

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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

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

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

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

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	

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

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

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Nonexistent	No	No
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	No
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	No	No
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	No
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	No
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Cold Weather Shelter (Project 1020)	Yes	No	Yes
35.				

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has a standing informal open invitation for new members, however, each 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, and through posts on the CoC Lead's social media and website. Monthly CoC open meeting agendas are distributed via email to over 80 organizations. Members are encouraged to forward the invitation to their networks. Meetings are held on the same date and time, each month. Since 2020, meetings have been held virtually, and attendance has grown by 60%.

2. 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. All materials, slides, and notes are shared with the full CoC distribution list.

3. The CoC continues to build partnerships with new and existing programs that provide culturally specific support services. Based on the demographics of Johnson County, the service providers the CoC is specifically outreaching include those designed for people with disabilities, the deaf community, Black cultural programs, immigrant services, Spanish bilingual and Latinx cultural services, the LGBTQ community, and those with lived experience of homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. KS-505 solicits input from organizations, advocates, and those with lived experience invested in preventing and ending homelessness. Each year, the CoC's committees analyze what voices are missing and actively recruit new members and people with lived experience. The CoC Lead meets with at least one advocate or organization each month that is not currently connected to the CoC and invites them to join the CoC. CoC meeting agendas are shared monthly and include networking and expert speakers on topics including fair housing, domestic violence, employment opportunities/supports/training, veteran services, behavioral healthcare, youth homelessness, and street outreach. CoC Board and Lead staff consider input from all participants when planning and recommending action.

2. KS-505 convenes the membership to provide information, receive feedback, and plan the continuous homelessness response. The CoC's Lived Experience Advisory Board and Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee provide recommendations for strategies and ensures implementation. 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.

3. CoC Lead uses information gathered from CoC meetings and other public speaking opportunities to inform the CoC Board, strategies, policies, and procedures. 2022 examples:

- CoC Lead conducted a survey with the membership to gather feedback on the monthly meeting format, content, and training topics, and what advocates, groups, and organizations might not know about the CoC meetings and should be invited.

- Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Homelessness Committee analyzed system data and chose this year's CoC equity goals: (1) convene focus groups of people experiencing homelessness to provide firsthand accounts on the root causes that led to their homelessness, (2) Identify which other systems interact with the homelessness system. Start meeting with those community partners to address cross-system disparities, (3) Create anonymous survey to get feedback from staff and clients on the culture and climate of the system with regard to race, ethnicity, and equity.

- CE Committee analyzed CE data to determine how well different subpopulations are being housed. The committee decided to start tracking whether someone is part of the LGBTQ community to monitor how well this population is being served by CES.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC Lead Agency sent an open invitation to apply for funding in the FY2022 CoC competition on 7/15/22 to the full CoC membership of over 70 organizations. The notice included the letter of intent deadline, guidance on types of funding available and current priorities. This notice was also posted on CoC lead agency's website (ucsjoco.org) on 7/15/22 and on the lead agency's Facebook page on 7/20/22. The CoC opened the local competition early in 2022 to encourage new organizations to learn more and consider applying. Another email was sent to the full CoC membership with an updated timeline for applicants on 8/1/22 when HUD released the NOFO. The CoC lead agency also released this information via social media (8/2/22) and the community-wide agency newsletter (8/2/22). The CoC received 5 letters of intent for 9 projects. While the CoC received some questions on transitional housing projects, the CoC received no requests for TH to RRH or new PH projects this year. The Rank & Review Committee made updates to the Rank and Review Scoring Tool in response to HUD's updated priorities in the 2022 NOFO. The CoC hosted an open applicants training on 8/12/22 on preparing for the CoC application process, reviewing the Rank and Review Scoring Tool, Project Applicant Cover Sheet, and rank and review process.
2. The CoC informed applicants that they could submit their applications, cover sheets, APRs, and match letters as PDFs in case eSnaps was not available by the local application deadline of 8/29/22. eSnaps did open but projects still submitted the downloaded version of their eSnaps applications.
3. The Rank & Review Committee reviewed the FY2022 HUD priorities and updated the Rank and Review Scoring Tool and Project Applicant Cover Sheet. These were shared with the project applicants in a training. All project applications were reviewed utilizing the CoC's 2022 Rank and Review Scoring Tool, which scores each project's application and cover sheet on program focus, commitment to equity, performance measures, bed utilization, fiscal responsibility, specific housing first program components, HMIS data quality, and community responsiveness and coordination.
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.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Johnson County (JoCo) Government receives ESG funding and passes it through to subrecipients in the CoC. JoCo Community Development (JCCD) staff are active in both the CoC Board and CoC. JCCD relies on the CoC 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 create a list of priorities to inform the ESG allocation.

2. CoC Lead, in conjunction with JCCD, facilitate an open meeting of potential ESG applicants and give input on ESG applications received. The CoC Lead gives input on whether the ESG application contributes to the local CoC strategy. CoC Lead and JCCD ensure that the performance expectations of ESG recipients fall within the reporting and performance expectations of the CoC through use of the approved HMIS of the CoC or comparable databases for CAPER reporting.

3. JCCD 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, through the CoC monthly meeting after the submission of the data, and is also located in an online factsheet.

4. JCCD also administers the JoCo CDBG program and serves as the lead agency for the JoCo Consolidated Plan. JCCD 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 for public comment and approved by the County Commission. JCCD reviews CoC applications for consistency with the Consolidated Plan and performs environmental reviews on CoC projects.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Youth Education Providers: Representatives from education providers, Job Corps, after school programs, and Head Start programs share information about their services at CoC membership meetings and refer families who are in need of assistance.

2.State Education Agency: KS-505 works with the Kansas Department of Education McKinney-Vento contact to keep tabs on statewide homelessness trends and present at an annual CoC membership meeting focused on youth homelessness.

3.Local Education Agency; the CoC annually dedicates its September meeting to youth homeless awareness and hosts district McKinney-Vento liaisons and the Kansas Department of Education McKinney-Vento coordinator to provide information and discussion opportunities to the CoC.

4.School Districts: KS-505 has formal partnerships with McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons from all local school districts who attend CoC meetings, work with the CoC to refer families who need assistance, and participate in discussions and decisions about community-wide planning. 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. As a result of these partnerships, bi-monthly one-stop-shops for McKinney-Vento/at-risk students and their families are hosted to provide 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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The KS-505 Written Standards were implemented to guide administration of all housing-related funds. The Standards are mostly focused on funding recipients, but the CoC encourages all other agencies serving as part of the network to use the Standards as a guide to ensure that each agency is providing consistent information to those experiencing homelessness. The Standards state, "A staff person must be designated as the educational liaison that will ensure children are enrolled in school, connected to appropriate services in the community, including early childhood project such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the McKinney-Vento education services." CoC member agencies must inform unhoused individuals of their rights to McKinney-Vento services. Housing assessors will provide a list of rights and resources to unhoused families post-assessment. Rights and resource lists will include McKinney-Vento resource contacts at school districts in Johnson County. To ensure that all agencies are aware of McKinney-Vento rights, the school district McKinney-Vento liaisons and the state McKinney-Vento contact provide a presentation at a CoC membership meeting annually.

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

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

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC coordinates with Safehome to provide trauma-informed and victim-centered training at least annually for CoC and ESG project staff and other CoC members on safety planning and best practices for safely working with survivors of domestic violence. Safehome's staff is regularly engaged to review, update, and provide feedback on the CoC's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with Trauma Informed Care (TIC) practices, VAWA, and other regulations related to working with domestic violence survivors. Safehome provides training on proper use of the lethality assessment to guide agencies and advocates on appropriate services for a household's situation (emergency shelter, safety planning, critical support counseling, etc.). Safehome staff are available throughout the year to respond to any CoC agency's questions regarding best practices and safety planning.

2.The CoC Coordinated Entry and by-name list group, including Safehome, meet twice monthly and rely on Safehome to provide input and training to address safety planning and TIC practices for survivors of domestic violence entering the Coordinated Entry (CE) system. This guidance is critical as DV survivors who enter the CE system may enter through 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 prior to attempting diversion. Screeners utilize the trauma informed DESC Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) and a lethality assessment to assess level of vulnerability. All DV survivors are entered into CE with a numeric ID to maintain their confidentiality. The only additional information entered is non-PII and relates to priority and effective referrals. The by-name list is maintained on a secure server with limited access to assure safety. Safehome staff partner with and provide guidance to non-DV providers when mutual clients sign releases of information.

1C-5a.	Annual Training on Safety and Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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2.The CoC's CE Committee includes two "super trainers" and 5 trainers to provide DESC-Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) training for new VAT assessors at each of the agencies that place households on the By-Name List. The VAT Assessor training includes information on trauma-informed practices in administering the VAT, safety planning protocols, and privacy and confidentiality procedures. This VAT Assessor training is offered as needed multiple times per year when agencies have turnover and have new staff needing to become a VAT assessor. The CE "super trainers" also provide refresher trainings so that existing assessors can refresh their skills.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Data related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors is collected in a comparable database. Safehome shares quarterly APR reports to highlight the needs, successes, and challenges. Additionally, the CoC collects de-identified information during the annual PIT Count to determine the year-over-year change in need. Information collected during the PIT includes history of abuse, prevalence of domestic violence, and characteristics of households with current DV or a history of DV. Data from the By-Name List is collected to review the proportion and number of households fleeing domestic violence, the size of household, the type and size of housing needed, and type of housing referral (emergency or permanent housing).

