Before Starting the CoC Application

The CoC Consolidated Application consists of three parts, the CoC Application, the CoC Priority Listing, and all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected. All three must be submitted for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

 The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for reviewing the following:

 1. The FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2018 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.
 6. Questions marked with an asterisk (*), which are mandatory and require a response.

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: OH-504 - Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: The Board of Mahoning County Commissioners

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Catholic Charities Regional Agency

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants. For the period from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, using the list below, applicant must: (1) select organizations and persons that participate in CoC meetings; and (2) indicate whether the organizations and persons vote, including selecting CoC Board members.

Organization/Person Categories	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	No	No
Local Jail(s)	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	No	No
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes
Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Disability Advocates	No	No
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes
Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Not Applicable	No
Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates	Yes	Yes
LGBT Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes

Other:(limit 50 characters)		
Veterans	Yes	Yes

1B-1a. Applicants must describe the specific strategy the CoC uses to solicit and consider opinions from organizations and/or persons that have an interest in preventing or ending homelessness.
(limit 2,000 characters)

All CoC meetings are listed on the CoC's website and are open to the public. At the meetings, discussion, questions and open dialogue are encouraged so information can get gathered and addressed at executive board meetings, if needed. Each person in attendance has the opportunity to bring information forward about their program or any situation with a client they are having trouble finding services for with a specific need. Others in attendance are able to talk through the issue to find additional resources in the community or to discuss the potential for a change in the homeless system.

1B-2.Open Invitation for New Members. Applicants must describe:
(1) the invitation process;
(2) how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members;
(3) how often the CoC solicits new members; and
(4) any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC actively encourages new members to participate with the program. The Executive Board and Full Continuum of Care Meeting schedules are posted on the CoC website and the annual CoC meeting is advertised in the local newspaper, CoC website and Collaborative Applicant website for public participation. 2. The membership process is explained, that if an agency or person would like to come to the full CoC meetings, a calendar is given and they are added to the listserv, for as long as they are interested in being members. 3. The CoC solicits new members at least annually. On an ongoing basis, the Officers and Executive Board review the Executive Board composition to review any gaps in services and invite providers to fill any open position on the Executive Board. However, the CoC Lead meets with organizations throughout the year to discuss the CoC and the benefits of attending meetings. Also, the CoC Lead and CoC Members attend meetings that are not Continuum based and will describe the CoC program as well as encourage any participation. Lastly, the CoC has a Cold Weather Walk that is advertised to media outlets to bring awareness to the services that are available in the geographical area. 4. While public notice is given for meetings, agencies will discuss any person they are aware of, with a history of homelessness or is currently homeless to see if they would be able to attend CoC meetings.

1B-3. Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. Applicants must describe how the CoC notified the public that it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, even if the CoC is not applying for new projects in FY 2018, and the response must include the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals. (limit 2,000 characters)

Applications for new projects are open to all, regardless of prior funding experience. An email of the funding notice was sent to the CoC list serv which consists of Continuum and non-Continuum of Care members on June 20, 2018. The funding notice was presented at the full Continuum of Care meeting on August 09, 2018, posted on Mahoning County Homeless Continuum of Care's website on June 20, 2018, The Vindicator, a local newspaper on June 26, 2018, and Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation's Twitter Account on June 28, 2018.

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

Instructions:

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1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects. Applicants must use the chart below to identify the federal, state, local, private, and other organizations that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness that are included in the CoCs coordination, planning, and operation of projects.

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

1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. Applicants must describe how the CoC:
 (1) consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds; and
 (2) participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients.
 (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC Evaluation committee meets to review and discuss the ESG applications and a funding recommendation is made. The funding recommendation is then reviewed and voted on by the Continuum of Care Executive Board. After approved by the executive board, the recommendations

are submitted to the City of Youngstown the ESG recipient. The City of Youngstown reviews the recommendations, and then the City Council formally approves the recommendations. 2. The City of Youngstown and ESG funded agencies have positions on the Executive Board and attend full CoC meetings. The City of Youngstown has chosen the same performance standards used by the CoC and the projects are reviewed quarterly at the Performance and Outcomes Committee meeting.

