harm reduction, positive youth development and utilizing a strengths perspective. In addition to building relationships with youth, they build relationships with schools, service providers and community partners serving youth. The three main components to the program are case management and advocacy, community outreach, including the National Safe Place program, and the Youth Resiliency Center. The number of unsheltered youths identified at the PIT count has dropped each year since 2016, with none identified in the 2019 PIT count.

3B-1d.1. Youth Experiencing Homelessness—Measuring Effectiveness of Housing and Services Strategies.

Applicants must:

- 1. provide evidence the CoC uses to measure each of the strategies in question 3B-1d. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness;**
- 2. describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of both strategies in question 3B-1d.; and**
- 3. describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of both strategies in question 3B-1d. (limit 3,000 characters)**

1. KS-505 measures the effectiveness of its strategies to increase the availability of housing and services for homeless youth by examining trends in youth homelessness PIT count data, such as HH configuration, unsheltered numbers, and parenting youth numbers. The CoC monitors funding trends for youth specific housing and outreach resources and legislative changes

expanding housing and supports for TAY aging out of foster care. Annually the CoC analyzes data on youth served, presenting needs, and outcomes to better understand where to target resources. Additionally, annual CoC presentations by McKinney-Vento school district staff and youth providers serving homeless 18-24-year-olds provide an opportunity to offer feedback on current outcomes and expand partnerships to strengthen prevention and diversion responses for homeless youth. 2. Evidence that these strategies have been effective include a decrease in the number of unsheltered homeless youth identified in the annual PIT count since 2016 ('16=7, '17=6, '18=3, '19=0), and increased funding for youth Street Outreach activities, expanded TLP housing capacity (8 to 11 youth). Additionally, in 2018, reStart, Inc. provided housing or referral services and case management to 11 youth 18-24 years old, connected youth in Emergency Shelter to the PH CE By-Name List and regularly collaborated with PH providers to communicate with homeless youth and wrap additional stabilizing services and supports around them. 3. The CoC believes that the use of the numbers and characteristics of the PIT count tracked over time, those homeless or at risk for homelessness served by CoC providers, tracking and supporting resources to serve youth at risk for or experiencing homelessness, supporting and expanding collaboration among providers of diverse services for youth, and ongoing conversations among CoC members including local officials and state services keeps the CoC sensitive to changing conditions and emerging needs for this vulnerable population.

3B-1e. Collaboration–Education Services.

Applicants must describe:

- 1. the formal partnerships with:**
 - a. youth education providers;**
 - b. McKinney-Vento LEA or SEA; and**
 - c. school districts; and**
- 2. how the CoC collaborates with:**
 - a. youth education providers;**
 - b. McKinney-Vento Local LEA or SEA; and**
 - c. school districts.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. CoC maintains a strong partnership with the McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons and education providers, including after school programs and Head Start programs. The CoC educates on identifying and referring families who are at risk of or are homeless and has formal partnerships with all 6 school districts and a CoC board seat for a school district representative, most often a homeless liaison. Homeless liaisons attend monthly CoC meetings, participate in discussions and decisions about community-wide planning to address homelessness. The Olathe and Shawnee Mission school districts have agreements with state and local governments, as well as, service and housing providers to move homeless students and their families to stability and offer supports for students to improve academic performance. All school districts share information on their websites, postings in buildings, and at enrollment regarding homeless students' rights and the resources available to them. All providers of ES, TH and PH serving households with school-age children require that they enroll their children within three days of admittance to

programs. 2. Innovative programs are a result of these partnerships including bi-monthly one-stop-shops for McKinney-Vento/at-risk students and their families to receive housing and service supports to maintain or regain housing stability and promote academic success. Families meet with social service agencies, KS Department of Children and Families, mental health centers, housing providers including the PHA, workforce agencies, and mainstream benefit representatives to prevent literal homelessness or for those who are in ES, TH or unsheltered, to quickly regain housing. All partners are represented at the CoC. Additionally, the CoC annually dedicates its September meeting to youth homeless awareness and hosts LEA liaisons and the Kansas Department of Education McKinney-Vento coordinator to provide information and discussion opportunities to the CoC.