2.The CoC uses the HIC, APRs exported from Safehome's comparable database, and CE data to inform the level of need and gaps for survivors of domestic violence. The aggregate data from these sources demonstrates the need for domestic violence services within the CoC, and to plan for future emergency shelter and rapid re-housing needs. Johnson County's Community Violence Action Council merged with the Family Justice Center in January 2022. It includes membership from the CoC Lead Agency, CoC members, and Safehome.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:		
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505 began using the standard HUD Emergency Transfer Plan documents in 2019. During a formal review and update to the KS-505 Governance Charter in spring 2022, the CoC Board recognized the need to write emergency transfer plan procedures into the KS-505 Written Standards. The update to the KS-505 Written Standards is currently in progress with a goal of approval by the February 2023 CoC Board meeting.

2.The CoC-funded housing providers (HP) will follow HUD's guidance that "A tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, is eligible for an emergency transfer, if: the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains within the same unit. If the tenant is a victim of sexual assault, the tenant may also be eligible to transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an emergency transfer. A tenant requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in accordance with the procedures described in this plan. Tenants who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they meet the eligibility requirements in this section. To request an emergency transfer, the tenant shall notify HP's management office and submit a written request for a transfer to [location]. HP will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities. The tenant's written request for an emergency transfer should include either: (1) A statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under HP's program; or (2) A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for an emergency transfer.

1C-5d.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.		

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's Coordinated Entry System procedures maximize 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. Safehome clients are entered and referred off the By-Name List with a confidential numeric code and any additional, non-identifiable, information needed for prioritization and referral. No PII is recorded on the By-Name List.

1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

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

1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC is responsive to the unique needs of households fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking which include safety, confidentiality protocols, and immediate referral process. Johnson County has one domestic violence agency, Safehome. Safehome is an active CoC member and ESG recipient. Safehome uses KS-505's vulnerability assessment tool (DESC VAT) plus a lethality assessment in prioritizing clients for housing resources. Safehome contributes to the CES planning as an active member to ensure all processes meet the needs of DV clients.

2.The CoC's CES 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. Safehome clients are entered and referred off the By-Name List with a confidential numeric code and any additional, non-identifiable, information needed for prioritization and referral. No PII is recorded on the By-Name List.

3.CoC policies and procedures require that agencies use a diversion protocol to determine if the household is fleeing domestic violence and offer to connect them immediately to Safehome. When clients enter housing, Safehome requests the landlord complete an emergency transfer plan so clients can be moved without penalty in the event they experience domestic violence during the program. Safehome does not participate in KS-505's HMIS but collects client data in a comparable database. 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-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.f.	

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

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.The KS-505 CoC Board accepts stakeholder feedback and will update CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies as necessary.
- 2.For the May 2022 CoC meeting, the Region Chief in the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity provided a training on the HUD Equal Access Rule. The project-level updates to anti-discrimination policies are still in progress but many agencies have existing policies that align with HUD's Equal Access Rule.
- 3.KS-505 is still developing a process for monitoring compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies. During FY2022 Rank and Review process, the Rank & Review Committee asked applicants to answer this question in the Project Applicant Cover Sheet: "What are your organizational policies, procedures, and practices that ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation?"

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

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

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Johnson County Housing Authority	2%	Yes-HCV	No
Olathe Public Housing Authority	15%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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. In 2015, the Johnson County Housing Authority expanded local permanent housing options for homeless households by setting aside 30 homeless preference or set-aside vouchers and establishing MOUs with Catholic Charities of NE Kansas, Johnson County Mental Health, and Safehome. The agencies assign the set-aside vouchers to highly vulnerable households in need of deeper/longer housing supports, but for which no Coordinated Entry permanent supportive housing resources are available. Connecting these households to HCVs improve the likelihood of successfully maintaining their housing without ongoing support after RRH. 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, the City of Olathe Housing Authority set-aside five HCVs for homeless individuals and families and partnered with Catholic Charities to provide case management, two of which are filled as of August 2022. In 2021, KS-505 worked closely with the Johnson County Housing Authority and 7 partner agencies to accept 62 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). The 7 agencies, the CoC Lead Agency, and the Johnson County Housing Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the process of utilizing the EHV. Agencies pull households from the By Name List and assist them in the EHV application process and housing search.
2. N/A.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

Name of PHA: Johnson County Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	8
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	8
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505 CoC grant applicants are required to submit a Cover Sheet in addition to their e-Snaps applications, APRs, and related attachments for the Rank and Review Committee to evaluate, score, and rank. The Cover Sheet includes a Housing First Checklist that asks whether the household will be screened out from admission or later terminated from the program for having little or no income, active or history of substance abuse, having a criminal history, or actively fleeing or a history of domestic violence.

2.The KS-505 Housing First Checklist asks agencies if they screen out potential program participants because they (1) have too little income, (2) have current or a history of substance use, (3) have a criminal record, (4) have a history of domestic violence or lack of protection order. The Checklist also asks if agencies terminate client households for (1) a failure to participate in services, (2) a lack of progress on their service plan, (3) a loss of or lack of improvement in income, and (4) experiencing domestic violence. A CoC grant applicant will lose points in this section of the Scoring Tool if they say yes to any of these questions.

3.All KS-505 CoC housing grantees participate in biweekly By-Name List (BNL) meetings led by the CoC Lead Agency. These meetings serve as a time for housing providers to receive referrals and regularly discuss Housing First service strategies. At BNL meetings, the CoC Lead, housing grantees and other agencies present ensure that providers are enrolling participants regardless of barriers such as little/no income, substance use, criminal record, or history of domestic violence. The CoC also established policies and procedures recommending appropriate times to give each household sufficient opportunity to reduce barriers and find housing, and make sure providers are not returning referral households with barriers back to the list. At the BNL meetings, the housing providers provide updates on housing progress and discuss barriers. The focus of these conversations is how to break down housing barriers to rapidly place and stabilize referral households. KS-505's lead agency, UCS, conducts independent site visits of all CoC-funded agencies to ensure compliance with a Housing First approach, including file reviews to make sure participants are not terminated for failing to participate in supportive services, failure to make progress toward goals, or loss of income or not improving income.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC uses a variety of methods and sources to identify and engage people who are living unsheltered. Street outreach case managers monitor known sites where people frequent and engage with them, offering basic needs options, talking through shelter and housing services, and offering resources and rides. During each outreach interaction, the outreach worker collects contact information for continuous follow up. Various CoC members who serve as points of contact for unsheltered households (food pantries, service providers, schools, etc.) communicate to identify and contact those who may be previously unknown or not yet engaged. Street outreach staff also gather leads from other health, human and social service agencies who are part of the CoC network, including a wide network of first responders throughout the county who have embedded mental health co-responders.

2.Yes, 100 percent of the KS-505 geographic area is covered by street outreach.

3.Street Outreach is conducted multiple times per week. The flexibility of the outreach allows new leads to organically occur, to increase the likelihood of engagement, and to occur during critical times (such as an approaching winter storm) when safety information and supplies may be needed to ensure survival—which also offers a chance to build trust and engagement.

4.The Street Outreach team established approaches for engagement to connect with those who may be least likely to ask for assistance. These approaches are individualized based on what is known about the person. For some, repeated contacts over time build familiarity and trust. Others may only engage with outreach if a trusted person “vouches” for the worker. This may mean partnering with another provider familiar to them or leveraging relationships with members of their camp or social circle to introduce the worker and/or pass along information/resources/supplies on our behalf. Some may initially prefer not to be seen or spoken to by a worker but will accept information or supplies left for them—or sent through a trusted individual.

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

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

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

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.l.	

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	57	84

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

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

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
	N/A	No

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC lead agency keeps members' program staff up to date regarding mainstream resources available through its networking opportunities at the monthly CoC meetings and email distribution list. The local Department of Children & Families is active in the CoC monthly meetings and CoC Board, and they are quick to share information as program eligibility criteria change, such as a recent increase in income limits for SNAP benefits. Information shared at monthly meetings is also sent out to the full CoC email list. The February 2022 CoC membership meeting was dedicated to learning how to help clients enroll in SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, and state childcare assistance, and included organizations that assist low-income households in filing their tax returns.

2.The CoC works with funded projects to encourage and assist program participants enroll in health coverage during the initial case management assessment and during open enrollment periods each year. The projects work closely with Health Partnership Clinic, the local Federally Qualified Health Center. 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.

3.The CoC's Gaining and Maintaining Employment and Income Committee identified the need to get more case managers in the CoC system certified in the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery process. Currently the local mental health center and HUD Permanent Supportive Housing provider has one SOAR specialist, and three other agencies are planning to get a staff member signed up for the SOAR certification training series.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

For the last five years, the CoC Lead Agency has worked with local county and city governments and several partner agencies to establish a sustainable year-round shelter for adults, a significant service gap in the KS-505 geographic area. Funding and staffing a 24/7 shelter are not possible without a combination of government, local foundation, and private donation support. While working towards the goal of a year-round shelter, the CoC partners have assisted the existing cold weather shelter in developing procedures, connecting with resources, and becoming involved in the Coordinated Entry System.