1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area? Yes to both

1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide local homelessness information other than PIT and HIC data to the jurisdiction(s) Consolidated Plan(s)? Yes

1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Applicants must describe:
(1) the CoC's protocols, including the existence of the CoC's emergency transfer plan, that prioritizes safety and trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety; and
(2) how the CoC maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. Due to the current marketing and awareness of the local domestic violence shelter, victims fleeing domestic violence are able to by-pass the coordinated entry process to quickly & safely move into the shelter. When an individual presents at the shelter they are assigned a case manager who helps them develop a specialized plan. The case manager assists the individual in determining their needs & engaging in services, including housing. The shelter can make accommodations for an individual to make their transition easier; this can include modifications to the environment or additional supports. The individual's information is protected & confidential, in & outside of HMIS. HMIS individuals are not required to identify any information they do not feel comfortable providing. 2. Locally, housing programs have prioritized beds for victims of domestic violence. Housing programs work with the individuals & if requested by the individual, their legal advocate regarding any accommodations necessary. Program participants are able to request a unit transfer within a program or to transfer to another housing program at any time they feel their safety is in jeopardy.

1C-3a. Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide annual training to CoC area projects and

Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (limit 2,000 characters)

The local domestic violence shelter provides training free of charge at the request of organization. Training's are focused on what specifically applies to the organization as well as, best practices and specialized service provision to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking clients. The domestic violence shelter is an active member of the Continuum of Care and attends full CoC meetings and was involved in the initial planning of the Coordinated Entry program. The shelter also collaborates with other organizations in the area for training that focus on a specific topic, in October 2018 the training will be: "Domestic Violence: Non-fatal Strangulation, Perpetrators as Manipulators, PTSD and the Process of Recovery". The training was forwarded to the CoC list serv and all CoC organizations have the opportunity to attend. All other CoC and ESG funded housing projects within the CoC serve survivors despite low/ now income and other severe needs. Survivors can access all options by calling the domestic violence shelter or the 211 Crisis Hotline for Coordinated Entry. 211 and Coordinated Entry staff encourage survivors to use the domestic violence shelter but make it clear that they may also choose to work exclusively with Coordinated Entry.

1C-3b. Applicants must describe the data the CoC uses to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including data from a comparable database. (limit 2,000 characters)

The local domestic violence shelter participates in the annual HIC and PIT count, by providing non identifying information about the individuals & families in the shelter. The data collected assists housing agencies with determining the number of beds available for domestic violence victims within the CoC geographical area & to determine if more are needed to successfully serve survivors. The domestic violence shelter enters data into a separate HMIS system and is able to provide non identifying information upon request. Data is also gathered from HMIS from permanent and transitional housing provider, this includes the PIT data available. During the 2018 PIT nine people were identified in emergency shelters as adult survivors of domestic violence and one person was identified in the transitional housing project. Data is gathered from the the 211 Crisis Line, within the past 12 months 324 calls were received related to domestic violence. Discussion had also occurred with the Mahoning County Domestic Relations Court and there were 800 filings for civil protection orders, of those filings the court identified 37.5% of the people were in need of housing as a result of the domestic violence offense. Lastly, the local crises hotline received 324 calls related to domestic violence in the last year.

1C-4. DV Bonus Projects. Is your CoC applying for DV Bonus Projects? Yes

1C-4a. From the list, applicants must indicate the type(s) of DV Bonus project(s) that project applicants are applying for which the CoC is including in its Priority Listing.

SSO Coordinated Entry	
RRH	X
Joint TH/RRH	

1C-4b. Applicants must describe:
 (1) how many domestic violence survivors the CoC is currently serving in the CoC's geographic area;
(2) the data source the CoC used for the calculations; and
(3) how the CoC collected the data.
 (limit 2,000 characters)

1. Between January 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018, the CoC has provided services to 315 people who identify with a history of domestic violence, of those 315 people, 70 people identifying as currently fleeing a domestic violence situation. During CY2017 394 people with served who identified as having a history of domestic violence and of those 394 people, 86 reported as currently fleeing. During the 2018 PIT nine people were identified as domestic violence survivors in emergency shelters and one person was in the transitional housing project. 2. The PIT data was used, including data from the local domestic violence shelter. Data regarding the total served within the CoC for CY2017 and CY2018 was reported in HMIS by permanent housing projects. 3. The CoC annually collects data for the PIT count from the domestic violence shelter. HMIS data is collected from participating providers daily and the aggregate data pulled from HMIS for the reporting periods as needed.

1C-4c. Applicants must describe:
 (1) how many domestic violence survivors need housing or services in the CoC's geographic area;
 (2) data source the CoC used for the calculations; and
(3) how the CoC collected the data.
 (limit 2,000 characters)

1. Since January 1, 2018, 17 families have called into Coordinated Entry from the local domestic violence shelter and have not identified as chronically homeless. During the 2018 PIT nine people reported as survivors of domestic violence in emergency shelter. 2. This information was gathered from HMIS Coordainted Entry program and the domestic violence shelter provides data to the the PIT counts each year. 3. This data was collected by reports from HMIS and HUD HDX.