3B-1e.1. Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homeless about Education Services Eligibility.

Applicants must describe policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC has adopted policies and procedures to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services in order to assure that students experiencing homelessness have the supports to be academically successful and be fully engaged in school-sponsored opportunities. All emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing providers serving households with children are required by their own organization policies to enroll school age children within three days, per the KS-505 CoC Written Standards for administering assistance. School districts disseminate information on their websites, through public notices, on brochures posted in district buildings, in emails to district households, and at enrollment regarding homeless students' eligibility and rights for educational services. Once a student is identified, liaisons actively engage both the student and their family to plan to best meet their needs and assure their success, both in and outside of school hours. These services include free breakfast and lunch, waived school and classroom fees, expedited enrollment, transportation services, extracurricular activity fees, and before and after school care. School staff also refer them to dental and medical care as needed. Liaisons may also recommend resources for food pantries, school supplies, and clothes closets to supplement a households' resources if they are a school district that does not have those resources on site. School districts have adopted policies meeting ESSA's requirements, extending the same services to pre-school aged homeless children in their district.

3B-1e.2. Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.

Applicant must indicate whether the CoC has an MOU/MOA or other types of agreements with listed providers of early childhood services and supports and may add other providers not listed.

	MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
Early Childhood Providers	No	No
Head Start	No	No
Early Head Start	No	No
Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
Federal Home Visiting Program	No	No
Healthy Start	No	No
Public Pre-K	No	No
Birth to 3 years	No	No
Tribal Home Visting Program	No	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

3B-2. Active List of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness.

Applicant must indicate whether the CoC uses an active list or by-name list to identify all veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC. Yes

3B-2a. VA Coordination–Ending Veterans Homelessness.

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is actively working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending veteran homelessness. Yes

3B-2b. Housing First for Veterans.

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has sufficient resources to ensure each veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach. Yes

3B-3. Racial Disparity Assessment. Attachment Required.

Applicants must:
 1. select all that apply to indicate the findings from the CoC’s Racial Disparity Assessment; or
 2. select 7 if the CoC did not conduct a Racial Disparity Assessment.

1. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The results are inconclusive for racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. The CoC did not conduct a racial disparity assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-3a. Addressing Racial Disparities.

Applicants must select all that apply to indicate the CoC’s strategy to address any racial disparities identified in its Racial Disparities Assessment:

1. The CoC is ensuring that staff at the project level are representative of the persons accessing homeless services in the CoC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The CoC has identified the cause(s) of racial disparities in their homeless system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The CoC has identified strategies to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. The CoC has implemented strategies to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. The CoC has identified resources available to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6: The CoC did not conduct a racial disparity assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

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4A-1. Healthcare—Enrollment/Effective Utilization

Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance and effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.

Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
Private Insurers:	Yes	Yes
Non-Profit, Philanthropic:	Yes	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits.

Applicants must:

- 1. describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within the geographic area;**
- 2. describe how the CoC disseminates the availability of mainstream resources and other assistance information to projects and how often;**
- 3. describe how the CoC works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in**

health insurance;

4. describe how the CoC provides assistance with the effective utilization of Medicaid and other benefits; and

5. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC keeps program staff up to date regarding mainstream resources available through its networking opportunities at the monthly CoC meetings and email distribution lists. Organizations processing applications for mainstream benefits such as housing, food, medical and behavioral healthcare, transportation, food stamps, SSI, and TANF are active members of the CoC and provide important information and updates to members monthly. Additionally, My Resource Connection is a public webpage supported by Johnson County that enables sharing of information regarding mainstream resources available amongst providers. 2. Updates from mainstream benefit provider organizations are sent to CoC Lead staff and emailed out to the entire CoC as needed throughout the year and staff encourages CoC members to share with other networks. The CoC coordinates annual day long workshops to disseminate information to ensure that service providers have access to the most up to date information on how to connect clients to available resources managed by state level departments and local government. 3. The CoC works with funded projects to strongly encourage and assist program participants enroll in health coverage through the intake and assessment processes, with enrollment periods and community events shared through CoC lead agency email lists and social media. 4. The CoC provides guidance and assistance on the effective utilization of Medicaid and other benefits with a range of resources from the local United Way, County Human Services funds, non-profits, partnerships with faith communities, education and workforce development to assure that participants ongoing basic needs are regularly met while enrolling them in other programs. CoC grantees provide transportation to mainstream benefits appointments. 5. United Community Services, CoC Lead Agency, is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy for mainstream benefits.

4A-2. Lowering Barriers to Entry Data:

Applicants must report:

1. Total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in FY 2019 CoC Program Competition.	5
2. Total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in FY 2019 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	5
Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

4A-3. Street Outreach.

Applicants must:

1. describe the CoC’s street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are

identified and engaged;
2. state whether the CoC’s Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC’s geographic area;
3. describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and
4. describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC has two FT Street Outreach positions through the ESG program, housed at Johnson County Mental Health and reStart, Inc. These positions collaborate to connect individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness with emergency shelter, permanent housing or critical services, and provide them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Outreach builds relationships with those living unsheltered by going to them and meeting their basic needs while building trust. Street outreach provides unsheltered households with street-based provide case management (outside of an organization or facility), emergency health and mental health services, and transportation to needed supports when the client is ready. 2. The Street Outreach positions cover 100% of the geographic area of the KS-505 CoC. 3. The CoC’s Street Outreach workers are available five days a week with flexibility around their hours based on clients’ needs, with emergency after hour numbers at mental health. Outreach workers participate in CES by completing vulnerability assessments with clients and attending By-Name list meetings. Street Outreach workers also connect to hospitals, law enforcement, and mental health co-responders embedded in law enforcement to assist those in a mental health crisis and improve referrals. 4. The Street Outreach programs have tailored their services to reach persons who are least likely to request assistance by going directly to the people, and are trained in trauma informed care, gender and sexuality sensitivity, implicit bias and motivational interviewing. Both Street Outreach workers are licensed social workers and have established trust among both the network of those living on the streets and those who provide them with services, reaching those hardest to house. They provide valuable information about what is happening in the community and in identifying the gaps and needs the CoC has. Both Street Outreach staff are active CoC board members, CoC members or both.

4A-4. RRH Beds as Reported in HIC.

Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2018 and 2019.

	2018	2019	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	57	85	28

4A-5. Rehabilitation/Construction Costs–New No Projects.

Applicants must indicate whether any new project application the CoC ranked and submitted in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY

2019 CoC Program Competition is requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction.

4A-6. Projects Serving Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. No

Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other federal statutes.

Submission Summary

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

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1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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2. Reallocation

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2-1. Is the CoC reallocating funds from one or more eligible renewal grant(s) that will expire in calendar year 2020 into one or more new projects? No

Continuum of Care (CoC) New Project Listing

Instructions:

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To upload all new project applications that have been submitted to this CoC Project Listing, click on the ""Update List"" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of new projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. The Collaborative Applicant may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. The Collaborative Applicant can wait for the Project Listings to be updated or can log out of e-snaps and come back later to view the updated list(s). To review a project on the New Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If there are errors identified by the Collaborative Applicant, the project can be amended back to the project applicant to make the necessary changes by clicking on the amend icon. The Collaborative Applicant has the sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Comp Type	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Grant Term	Rank	PH/Realoc	PSH/RRH	Expansion
Safehome DV Bonus	2019-08-15 16:53:...	PH	Safehome, Inc.	\$61,924	1 Year	X	DV Bonus	RRH	Yes

Continuum of Care (CoC) Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the New Project Listing, Collaborative Applicants should carefully review the "CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions" and the "CoC Project Listing Instructional Guide", both of which are available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources>.