The COVID-19 pandemic made the need for shelter beds even more acute because shelters in neighboring communities all had to reduce their bed capacities to lower exposure risk. From the time HUD first released information on the HOME-ARP funding opportunities, the CoC Lead Agency has worked closely with the Johnson County Housing Authority to organize several listening sessions with partner agencies, the CoC's Lived Experience Advisory Board members, and other key stakeholders. The CoC Lead Agency provided multi-year homelessness data and descriptions of various elements of the homelessness system. The plan is still in development but could be used towards creating a non-congregate shelter, new affordable housing units, or both. These are both significant needs in the county. Johnson County rent rates tend to be among the highest in the Kansas City metro area and the lack of affordable housing units is often driving rapid rehousing clients to look outside of the area for rental housing within the metro area's Fair Market Rent rates.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The CoC Lead and agencies providing services for unhoused populations in KS-505's catchment area met with representatives from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to create COVID-safe protocols. CoC agencies also met to plan safe services for unhoused populations. Different agencies had differing capabilities for responding to COVID based on space limits, timing, and available funding. Measures taken by all agencies providing services to unhoused populations included: temperature checks, mask-mandates, limited come-and-go options, client screening questions, enhanced cleaning protocols, and social distancing as recommended per CDC guidelines. The CoC also collaborated to ensure households living in cars had safe places to park and always had access to restrooms. The cold weather shelter extended operations by 4 weeks and extended the service day from 12 hours to 24 hours. As vaccines became available, clients were offered the opportunity to have the vaccine at the emergency shelter sites. The domestic violence shelter created a COVID-19 safety plan for clients in quarantine with abusive partners, which included reducing the number of beds available to ensure proper physical distancing protocols as mandated and partnered with hotels to ensure that domestic violence individuals still had a sheltering option.

2. Agencies providing social services within and around the KS-505's geographic area are better prepared for future public health emergencies. The CoC and serving agencies developed long-lasting relationships with health serving agencies, hotels, and local and federal organizations. These relationships were leveraged to respond to COVID and can be leveraged to respond to another public health emergency. The ability to go through this experience as a community also strengthened the relationship between agencies, especially as new resources became available and the severity of needs of each client continued to grow. Funding from ESG, FVPSA CARES, FVPSA ARP, CDBG, and local resources helped agencies improve technology, create spaces friendlier for social distancing, improve safety plans for clients who cannot leave their homes, and provided options for those who may not have a place to shelter. As a result of the experience with COVID, agencies are now more accustomed to partnering and sharing best practices, and working together to reconnect with those who are experiencing homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Agencies providing social services within and around KS-505's geographic area are better prepared for future public health emergencies. The CoC and partner agencies developed long-lasting relationships with the county's Public Health Department, health serving agencies, hotels, and local and federal organizations. These relationships were leveraged to respond to COVID and can be leveraged to respond to another public health emergency. The ability to go through this experience as a community also strengthened the relationship between agencies, especially as new resources became available and the severity of needs of each client continued to grow. Funding from ESG, FVPSA CARES, FVPSA ARP, CDBG, and local resources helped agencies improve technology, create spaces friendlier for social distancing, improve safety plans for clients who cannot leave their homes, and provided options for those who may not have a place to shelter. As a result of the experience with COVID, agencies are now more accustomed to partnering and sharing best practices and working together to assist households experiencing homelessness.

2. Agencies providing services for unhoused populations in KS-505's catchment area met with local representatives from public health and other service providers to discuss COVID-safe protocols. CoC agencies also met to plan safe services for unhoused populations. Different agencies had differing capabilities for responding to COVID based on space limits, timing, and available funding. Measures taken by all agencies providing services to unhoused populations included: temperature checks, mask-mandates, limited come-and-go options, client screening questions, enhanced cleaning protocols, and social distancing as recommended per CDC guidelines. The CoC also collaborated to ensure households living in cars had safe places to park and had access to bathrooms at all times.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505's Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers the full geographic area of Johnson County, Kansas. CES ensures those experiencing homelessness can receive outreach services or present at any social service agency for triage, and those least likely to apply for assistance can be connected in a variety of ways. Local government, law enforcement, early childhood programs, school districts, and mental health providers are educated on how to connect those experiencing homelessness to a CES hub. There are 3 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 the county. For those unable to access a hub, there are 2 VAT trained street outreach workers who can travel throughout the county to offer services and complete VAT assessments. In response to the pandemic, KS-505 also began offering VAT assessments over the phone and has found that this change increased accessibility for rural areas and for clients unlikely to access a CES hub or other provider. KS-505 trained assessors at the Cold Weather Shelter since they serve many individuals who are chronically homeless.

2.The CES Policies and Procedures govern access points, the standard assessment process, and how the system prioritizes households for permanent housing. KS-505 CE assessors use the VAT, an evidence-based tool that scores vulnerabilities in multiple domains. Beyond the household's VAT score, the CES prioritizes households on the By-Name List using characteristics divided into two tiers: Tier 1: chronic homelessness, veterans, those experiencing/fleeing domestic violence, and those who are currently unsheltered, and Tier 2: those with a disability, age 60+, transitional aged youth, and households with children under 18. When two households have the same score and prioritizing factors, the household with the longer length of homelessness is prioritized.

3.The CE Committee includes two people with lived experience of homelessness and does an annual assessment of the CES using CE data and participant feedback. During the 2022 annual CE assessment, the CE Committee decided to start gathering additional demographic data to begin tracking how CES works for LGBTQ+ participants. In the upcoming year, the CE Committee plans to gather feedback from former CE participants to get additional information on how the system is working and what updates need to be made in 2023.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. During the initial implementation of Coordinated Entry and subsequent assessments, the CE Committee has worked with many partner agencies to assess which populations are the least likely to access services and identified those experiencing chronic homelessness and significant mental health needs as needing targeted outreach. Many of these individuals do access the local Cold Weather Shelter. In response, KS-505 trained the Cold Weather Shelter Case Manager to be a CE Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) assessor and Johnson County Mental Health Center applied for funding to add an additional Street Outreach Case Manager.

2. Beyond the household's VAT score, the CES prioritizes households on the By-Name List using factors divided into two tiers: Tier 1: chronic homelessness, veterans, those experiencing/fleeing domestic violence, and those who are currently unsheltered; Tier 2: those with a disability, age 60+, transitional aged youth, and households with children under 18. When two households have the same score and prioritizing characteristics, the household with the longer length of homelessness is prioritized.

3. Households at the top of the By-Name List are often referred to a permanent housing provider within a few weeks. The challenge in getting referred CE households into housing is the county's declining numbers of affordable rental units, especially within the last year. The area has lost several large-capacity apartment complexes that had been accepting HCVs and CoC permanent housing assistance – these properties are being purchased and converted into higher-end rental units and current tenants are getting notices of large rent increases. Johnson County was already a wealthy community with higher rental costs making a metro-wide Fair Market Rent rate hard to find within the county. Increasingly, CoC permanent housing providers must encourage clients to look for rental options outside of the area which puts them much further away from their jobs, support systems, and existing resources.

4. For those unable to access a CES hub, there are two VAT trained street outreach workers who can travel throughout KS-505's geography to offer services and complete VAT assessments at a public location. In response to the pandemic, KS-505 also began offering VAT assessments over the phone and has found that this change increased accessibility for rural parts of the county and clients unlikely to access a CES hub or other service provider.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	04/14/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505 has a Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Homelessness (REDH) Committee that monitors disparities in the provision of and outcomes of homeless assistance. The REDH Committee meets quarterly to analyze HMIS and Coordinated Entry data, make and work on system-wide goals, and plan CoC trainings. The most recent REDH Committee meeting on data analysis was in April 2022. Based on the results of this analysis, the REDH Committee made the following goals using the National Alliance to End Homelessness' Racial Equity Network Action Steps for CoCs: (a) convene focus groups of people experiencing homelessness to provide firsthand accounts on the root causes that led to their homelessness, (b) identify which other systems interact with the homelessness system. Start meeting with those community partners to address cross-system disparities, (c) create an annual anonymous survey to get feedback from staff and clients on the culture and climate of their services and system with regard to race, ethnicity, and equity.

2.During KS-505's April 2022 racial disparities data analysis, the CoC compared FY2019 HMIS data to FY2021 and found that in both data sets, African Americans and people identifying as more than one race were over-represented and Latinx people were under-represented in the homelessness system, even when accounting for poverty disparities. The Coordinated Entry Committee also conducted an annual data analysis specific to coordinated entry data and outcomes and discussed the lack of data to determine if members of the LGBTQ community are over-represented in the system and whether they are getting housed proportionately to their group size within CE system.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	No
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes

9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.	In addition to race and ethnicity data analysis, KS-505 is tracking coordinated entry outcomes for additional populations at higher risk of housing loss including veterans, people with significant mental health or substance use needs, people with disabilities, LGBTQ households	Yes

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

After conducting the first KS-505 Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Homelessness study in 2019, the CoC was able to provide some strategies to ensure that organizations understood the scope of disparities within the homelessness system and moved to address inequities, both within the system and for the organizations. At the organizational level, agencies have steps to increase staff and board member diversity and to engage with those with lived experience of homelessness. Another CoC strategy was to create a Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) to inform CoC planning and engage individuals who share ways the CoC system can provide more equitable services. The first LEAB meeting was held in early 2020 with seven individuals with different backgrounds and expertise, including individuals with current or previous experience living in transitional housing, transition aged youth, and a previous domestic violence program participant. Four members continue to be engaged and provide feedback in the planning of the homelessness system and one participant engaged in the rank and review process for the 2022 CoC Collaborative Application process. Members of the LEAB are compensated with gift cards for their time to remove barriers to their participation.

The Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Homelessness (REDH) Committee convenes at least quarterly to provide recommendations to ensure that continuous diversity, equity and inclusion training is provided on an annual basis to all the CoC agencies. The most recent data analysis of racial and ethnic disparities was conducted in April 2022. The most recent training on implicit bias was offered to the full CoC membership list on 7/26/22. The REDH Committee uses the National Alliance to End Homelessness' "Racial Equity Network Action Steps: Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Homelessness System" to set and make progress towards system-wide goals each year.