1C-4d. Based on questions 1C-4b. and 1C-4c., applicant must:
 (1) describe the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors, or if the CoC is applying for an SSO-CE project, describe how the current Coordinated Entry is inadequate to address the needs of DV survivors;
 (2) quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors;
 (3) describe the data source the CoC used to quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors; and
 (4) describe how the CoC determined the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors.

(limit 3,000 characters)

1. While many projects within the CoC have a focus on domestic violence survivors as a sub population, they are still primarily focusing on housing the chronically homeless that present in the community. 2. The CoC's reports that 394 survivors with a history of domestic violence were served in FY2017 and of those 394 survivors, 86 survivors were currently fleeing a domestic violence situation. During the first eight months of 2018, 315 survivors with a history of domestic violence were served and of those 315, 70 were currently fleeing a domestic violence situation. The CoC projects that by the end of the CY2018, 105 survivors will present as currently fleeing a domestic violence situation and 473 survivors will be served with a history of domestic violence. It is estimated that by the end of the calendar year, 105 survivors currently fleeing a domestic violence situation will need housing and 473 survivors with a history of domestic violence but are not currently fleeing will need housing assistance. The number of survivors currently fleeing a domestic violence situation will increase by 19 and the survivors presenting with a history of domestic violence will increase by 79. 3. Data was gathered through reporting systems in HMIS. 4. The CoC estimated the unmet need for housingand services, by calculating determining the average monthly survivors served for CY2017 and CY2018. The remaining months of CY2018 were estimated by this average.

1C-4e. Applicants must describe how the DV Bonus project(s) being applied for will address the unmet needs of domestic violence survivors. (limit 2,000 characters)

The applying organization, Catholic Charities Regional Agency will use Rapid Rehousing funds to assist survivors of domestic violence to quickly move into permanent housing from the local emergency shelter or the domestic violence shelter. Referrals will also come through the Mahoning County Domestic Relations Court, 800 cases were files in 2017 for people seeking Civil Protection Orders and 37.5% of those filings were in need of housing. The proposed project will fund approximately six months of rental assistance, depending on the on the familial situation. The six month time frame will allow families to transition into their home as well as allow time to establish an income. The proposed project will also allow for case management services who will work in close collaboration with the Domestic Violence Shelter, to help survivors as they move into new housing and work through recovery from their abusive relationship. Case management services will be individualized to the survivors specific needs and requests, they will incorporating any Safety Plan that may be in place and assist the survivor with financial stability. Currently in Mahoning County, there is a monthly meeting with programs who serve victims of domestic violence. This meeting will expand to allow for housing providers, to create a continuum of services for the survivor. The intent of this housing project is to create a full continuum of services for survivors that is not currently in place. Having all organizations that are helping a survivor come together will assist in ensuring quality services and that the survivor is able to easily maneuver through any program.

1C-4f. Applicants must address the capacity of each project applicant applying for DV bonus projects to implement a DV Bonus project by describing:

(1) rate of housing placement of DV survivors;
(2) rate of housing retention of DV survivors;
(3) improvements in safety of DV survivors; and
(4) how the project applicant addresses multiple barriers faced by DV survivors.
(limit 4,000 characters)

1. Catholic Charities Regional Agency has an already established Rapid Rehousing Program, they already have a list of area landlords that are willing to work with them and are able to provide the landlord name and information to a new program participant. This will assist the individual in quickly establishing housing. 2. Catholic Charities Regional Agency plans to work with and financial assist the survivor for approximately six months, this time frame is to ensure that the survivor has income, benefits and can financially maintain the home on their own without support. 3. Catholic Charities Regional Agency will work closely with the domestic violence and domestic relations court to follow any safety plan that is currently in place. Catholic Charities Regional Agency will also provide case management that will be tailored to the specific needs of the survivors. 4. Catholic Charities Regional Agency will work closely with the local domestic violence shelter and Domestic Relations Court, to ensure that survivors are moved into safe housing and following any safety plans. Catholic Charities will assist the individual in paying for their security deposit, as well as their rent for an average of six months. Data has shown that many individuals fleeing domestic violence do not have employment because their abuser either, does not let them work or controls their money. This six month time frame will allow the individual to move into their new home and secure income. During the six month time period, Catholic Charities will provide case management services to help the individual with referrals to services they may want to achieve housing stability.