To upload all renewal project applications that have been submitted to this Renewal Project Listing, click on the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of renewal projects that need to be located in the e-snaps system. The Collaborative Applicant may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. The Collaborative Applicant can wait for the Project Listings to be updated or can log out of e-snaps and come back later to view the updated list(s). To review a project on the Renewal Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If there are errors identified by the Collaborative Applicant, the project can be amended back to the project applicant to make the necessary changes by clicking on the amend icon. The Collaborative Applicant has the sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted and appear on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.

The Collaborative Applicant certifies that there is a demonstrated need for all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing.

The Collaborative Applicant does not have any renewal permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing renewal projects.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Rank	PSH/RRH	Comp Type	Consolidation Type	Expansion Type
Consolidated Supp...	2019-08-09 14:30:...	1 Year	Johnson County Me...	\$136,303	3	PSH	PH		
New Supported Hou...	2019-08-09 15:38:...	1 Year	Johnson County Me...	\$55,752	2	PSH	PH		
Safehome DV RRH 2	2019-08-09 13:48:...	1 Year	Safehome, Inc.	\$54,304	6	RRH	PH		
Safehome DV RRH	2019-08-08 01:24:...	1 Year	Safehome, Inc.	\$86,712	5	RRH	PH		

HMIS Lead Agency ...	2019-08-02 14:40:...	1 Year	Mid- America Regio...	\$62,632	1		HMIS		
CCNEK Housing Fir...	2019-08-12 14:46:...	1 Year	Catholic Charitie.. .	\$267,332	4	RRH	PH		

Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Project Listing

Instructions:

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To upload the CoC planning project application that has been submitted to this CoC Planning Project Listing, click on the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes as the project will need to be located in the e-snaps system. The Collaborative Applicant may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. The Collaborative Applicant can wait for the Project Listings to be updated or can log out of e-snaps and come back later to view the updated list(s). To review the CoC Planning Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to view the project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If there are errors identified by the Collaborative Applicant, the project can be amended back to the project applicant to make the necessary changes by clicking on the amend icon.

Only one CoC Planning project application can be submitted by a Collaborative Applicant and must match the Collaborative Applicant information on the CoC Applicant Profile. Any additional CoC Planning project applications must be rejected.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Comp Type
KS-505 FY2019 CoC...	2019-09-25 16:11:...	1 Year	United Community ...	\$19,891	CoC Planning Proj...

Funding Summary

Instructions

For additional information, carefully review the "CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions" and the "CoC Priority Listing Instructional Guide", both of which are available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources>.

This page contains the total budget summaries for each of the project listings for which the Collaborative Applicant approved and ranked or rejected project applications. The Collaborative Applicant must review this page to ensure the totals for each of the categories is accurate. The "Total CoC Request" indicates the total funding request amount the Collaborative Applicant will submit to HUD for funding consideration. As stated previously, only 1 UFA Cost project application (for UFA designated Collaborative Applicants only) and only 1 CoC Planning project application can be submitted and only the Collaborative Applicant designated by the CoC is eligible to request these funds.

Title	Total Amount
Renewal Amount	\$663,035
Consolidated Amount	\$0
New Amount	\$0
CoC Planning Amount	\$19,891
YHDP Renewal Amount	\$0
Rejected Amount	\$61,924
TOTAL CoC REQUEST	\$682,926

Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	Yes	KS-505 FY2019 Cer...	09/20/2019
FY 2017 Rank (from Project Listing)	No		
Other	No		
Other	No		

Submission Summary

WARNING: The FY2017 CoC Consolidated Application requires 2 submissions. Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Consolidated Application MUST be submitted.

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