1D-10d.	Tracking Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

KS-505 has a dedicated CoC committee called Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Homelessness (REDH) with at least one member who has lived experience. This committee convenes to monitor HMIS, Point in Time Count, and Coordinated Entry data plus qualitative feedback from the CoC's Lived Experience Advisory Board at least annually. This data analysis is then shared with the full CoC during a monthly meeting to gather feedback on system-level changes or training needs. During the first committee meeting in 2022, the group used the National Alliance to End Homelessness' "Racial Equity Network Action Steps: Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Homelessness System" to set system-wide goals for the year, including goals based on the data analysis. During the 2022 equity analysis, the CoC's Coordinated Entry Committee also identified the need to start tracking LGBTQ CE data for future analysis of this population's outcomes within the CE system.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Lead Agency uses targeted outreach to engage those with lived experience of homelessness by asking the full CoC membership to share paper and electronic flyers about the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and encourage their clients to consider participating. The CoC Lead Agency and a partner agency that provides shelter and social services host LEAB Info Sessions multiple times per year to recruit new members. During these LEAB Info Sessions, the CoC Lead Agency and partner agency share what the LEAB is, what the CoC is, and how to get involved. The CoC Lead reduces barriers to participation by offering stipends, transportation to meetings, remote meeting participation options, and multiple meeting times to accommodate schedules.

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

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the five categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	4	1

2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	0
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	1
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	4	1
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Lead Agency offers a "CoC 101" training to new CoC Board members and new Lived Experience Advisory Board members with the goal of having a shared baseline understanding of what the Continuum of Care is, what are the responsibilities of a CoC outlined in the KS-505 Governance Charter, a description of each committee's responsibilities and current projects, what all is included in the homelessness system in Johnson County and what are the identified gaps. In addition to that 101 training, the CoC Lead Agency regularly offers trainings and shares community-based training opportunities with the full CoC membership and Lived Experience Advisory Board members. The trainings offered or shared in the last 6 months included: Implicit Bias: Biased Brains, Fair Housing and HUD Equal Access Rule, Closing the Gap: Homelessness to Housing Series, Narcan training, Mandated Reporter and other children abuse awareness trainings, and Centering Racial Equity in the Work to End Homelessness: Aligning Vision with Practice at the Systems Level.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance; and
2.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The current CoC Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) has 6 members from a variety of backgrounds and is holding LEAB info sessions to recruit more members. The CoC has a goal of having at least one LEAB member serving on every CoC committee plus the CoC Board. The CoC will routinely gather feedback from people with lived experience through their involvement in all Committee and Board decision-making and also quarterly LEAB gathering meetings. The CoC's CE Committee also plans to gather feedback from former CE participants to get additional information on how the system is working and what updates need to be made.

2.LEAB members have repeatedly expressed the dire need for more affordable housing in the CoC area. Some have said they would rather stay in their cars than go to a shelter 45 minutes away – highlighting the fact that there is no year-round shelter for adults without children in the county. In response to the need for adult shelter beds and the need for long-term affordable housing, the CoC and the Lived Experience Advisory Board are working closely with the Johnson County Housing Authority as they draft their HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505 participated in a community process that identified the priority issue of safe, stable, and attainable housing as the foundation for health equity and a healthy Johnson County. In response to this priority health issue, Johnson County and the municipalities within the County partnered with United Community Services of Johnson County (the CoC Lead Agency) and invested in a housing market and needs assessment study, convened a more than 100 community member Housing for All Task Force, and produced a Housing Toolkit for all jurisdictions within Johnson County. The Housing Study was released February of 2021, and the Housing Toolkit was released June of 2021.

2.Both the study and toolkit examine zoning, land use, and other regulatory barriers and provide examples and case studies of best-practice responses to these barriers. This work has resulted in multiple efforts at the jurisdiction and county levels, including the creation of the County Housing Subcommittee which released their recommendations April of 2022, multiple jurisdictions forming housing task forces and updating/rewriting their community comprehensive plans, and two jurisdictions creating or updating homeless shelter ordinances that are more inclusive to allowing shelter responses in 2021. Additionally, the CoC Lead Agency collaborated with a bi-state partner to create regional training and education for county and city level planning commissioners and staff on the importance of housing solutions in their role and crafting policies that provide pathways to attainable housing. A community pilot on resident housing advocacy training will be launched in October of 2022.

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	08/08/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

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

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

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

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	130
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	7
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.The KS-505 Rank and Review Committee first updated the Rank and Review Scoring Tool and the local Project Application Cover Sheet to reflect the priorities listed in the FY2022 CoC NOFO. The updated Rank and Review Scoring Tool and Project Application Cover Sheet were shared with applicant agencies in a Project Applicant training on 8/12/22. The applicant agencies submit their completed Project Application Cover Sheet, Project Application, and the most recent HMIS APR for renewal projects. Project Application Cover Sheet asks for data on performance measures
- 2.The Rank and Review scoring process includes reviewing the project's most recent HMIS APR for renewal projects.
- 3.KS-505 Rank and Review Scoring Sheet includes a section to identify the program focus which is based on two components: dedicating or prioritizing program beds for chronically homeless clients and targeting one or more of HUD's priority or hard to serve populations. This section identifies based on the information provided by each of the project applicants the groups that they are serving. Priority populations include chronically homeless, veterans, those with severe and persistent mental illness, youth ages 18-24, current or past substance abuse, domestic violence, chronic disease/HIV, and families with children.
- 4.The Rank and Review Committee gave substantial consideration in the provision of points, specifically in the community responsiveness section of the rank and review score sheet, as it is the section which allows committee discretion. This year, there was an agency with two projects that had returned a significant amount of funds to HUD; however, based on their history of serving those who are the hardest to serve, and being the only organization that targets assistance to those with severe and persistent mental illness, the Committee felt that the program's funding should not be reduced but one project ranked lower and falls partially in Tier 2 this year.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505 has a diverse population of stakeholders engaged in the monthly CoC meetings where the Collaborative Application process was announced as soon as it was released. The lead agency asked for volunteers at various levels from the stakeholders and agencies engaged in providing housing services—especially those that do not receive funds from this process but still are engaged. Two individuals who were previously homeless became involved in the Collaborative Application process and provided critical input in the allocation of resources to each agency.

2.Two people of color and two people with lived experience served on the Rank & Review Committee and were involved in the development of this year's Rank & Review applicant cover sheet, the corresponding updates to the scoring sheet, and the project application scoring and ranking process. The FY2022 project applicant cover sheet has equity questions that are scored on the score sheet (see more below).

3.The same two people of color and two people with lived experience served on the Rank & Review Committee's consensus meeting where the group scores and ranks the project applications.

4.KS-505's project applicant cover sheet asks questions not covered in the eSnaps application, including reflecting the agency's work related to this year's HUD priorities. The equity section of the FY2022 cover sheet included these questions: (a) What are your organizational policies, procedures, and practices that help advance equitable service and access for marginalized populations for this project? Please list at least three examples. (b) In what ways does your agency ensure that traditionally marginalized populations are able to meaningfully participate in planning and implementation of this project? Examples include, but are not limited to diversifying Board membership, creating opportunities for people with lived experience (or currently in your programming) to provide input/feedback, internal procurement policies seeking diverse applicants for available positions, etc. Please list at least three examples. (c) What are your organizational policies, procedures, and practices that ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation? (d) How does your organization include voices of people with lived experience of homelessness?

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.As documented in the KS-505 CoC Process for Funding Reallocation, “when a grantee underperforms the full or partial funding of the project can be reallocated to a new grantee”. KS-505 uses a Rank and Review Scoring Tool that is updated each year based on the most recent CoC NOFO and HUD priorities.

2.The CoC identified two projects that lost points in their scores due to a pattern of not fully spending their grant funds during the last two years, this caused one project to fall partially into Tier 2. The Rank and Review Committee recognized the importance of the two projects as they serve a population with significantly more service needs and the challenges many projects have expressed in spending rent assistance funds when many rental units have rapidly risen far above Fair Market Rent within the last year.

3.The Rank and Review Committee did not reallocate any low performing or less needed projects during the local competition this year.

4.The Rank and Review Committee did not reallocate the projects that lost points due to unspent funds due to the projects serving clients with severe and persistent mental illness with permanent supportive housing, the only such program in the area.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/15/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results—Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/26/2022
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/22/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

KS-505 has one DV agency in membership, Safehome. Safehome has used Apricot by Social Solutions, an HMIS-comparable database, since December 2016. Apricot is used by many DV agencies across the nation who require HMIS data collection, and has dedicated Product Managers and Client Success Managers who ensure Apricot is compliant with HUD-published 2022 HMIS Data Standards. Apricot staff work directly with Safehome to provide updates to data standards and to ensure APRs and CAPERS run smoothly. Safehome has policies and procedures related to data entry to ensure compliance with HMIS Data Standards. These policies require Safehome staff to ask clients to voluntarily disclose demographic information and to enter such information in Apricot including race and ethnicity, date of birth/age, social security, gender identity, veteran status, and special needs. Safehome staff must also collect HMIS Background and Income data for all adult clients when they enter and exit the program and HMIS Background data for all children when they enter and exit the program. This data is quality checked by the Grant and Data specialist monthly. If any information is missing, Safehome staff are directed to complete or correct information within 3 business days. Safehome staff are also required to enter services in Apricot within 5 business days of service completion. Such documentation includes date of service, minutes spent with the client, type of service, service method (in person, phone, email), and interpreter utilization.

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

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	97	43	54	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	79	0	36	45.57%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	84	16	68	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	21	0	21	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The bed type that does not have a bed coverage rate of 84.99% is Transitional Housing. Two Transitional Housing programs in the homelessness system are not currently in HMIS. One is a 24-bed homeless transitional shelter program through the Johnson County Department of Corrections. When someone is in contact with the justice system (most often because they are on probation or parole) and becomes homeless, the corrections system offers these "problem-solving beds" where the person can stay 60 days or more while they are applying for housing and getting employed or more employment. This unique program was created a few years back in response to needs from the CoC. KS-505 has been in discussion with Johnson County Department of Corrections on the possibility of counting these beds in HMIS in a way that aligns with their department needs and procedures. The second program that is not currently in HMIS is called Shepherd's Care. This is a small faith-based transitional housing program that is privately funded and serves families experiencing homelessness. Shepherd's Care has been open for several years but was just connected with the CoC for the first time this year and added to the Housing Inventory Count.

2. The CoC Lead Agency plans to meet with each program's leadership within the next few months to discuss utilizing HMIS for data tracking.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/26/2022
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/22/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:
1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505 works closely with the agencies that serve youth experiencing homelessness in this area and other parts of the Kansas City metro area. In the lead up to the Point in Time Count (PIT), KS-505 contacted the two transitional housing projects and a street outreach program for transition aged youth to do a PIT survey training, and they administered surveys to every youth who met PIT criteria. KS-505's geographic area does not have a shelter for unaccompanied teens or young adults but some 18–24-year-old youth are served by a local Family Shelter, domestic violence shelter, and cold weather shelter; these partners administered surveys to their shelter clients.

2.The CoC Lead Agency staff assists with a metro youth homelessness advisory board called Youth 4 Change KC. Youth 4 Change KC is a group of transition aged youth with lived experience of homelessness who serve as experts and raise awareness of youth homelessness throughout the metro area including KS-505's geographic area. Youth from Youth 4 Change KC are invited to participate in the PIT survey development, creating the street count plan, and developing the PIT survey training that is given to anyone who plans to administer a survey.

3.KS-505 does not have a large population of youth experiencing HUD Category 1 homelessness or particular locations where youth might be more likely to be identified. Many youth working with the Youth Street Outreach Case Manager are couch surfing, but some do stay in vehicles from time to time. Given the lack of youth drop-in centers and shelter services, KS-505 focuses on making sure all organizations that work with youth know about the PIT Count and know to contact the Youth Street Outreach Case Manager designated to this county to administer a survey and offer ongoing assistance.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
	4. state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. There was no change in methodology of the sheltered PIT count from 2021 to 2022, however in 2021, shelter capacity was lower due to pandemic spacing protocols and staffing issues. Shelter capacities were largely back to pre-pandemic levels during the 2022 PIT count. KS-505 also added a small privately funded transitional program to the HIC and PIT that was not counted in prior years but this did not have a significant impact on the count (4 households, 10 persons).

2. KS-505 made a temporary change during the 2021 PIT Count to reduce COVID-19 exposure risks for staff and people participating in the survey. KS-505 decided to limit surveyors to those already working for involved agencies and to not use volunteers to assist in administering the survey in unsheltered locations. Some services locations (libraries, hot meal sites) that are normally a place to look for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness were not even open because of COVID-19 precautions; these temporary closures likely also affected the count.

3. The overall 2021 count was down in 2021 likely due to reduction in emergency shelter beds related to COVID protocols, the CoC PIT Committee's inability to use volunteers to canvas, and refusal of both sheltered and unsheltered individuals to complete the PIT Count survey, presumably due to fears of COVID exposure (despite our CoC wearing masks and offering masks to those interviewed). The 2022 PIT Count methodology did not have these limitations and the overall 2022 count was 35% higher than the 2021 count.

2C. System Performance

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC identified risk factors based on CoC membership feedback, data from PIT, HMIS and the By-Name List. Personal risk factors include being rent cost burdened, eviction history, criminal history, debt, and poor credit. Community factors include the county's low vacancy, increasing rents, and loss of landlord partnerships through property sales to nonlocal corporations.
2. From FY2020 to FY2021 the number of people who became homeless for the 1st time increased by 21%. To reduce 1st time homelessness the CoC shares information with all CoC partners about the Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program, other rent assistance resources, and Kansas Legal Services to prevent evictions; provides continuous feedback to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation to reduce or eliminate barriers for renters and landlords in accessing KERA assistance; partners with agencies and the public housing authority to expand the numbers of landlords willing to house at-risk households; raises awareness of housing affordability issues and encourages usage of federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds to prevent homelessness. Agencies connect households to supports and mainstream benefits to stabilize income, and partner with schools to prevent doubled up families from becoming literally homeless.
3. United Community Services serves as the KS-505 Lead Agency and is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing 1st time homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The average length of time homeless among persons residing in shelters and transitional housing programs decreased from FY2020 (107 bednights) to FY2021 (101 bednights). The CoC's strategy to reduce length of time homeless by expanding partnerships with landlords through community engagement, expanding staff dedicated to building/increasing landlord partnerships at the Johnson County Housing Authority and Catholic Charities, increasing HCVs for households assessed to be highly vulnerable who are homeless through partnering on grant applications with public housing authorities, partnering with workforce programming and community colleges to connect underemployed adults with certificate training and apprenticeships to increase household income, and advocating for expanded lower cost housing options in the county. Additionally, diversion is revisited for permanent housing options not considered before, and planning for year-round emergency shelter for adult only households continues to connect unsheltered to safety, services, and housing more quickly. 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 length of time 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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has strong permanent housing placement and retention rates. The ES/TH/RRH exit to PH rate was 61% in FY2021 and 68% in FY2020. The CoC strategy to further increase the percentage in ES/TH/RRH programs exiting 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 CoC has led efforts to roll out the new Emergency Housing Vouchers in partnership with the PHA and a network of agencies and has been active in streamlining the Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance process. The CoC hosts monthly meetings with the PHA and the agencies who work directly with residents seeking rent assistance. The CE System builds cross-organizational partnerships to provide the best PH options based on clients' level of vulnerability, improving the likelihood that they will be referred quickly and regain and sustain PH. The CoC makes the most appropriate referral for the participant through CE to increase PH retention rates in ES/TH/RRH programs.

2. Of those residing in all PH projects except PH-RRH, 100% had either a successful exit to PH or remained in PH in FY2021, 100% in FY2020. 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 mental healthcare and housing stability. KS-505's PSH grantee serves only single individuals with severe and persistent mental illness who were experiencing homelessness during their CE assessment and they have a deep set of supports for this population. Following stabilization and successful housing in PSH, individuals are moved into independent or supported housing with mainstream benefits, and employment income while maintaining mental health services as desired.

3. CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services of Johnson County is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.e.	

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses data in HMIS, PIT count, Coordinated Entry and CoC System Performance Measures to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness. Data from these sources is used to identify common characteristics or barriers for those repeating/returning to homelessness to prevent future returns. In the System Performance Measures for FY2021, 9% of clients who exited services to a permanent housing destination returned to homelessness within 2 years.

2. The CoC strategy to identify households who return to homelessness is focused on factors most likely to destabilize households immediately after leaving a PH program. 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. Households are connected and their continued engagement with stabilizing services supported. The CoC strategically allocates local 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 of Johnson County is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. During the years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, the CoC program-funded providers demonstrated a steady pattern in the percentages of adult leavers who increased earned income (FY2017-33%, FY2018- 43%, FY-2019- 47%). In FY2020, this percentage dropped back down to 33% and FY2021, it rose slightly to 38%. This population was likely affected by the community-wide job losses of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CoC strategy to increase access to employment involves CoC agencies bringing employers to client spaces for job fairs, transportation to job interviews, and providing interview coaching or supporting access to job fairs and electronic applications. In addition, all CoC Permanent Housing providers offer programming for their PH clients on financial literacy, credit repair and resume building and regularly connect clients to the local workforce development agency, Workforce Partnership. Workforce Partnership provides training and vocational programming for local residents, and distributes upcoming job fair notices and training/certification/apprenticeship opportunities for those seeking employment or improved employment. The CoC acknowledges that increased transportation resources are essential to employment and providers include promoting transportation solutions in the strategy.

2. The CoC works to build effective partnerships with the Kansas workforce development boards, and other mainstream employment organizations such as state vocational rehabilitation services, Department of Corrections employment programs, and Johnson County employment programming, to help homeless and at-risk of homeless individuals and families increase their cash income. The CoC is growing a network of resources to help households increase income to afford stable housing and regularly sharing information on job fairs and job skills training programs with all CoC partners.

3. The 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. The CoC Lead works closely with the CoC's Gaining & Maintaining Employment & Income Committee to monitor local data, create goals, and make progress on each year's CoC goals related to income.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Prior to 2020 and 2021, the CoC program-funded providers demonstrated a steady increase in the percentage of adult leavers who increased non-employment cash income among adult leavers served by these programs (FY2017- 16%, FY2018- 25%, FY2019- 29%, FY2020- 18%, and FY2021- 24%). This population was likely affected by the community-wide job losses of the COVID-19 pandemic; the change between FY2020 (18%) and FY2021 shows improvement (24%). The CoC strategy for households to increase nonemployment 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 served by CoC providers in accessing non-employment benefits. 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. For those fleeing DV, Safehome's S.A.F.E. case manager connects eligible households to TANF, SNAP, and childcare assistance within confidential and ongoing case management. The CoC monitors success and emerging challenges to increasing non-employment cash income. CoC members also advocate for the extension/expansion of state-controlled sources of non-employment cash income to better stabilize households who are homeless.

2. The CoC Lead Agency staff at United Community Services of Johnson County is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income. The CoC Lead works closely with the CoC's Gaining & Maintaining Employment & Income Committee to monitor local data, create goals, and make progress on each year's CoC goals related to income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
MLM Joco CoC RRH ...	PH-RRH	9	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? MLM Joco CoC RRH Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): G57KZNGXMNF3

3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 9

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable

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

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2022 Priority Listing.

	Project Type	
1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	No
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes

You must click "Save" after selecting Yes for element 1 SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 4A-2, 4A-2a. and 4A-2b.

4A-3.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(e)(1)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	304
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	182
3.	Unmet Need:	122

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(c)	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and	
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or	
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.KS-505 used the 2021 Coordinated Entry (CE) data, the full By-Name List including those who got housed and those removed from the list. Element 1 in the table, 304, is the total number of adults and children who were fleeing domestic violence (DV) at the time of their assessment and were removed from the active list because either because they got housed or for another reason (121 households, 123 adults, and 181 children). Element 2, 182, represents the number of people who were fleeing DV at assessment and later got housed during the year (69 households, 70 adults, 112 children). Element 3, 122, represents the number of people who were fleeing DV at assessment and were removed without getting housed (the list for the reasons below in the second part of the answer) (52 households, 53 adults, and 69 children).

2.KS-505 used CE data from the 2021 calendar year including those who exited the list by getting housed and those who were removed from the list at some point during the year without being able to confirm their housing status because their assessment expired after a year and they did not return case manager contact, they were never pulled from the list and their assessment expired, they moved out of the area without returning contact about housing status, or they asked to be taken off of the list without providing housing status.

3.The individuals in households under Element 3 were likely never pulled from the list because of capacity of the system's permanent housing programs and could be served if more rapid rehousing for households fleeing domestic violence was available. The problem is especially serious in Johnson County, where affordable housing is in short supply. Assigned case managers work intensively with families to quickly access affordable housing, maximize use of mainstream resources, and work with landlords to successfully maintain permanent housing.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	
	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

Applicant Name
Safehome, Inc.

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2022 Priority Listing:

1.	Applicant Name	Safehome, Inc.
2.	Project Name	Safehome DV Bonus
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	8
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	RQ9VGW1BR247
5.	Amount Requested	\$70,000
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors—Percentage	26%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors—Percentage	83%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(c)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. From August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022, Safehome screened 68 households experiencing DV using the DESC Vulnerability Assessment Tool - the CoC's approved Coordinated Entry assessment. Safehome successfully housed 18 new households in RRH or PSH during this time period and using HUD funding, vouchers, and private funding. An additional 15 households were in continued housing and 16 households were looking for housing during this time. Two of the new households were housed with HUD funds. To calculate housing retention, Safehome used the 12 households that left during this time period; 10 left for permanent destinations including maintaining their housing unit with or without a subsidy or moving to a new housing unit with or without a subsidy. The 2 additional clients either left for housing with family/friends on a temporary basis or the data was not collected because the client could not be contacted.
2. Of the 12 households that exited the program during this period, 10 households left for a permanent, safe destination including renting without or without a subsidy or moving in with family, permanently.
3. Safehome uses Apricot by Social Solutions, an HMIS comparable database, to document housing success.

4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan, etc.;
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Clients complete a housing assessment with a trained staff member shortly after arriving in emergency shelter (outreach clients fleeing domestic violence may also participate). Case managers work with clients to ensure all elements are in place for a successful housing search, which typically includes: 1) resolving basic needs including food, health, safety, and hygiene; 2) resolving legal matters related to domestic violence; 3) obtaining identification documents; 4) enrollment in mainstream benefits; 5) resolving barriers to transportation; 6) securing childcare; 7) assistance with employment; 8) resolving credit issues; and 9) assisting with a housing search. In order to provide these wrap-around services, Safehome increased their client assistance budget with private funding and created a more flexible budget to respond to needs not usually funded with client assistance like identification and childcare.

2. Safehome uses KS-505's vulnerability assessment tool (DESC VAT) plus a lethality assessment in prioritizing clients for housing resources. Safehome contributes to the CES planning as an active member to ensure all processes meet the needs of DV clients. Safehome receives referrals from the coordinated entry system during bi-weekly meetings with other CoC agencies. All referrals Safehome receives are survivors of domestic violence.

3. Clients are empowered to work with their case manager to determine which supportive services are needed for their unique situations. Safehome follows the CoC's guidelines on placing clients in the Rapid Re-Housing program using the by-name list prioritization and referral process.

4. Safehome's case managers provide clients with warm referrals to community partners.

5. Safehome's case managers work with clients to complete a budget during the housing search process. If a client's budget goals don't indicate they can afford a potential housing unit, case managers work with clients to establish more realistic goals or to find ways to increase their income.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;	
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Safehome's intakes, case management and housing assessments all take place in private offices. Only minimally required information is kept after assessments and intakes. Clients are informed all services and surveys are voluntary and participation is not required to continue programming. If victims arrive at the hospital, shelter, or outreach services with another party, Safehome does not perform intakes with another party present.
2. Case managers work closely with survivors to identify scattered site units that will be safe for them, taking into consideration proximity to the abusive partner's home, work address, and associates.
3. Safehome maintains confidentiality through agreements with staff, guests, and clients. If client safety is compromised, Safehome works to ensure safety is restored through moving the client to a different secure location. Clients sign releases of information when any communication is necessary between Safehome departments or non-agency contacts. Client paper files are kept in locked cabinets. Electronic files are not accessible by non-department staff, including segregated data legal staff and clinical staff. Safehome uses Apricot by Social Solutions, an HMIS comparable database that also meets requirements of FERPA and HIPPA.
4. Safehome staff receive initial employment training on safety planning and confidentiality requirements. Staff must re-certify safety planning training annually. This training is issued by the Office for Victims of Crime. Safehome staff are required to annually certify their commitment to confidentiality through a signed statement.
5. Safehome's emergency shelter is a state-of-the-art facility located in a former hotel. All clients have private rooms with bathrooms. Safehome has 23 internal and external cameras to monitor the safety 24/7. Most resident rooms are on the 2nd and 3rd floor for safety, with one room on the main floor for wheelchair access. All rooms are accessible using an elevator. Lights are on throughout the building and the exterior of the building 24/7. The entire property is surrounded by an iron fence and the shelter side of the building is surrounded by a 10-foot-tall steel privacy fence. Housing Case Managers safety plan with clients regarding windows and entrances of their rental units and provide clients with Ring doorbells and window alarms for added safety.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Safehome offers the only place in the CoC's area where victims of violence can find a safe place to live, receive counseling, vocational, economic and housing support, and legal and court advocacy. Safehome provides resources so victims can permanently leave abusive situations and successfully establish financial and emotional independence. In the past 12 months, Safehome staff have provided at least 1,550 instances of safety planning with clients. Moreover, 91% of clients leaving shelter agree or strongly agree they know more ways to plan for their safety. Safehome uses several evidenced-based practices including the Maryland Model for Lethality Assessment Programs. Safehome began a multi-agency LAP collaboration in July 2011 to reduce domestic violence homicides and increase victim safety in Johnson County. The model is shared by the Johnson County District Court, Johnson County and municipal law enforcement agencies, Miami County and municipal law enforcement agencies, and Safehome. The model has been successful in reducing domestic violence homicides by 73%-100% every year since implementation.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:	
	1. prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;	
	2. establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;	
	3. providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
	4. emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
	5. centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
	6. providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
	7. offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.	

(limit 5,000 characters)

Safehome's Housing Program empowers survivors and their children to achieve independence through advocacy, counseling, and financial education.

Safehome collaborates with other CoC members, which include private/public organizations and agencies who either serve those who are currently homeless or most at risk. An individual or household fleeing abuse faces the real possibility of poverty and homelessness. In Johnson County, 29% of homeless households were actively fleeing domestic violence during the 2022 Point in Time count. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, domestic violence victims face different challenges than the general homelessness population, which cannot be ignored. "A survivor's immediate safety, emotional, and physical needs must be the first issue addressed. A woman in crisis may be unready to focus on developing a permanent housing plan for herself and her family."

In Safehome's RRH program, the case manager works with individuals and families to quickly access affordable housing, access mainstream resources, and maintain housing. The program follows RRH guidelines in the selection of clients: classification of homelessness; existence of moderate barriers to housing; and demonstration of the ability to sustain permanent housing after the assistance has ended.

1. Clients identify rental properties that are ideal for their safety and work/school proximity. Scattered site options increase choice and maximize client confidentiality.

2. Clients are empowered to begin and end the relationship with the program at their own convenience and pace (or no later than one year after the program start date with a six months of follow-up case management). Client choice extends beyond their housing to include choice in behavior, relationship status, employment, and more. Clients are not penalized for any behavior or choice made in the housing program. Clients are not required to participate in any element of the program other than monthly check-ins with their case manager. Monthly check-ins are encouraged in-person; however, due to the pandemic and client limitations, can happen virtually, in the office, in the community, or in the client's home at the client's discretion.

3. Safehome staff are required to complete initial onboarding Trauma Informed Care training and annual recertification. Staff use trauma-informed care throughout their interactions with clients. Clients are invited to participate in Safehome's clinical therapy program where they can work through their trauma with a therapist specially trained in domestic violence trauma.

4. Safehome uses a Strengths Based Case Management model for a minimum of 12 months to support the participant's road to independence. Work with clients begins with a thorough assessment of the individual's strengths, resources, supports, goals, and barriers to housing, and case management activities will be provided throughout the housing period to promote ongoing self-sufficiency. In collaboration with community partners, additional services offered include: utility assistance, employment referrals, mental health counseling, and enrolling children in school.

5. Safehome has intentionally increased racial and ethnic representation among staff from 17% in 2017 to 25% in 2019 and 33% currently. Representation of BIPOC populations continues to increase at Safehome and includes positions at every level. This is achieved by posting positions for employment in more diverse sources than in the past and adapting job positions and qualifications to reduce barriers while upholding quality expectations, such as allowing experience vs. degrees to be taken into account in some positions. Staff undergo yearly mandatory civil rights training. The clinical team has unprecedented diversity in race/ethnicity, gender, age, and LGBTQIA+ status.

In 2022, Safehome's bilingual staff began work with Adelante, a Culture and Language Coaching program provided by Children's Mercy Hospital. Through this program, Safehome's bilingual staff will be better prepared to deliver safe and effective services. Safehome works with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence to begin a local marketing campaign for Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence. Safehome staff have close partnerships with area agencies serving Spanish-speaking clients including El Centro and the Mexican Consulate.

6. Safehome offers multiple group opportunities for clients every month. Groups are open and like all services are free of charge. Safehome conducts groups virtually and in-person when social distancing is a challenge. Over the past year and despite the pandemic, Safehome held more than 50 group sessions including Survive and Thrive and Healing from Financial Abuse.

7. Safehome provides individual support for parenting through case managers, children's services, therapy, and Love & Logic parenting classes.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

In 2021 and continuing throughout 2022, Safehome focused on housing clients quickly. This focus is part of their commitment to housing-first and a response to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Safehome is accomplishing this through a significant increase in client assistance funds from ongoing HUD funds, a DV Bonus from HUD, local fundraising, and additional COVID-19 relief funds. Client assistance is available for a variety of barriers clients face to achieve housing. These barriers include transportation costs, medical concerns, childcare, evictions, past-due utilities, employment costs, identification, moving trucks, storage, deposits, rent, and more. Through client assistance and partnerships with agencies like Flourish Furnishings, they were able to successfully house 122 clients with HUD funding and private funds in 2021, an increase of 25% over 2020.

Case managers work with clients to ensure all elements are in place for a successful housing search, which typically includes: 1) resolving basic needs including food, health, safety, and hygiene needs; 2) resolving legal matters related to domestic violence; 3) obtaining identification documents; 4) resolving barriers to transportation; 5) securing childcare; 6) assistance with employment; 7) enrollment in mainstream benefits; 8) resolving credit issues; and 9) assisting with a housing search.

Additional supportive services with 2021 statistics include healthcare advocacy with 163 clients served, an increase of 9%; a healthy relationship support group for patients at Advent Health's Behavioral Health Clinic with 570 patients reached, an increase of 109%; trauma-informed and evidence-based therapy for 455 clients over 3,903 hours; District Court advocacy for 530 victims appearing in criminal cases and/or looking for protection from abuse orders; and legal representation for 140 clients seeking civil remedies for domestic violence.

One example of a client successfully housed is "Sarah." Sarah came to Safehome's shelter after fleeing an abusive relationship. She stayed in the shelter for three months with her five children, ranging in age from one to twelve years old. Her ultimate goal was to make a better life for her family. From the beginning, Sarah was adamant that she wanted to work on being self-sufficient and find a home for herself and her family where they would feel safe and be free of violence. Unfortunately, she did not qualify for a HUD-funded rapid-rehousing program. Because Safehome had additional client assistance funds available, they were still able to pay for a deposit, first month's pro-rated rent, and 3 months' rent. This made a tremendous difference for Sarah, allowing her to save some of her income and buy much-needed items for herself and her children. The feeling of having a jump start on her own place was extremely gratifying for Sarah, helping her to feel more empowered and positive about her future.

4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(e)	
	Provide examples in the field below of how the new project will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;	

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

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With Safehome's new funding through the DV Bonus, Safehome will expand hours for their Housing Case Manager from 20 hours per week to 40 hours per week during the first month of the grant. This will expand the overall case management capacity from 1.5 FTE to 2.0 FTE. This will allow Safehome to provide ongoing support and case management, expanding capacity to house new clients with additional HUD funding and private funding. This case manager will either be currently employed as the part-time housing case manager or will be hired and trained and begin enrolling participants and providing supports by the second month of the grant. Existing Safehome case managers will provide support to use the additional housing funds.

1. Clients will actively participate in the housing process by identifying rental properties that are ideal for their safety and work/school proximity. Scattered site options will increase choice and maximize client confidentiality.

2. Clients will be empowered to begin and end the relationship with the program at their own convenience and pace (or no later than one year after the program start date with six months of follow-up case management). Client choice will extend beyond their housing to include choice in behavior, relationship status, employment, and more. Clients will not be penalized for any behavior or choice made in the housing program. Clients will not be required to participate in any element of the program other than monthly check-ins with their case manager. Monthly check-ins will be encouraged in-person; however, due to the pandemic and client limitations, can happen virtually, in the office, in the community, or in the client's home at the client's discretion.

3. All Safehome staff will continue to be required to complete initial onboarding Trauma Informed Care training and annual recertification. Staff will use trauma-informed care in their interaction with clients on a daily basis. Clients will be invited to participate in Safehome's clinical therapy program. If clients participate in therapy, they can work through their trauma with a therapist specially trained to work with people who have experienced domestic violence.

4. Safehome will use a Strengths Based Case Management model for a minimum of 12 months to support the participant's road to independence. Work with clients will start with a thorough assessment of the individual's strengths, resources, supports, goals, and barriers to housing, and case management activities will be provided throughout the rental period to promote ongoing self sufficiency. In collaboration with community partners, additional services offered will include utility assistance, employment referrals, mental health counseling, and enrolling children in school.

5. Safehome will continue to look for opportunities to increase BIPOC representation among staff at all levels, including the Board of Directors. Safehome will continue to offer annual mandatory civil rights training and annual mandatory training on culture and diversity.

6. Safehome will offer multiple group opportunities for clients every month. Groups will be open and free of charge, conducted virtually and in person when social distancing is an option.

7. Safehome will provide individual support for parenting through case managers, children's services, therapy, and Love & Logic parenting classes.

4A-3h.	Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(f)	

Describe in the field below how the new project(s) will involve survivors with a range of lived expertise in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Safehome's board has members who have experienced domestic violence and homelessness. Moreover, Safehome staff and leadership also have lived experienced as victims of domestic violence and/or previous homelessness. Safehome solicits and encourages targeted questions and open-ended feedback from current and former clients through anonymous surveys. In addition to solicited feedback, Safehome's website offers all people the opportunity to provide open-ended feedback and suggestions. Safehome reviews survey data regularly and incorporates feedback into programming and decision-making. For example, clients overwhelmingly wanted groups after they were paused due the pandemic and Safehome reinstated groups virtually and now in-person due to survey suggestions and feedback.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.		
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.		
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.		
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.		
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.		
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.		
	. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).		
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.		
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.		
Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7 PHA Homeless...	09/28/2022
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1 Local Compet...	09/26/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	09/23/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	1E-2a. Scored Ren...	09/23/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5 Notification...	09/26/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a Notificatio...	09/26/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	1E-5b. Final Proj...	09/23/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5c Web Posting...	09/26/2022
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5d Notificatio...	09/26/2022
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2 Healthcare F...	09/28/2022
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

Attachment Details

Document Description: 1C-7 PHA Homeless Preference

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Document Description: 1E-1 Local Competition Deadline

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Document Description: 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

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Document Description: 1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application

Attachment Details

Document Description: 1E-5 Notification of Projects Rejected Reduced

Attachment Details

Document Description: 1E-5a Notification of Projects Accepted

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Document Description: 1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects

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Document Description: 1E-5c Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated
App

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Document Description: 1E-5d Notification of CoC-Approved
Consolidated App

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Document Description: 3A-2 Healthcare Formal Agreement

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Submission Summary

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

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Before Starting the Project Listings for the CoC Priority Listing

The CoC Consolidated Application requires TWO submissions. Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Application MUST be completed and submitted prior to the CoC Program Competition submission deadline stated in the NOFO.

The CoC Priority Listing includes:

- Reallocation forms – must be completed if the CoC is reallocating eligible renewal projects to create new projects or if a project applicant will transition from an existing component to an eligible new component.

- Project Listings:

- New;
- Renewal;
- UFA Costs;
- CoC Planning;
- YHPD Renewal; and
- YHDP Replacement.
- Attachment Requirement

- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan – Collaborative Applicants must attach an accurately completed, signed, and dated HUD-2991.

Things to Remember:

- New and Renewal Project Listings – all project applications must be reviewed, approved and ranked, or rejected based on the local CoC competition process.

- Project applications on the following Project Listings must be approved, they are not ranked per the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition NOFO:

- UFA Costs Project Listing;
- CoC planning Project Listing;
- YHPD Renewal Project Listing; and
- YHDP Replacement Project Listing.
- Collaborative Applicants are responsible for ensuring all project applications accurately appear on the Project Listings and there are no project applications missing from one or more Project Listings.

- For each project application rejected by the CoC the Collaborative Applicant must select the reason for the rejection from the dropdown provided.

- If the Collaborative Applicant needs to amend a project application for any reason, the Collaborative Applicant MUST ensure the amended project is returned to the applicable Project Listing AND ranked BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing to HUD in e-snaps.

Additional training resources are available online on HUD's website.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2022 CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and FY 2022 CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide on HUD's website.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Collaborative Applicant Name: United Community Services of Johnson County, Incorporated

2. Reallocation

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2022 CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and FY 2022 CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide on HUD's website. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

2-1 Is the CoC reallocating funds from one or more eligible renewal grant(s) that will expire in Calendar Year 2023 into one or more new projects? No

Continuum of Care (CoC) New Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the New Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all new project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click 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. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. 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 you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make the necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your 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.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

EX1_Project_List_Status_field List Updated Successfully

Project Name	Date Submitted	Comp Type	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Grant Term	Rank	PH/Realloc	PSH/RRH	Expansion
Safehome DV BONUS	2022-08-29 00:36:...	PH	Safehome, Inc.	\$70,000	1 Year	DE8	DV Bonus	RRH	Yes
MLM Joco CoC RRH ...	2022-08-28 20:56:...	PH	The Kansas City M...	\$43,289	1 Year	E9	PH Bonus	RRH	Yes

Continuum of Care (CoC) Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the Renewal Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all renewal project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of renewal projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. 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 you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your 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.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

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.

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The Collaborative Applicant certifies all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of quality and habitability.

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

EX1_Project_List_Status_field List Updated Successfully

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Rank	PSH/RR H	Comp Type	Consolidation Type	Expansion Type
HMIS Lead Agency ...	2022-08-22 23:20:...	1 Year	Mid-America Regio...	\$62,632	1		HMIS		
Consolidated Supp...	2022-08-28 23:11:...	1 Year	Johnson County Me...	\$150,883	7	PSH	PH		

MLM Joco CoC RRH	2022-08-28 21:00:...	1 Year	The Kansas City M...	\$38,101	E2	RRH	PH		Expansion
Safehome DV RRH	2022-08-28 23:31:...	1 Year	Safehome, Inc.	\$92,220	4	RRH	PH		
Johnson County Ho...	2022-09-19 14:11:...	1 Year	Catholic Charitie..	\$291,440	3	RRH	PH		
SAFEHOME DV RRH 2	2022-08-28 23:41:...	1 Year	Safehome, Inc.	\$164,927	6	RRH	PH		
New Supported Hou...	2022-09-23 12:06:...	1 Year	Johnson County Me...	\$56,256	5	PSH	PH		

Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the CoC Planning Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload the CoC planning project application submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes while the project is located in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. 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 you identify errors in the project application, you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your 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.

Only one CoC planning project application can be submitted and only by the Collaborative Applicant designated by the CoC which must match the Collaborative Applicant information on the CoC Applicant Profile.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

EX1_Project_List_Status_field List Updated Successfully

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Accepted?
KS-505 CoC Planni...	2022-09-20 22:20:...	1 Year	United Community ...	\$25,973	Yes

Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the YHDP Renewal Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all YHDP renewal project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of YHDP renewal and replacement projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the YHDP 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 you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your 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.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

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

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The Collaborative Applicant certifies all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of quality and habitability.

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

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Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Replacement Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the YHDP Replacement Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all YHDP replacement project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of YHDP replacement projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the YHDP Replacement 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 you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your 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.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

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Funding Summary

Instructions

This page provides the total budget summaries for each of the project listings after the you approved, ranked (New and Renewal Project Listings only), or rejected project applications. You 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 your CoC's 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	\$856,459
New Amount	\$113,289
CoC Planning Amount	\$25,973
YHDP Amount	\$0
Rejected Amount	\$0
TOTAL CoC REQUEST	\$995,721

Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991)	Yes	Certificates of C...	09/23/2022
FY 2021 Rank Tool (optional)	No		
Other	No		
Other	No		

Attachment Details

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Submission Summary

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**Certification of Consistency Plan
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Applicant Name: Overland Park/Shawnee/Johnson County KS CoC (KS-505)

Project Name: KS-505 CoC Application FY2022

Location of the Project: All projects and the clients they serve are located in Johnson County, KS, including Overland Park

Name of
Certifying Jurisdiction: City of Overland Park

Certifying Official
of the Jurisdiction Name: Lori Curtis Luther

Title: City Manager

Signature: Lori Curtis Luther

Date: 8-31-2022

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing the form, attaching a list of projects if submitting one form per jurisdiction, obtaining local jurisdiction's signature, and uploading to the electronic e-snaps CoC Consolidated Application. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

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Project Name: KS-505 CoC Application FY2022

Location of the Project: All projects and the clients they serve are located in Johnson County, KS, including Shawnee

Name of
Certifying Jurisdiction: City of Shawnee

Certifying Official
of the Jurisdiction Name: Nolan Sunderman

Title: City Manager

Signature: 

Date: 8/30/2022

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Project Name: KS-505 CoC Application FY2022

Location of the Project: All projects and the clients they serve are located in Johnson County, KS

Name of

Certifying Jurisdiction: Johnson County

Certifying Official

of the Jurisdiction Name: Penny Postoak Ferguson

Title: County Manager

Signature: Penny Postoak Ferguson by Joseph M Connor, Asst. Co. Manager

Date: 9/12/2022

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Descriptions of Programs applying for 2022 HUD CoC NOFO funding with the KS-505 Overland Park/Shawnee/Johnson County Continuum of Care, for Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plans (Johnson County, KS)

Project Renewal Applications will be submitted in the upcoming 2022 NOFO:

Mid America Regional Council – dedicated HMIS lead agency renewal

Funding for one renewal: \$62,632

MARC has been designated as the HMIS Lead Agency, and provides technical assistance, training, help desk, reporting and other support to the CoC and agencies serving Johnson County, Kansas, in using the HMIS software system, Caseworthy. The expenses include the HMIS vendor license fee, MARC salary, fringe and overhead costs, and technical assistance from consultants as necessary. MARC uses some funds to support travel for MARC HMIS personnel to attend one national HUD approved HMIS annual conference.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas – CCNEK Housing First Johnson County FY2022

Funding for one renewal: \$291,440 - 34 beds/16 Units

Catholic Charities of NE Kansas (CCNEK) offers programming with holistic, long-term interventions to help achieve and maintain housing stability. The Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) project serves vulnerable households experiencing literal homelessness in Johnson County. CCNEK uses the Housing First Model, low-barrier screening processes and progressive engagement to prioritize permanent housing and accomplish it as quickly as possible while regularly reevaluating participants' actual experiences/needs around needed supports to maintain stable housing. Case managers offer intensive, trauma-informed, strengths-based case management to provide long-term solutions for households experiencing homelessness and prevent future episodes of homelessness.

Johnson County Mental Health Center – Consolidated Supported Housing PSH

Funding for one renewal: \$150,883 - 15 beds/15 units

The Homeless Supported Housing Project is funded to serve 15 individuals by providing rental subsidies as well as comprehensive mental health services to the severe and persistently mentally ill (SPMI) residents of Johnson County. The project prioritizes people experiencing chronic homelessness before moving on to serve SPMI clients at lower chronicity levels.

Johnson County Mental Health Center - New Supported Housing PSH

Funding for one renewal: \$56,256 - 6 beds/6 units

The Homeless Supported Housing Project is funded to serve 6 individuals by providing rental subsidies as well as comprehensive mental health services to the severe and persistently mentally ill (SPMI) residents of Johnson County. The project prioritizes people experiencing chronic homelessness before moving on to serve SPMI clients at lower chronicity levels.

SAFEHOME, Inc. – Safehome DV RRH

Funding for one renewal: \$92,220 - 9 Beds/4 Units

SAFEHOME has been providing rapid re-housing for those households experiencing both homelessness and domestic violence since FY2015. Rapid re-housing as permanent housing is a high priority for HUD and uses the following guidelines in the selection of clients: level of vulnerability; classification of homelessness; and an assessment of moderate barriers to housing. Award of this grant has enabled SAFEHOME to extend housing

options for those on the By-Name List who are fleeing domestic violence (approximately 50% of the full By-Name List).

SAFEHOME, INC. – Safehome DV RRH 2

Funding for one renewal: \$164,927 - 14 beds/6 units

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The Kansas City Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry - MLM JoCo CoC RRH

Funding for one renewal: \$38,101 - 4 beds/2 units

Request for expansion: \$43,289 - 4 beds/2 units

MLM's Rapid Re-Housing program prioritizes households with children, but also serves couples, singles, and other households without children who are literally homeless, referred through Coordinated Entry. The program includes the provision of rental assistance and necessary supportive services for 2 households at a point in time, utilizing a low barrier, Housing First approach. Households may receive assistance for up to 24 months, per HUD regulation, with the average length of assistance provided for 6-12 months. Supportive services address emergency food and basic needs, help clients eliminate barriers to employment and build financial literacy through the MLM Financial Opportunity Center's workforce & finance coaches, provide trauma informed, strengths-based case management with life skills training to help them sustain their self-sufficiency, and connect them to necessary healthcare resources and mainstream benefits. These services help clients stabilize, breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

One DV bonus project application was submitted for consideration in the 2022 NOFO application

SAFEHOME, Inc. - SAFEHOME DV Bonus

Funding for DV Bonus project: \$70,000 - 6 beds/3 units

Safehome's rapid re-housing program serves clients that are fleeing domestic violence. DV is a significant cause of homelessness in Johnson County, Kansas. According to the 2022 Johnson County, Kansas point-in-time count, a 24-hour count and survey of those who are literally homeless in the county, twenty-nine (29%) of homeless households were fleeing domestic violence. Twenty-one (21%) of literally homeless persons counted were children (<18). The problem is especially serious in Johnson County, where affordable housing is in short supply. Assigned case managers work intensively with families to quickly access affordable housing, maximize use of mainstream resources, and work with landlords for success in maintaining permanent housing.

One CoC Planning grant project was submitted for the 2022 NOFO application

United Community Services of Johnson County – KS-505 CoC Planning Grant

Funding for one planning project: \$25,973

United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS) is the CoC's lead agency. The CoC Planning grant will provide resources to support UCS's CoC work. It will support strengthening a Lived Experience Advisory Board, addressing racial and ethnic disparities in homelessness, collaboration with municipalities and the county to expand housing options, addressing a gap in emergency shelter for individuals, and improving outcomes for those experiencing homelessness through data analysis.