1C-5. PHAs within CoC. Applicants must use the chart to provide information about each Public Housing Agency (PHA) in the CoC's geographic areas:
(1) Identify the percentage of new admissions to the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs in the PHA who were experiencing homelessness at the time of admission;
(2) Indicate whether the PHA has a homeless admission preference in its Public Housing and/or HCV Program; and
(3) Indicate whether the CoC has a move on strategy. The information should be for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2017 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference	PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g. move on?
Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority		Yes-Both	No

1C-5a. For each PHA where there is not a homeless admission preference in their written policy, applicants must identify the steps the CoC has taken to encourage the PHA to adopt such a policy.
(limit 2,000 characters)

Not applicable

1C-5b. Move On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. Does the CoC have a Move On strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction (e.g., multifamily assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, or local low-income housing programs)?   No

1C-6. Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT). Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals and their families experiencing homelessness.
(limit 2,000 characters)

Coordinated Entry is located at Help Network of Northeast Ohio's Community Center, which is a dedicated "SafeZone." The agency has completed training and is deemed a "supportive environment." Potential program participants are able to meet with the Housing Entry Coordinator through Coordinated Entry at the SafeZone. Also, during the Coordinated Entry process, program participants are not asked to disclose their sexual orientation and are able to self identify gender or have the right not to answer.

1C-6a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training. Applicants must indicate if the CoC implemented a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy and conducted CoC-wide anti-discrimination training on the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule.

1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source?	Yes
2. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
3. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No

1C-7. Criminalization of Homelessness. Applicants must select the specific strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply.

Engaged/educated local policymakers:	X

Engaged/educated law enforcement:	X
Engaged/educated local business leaders:	X
Implemented communitywide plans:	X
No strategies have been implemented:	☐
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
	☐
	☐
	☐

1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Applicants must:
(1) demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area;
(2) demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach;
(3) demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner; and
(4) attach CoC's standard assessment tool.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC's Coordinated Entry system covers the Youngstown/ Mahoning County geographic area. The emergency shelters make referrals to the Coordinated Entry program and then 211 completes the initial prescreen and assess if the household resides in Mahoning County. 2. The Coordinated Entry is advertised through Mahoning County, especially with businesses/ agencies that may encounter a homeless household. The local university has a homeless student population, which is primarily living in their vehicles. The Student Outreach and Support program helps students obtain services that will help them, such as housing. Students will not typically call for housing assistance, but will with the help of this program. The PATH Homeless Outreach Team also comes in contact with people that may not call for assistance. If the PATH Team meets with someone who is unsheltered they are able to complete the VI-SPADT so the person is comfortable and does not have to take another step of calling into Coordinated Entry. The Outreach Team will also remain as the person's primary point of contact until they are housed. 3. This CoC has adopted the VI-SPADT 2.0 and is completed for each person that would like housing. A variety of questions are asked to complete the VI-SPADT and a score is given at the end. The higher the score, the more vulnerable the person presents. Coordinated Entry also does an initial assessment to see if the person calling for housing is chronically homeless. The people that have the highest scores are moved into permanent housing first. 4. See attached

1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

Instructions:

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1D-1. Discharge Planning–State and Local. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a discharge policy to ensure persons discharged from the systems of care listed are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	X
Health Care:	X
Mental Health Care:	X
Correctional Facilities:	X
None:	

1D-2. Discharge Planning Coordination. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	X
Health Care:	X
Mental Health Care:	X
Correctional Facilities:	X
None:	

1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review, Ranking, and Selection

Instructions

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1E-1. Project Ranking and Selection. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition:
(1) objective criteria;
(2) at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes;
(3) a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers; and
(4) attach evidence that supports the process selected.

Used Objective Criteria for Review, Rating, Ranking and Section	Yes
Included at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes	Yes
Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers	No

1E-2. Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities. Applicants must describe:
(1) the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing, ranking, and rating projects; and
(2) how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account during the review, rating, and ranking process.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. During this application process, a special emphasis was placed on chronic homelessness and housing first, priority was given to those projects that focus on both. This CoC is continuing to focus their resources on severity of need with the goal of ending chronic homelessness. The CoC is beginning the process of updating the strategic plan and the facilitator of the plan will assist this CoC with organizing resources to end chronic homelessness. 2. All projects within the CoC have a focus on different populations with a different severity of needs. Due to this, all programs were reviewed on project's outcome and performance. A focus was given to Transition Aged Youth and a new project was chosen with this priority.

1E-3. Public Postings. Applicants must indicate how the CoC made public:
(1) objective ranking and selection process the CoC used for all projects

(new and renewal);
(2) CoC Consolidated Application–including the CoC Application, Priority Listings, and all projects accepted and ranked or rejected, which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; and
(3) attach documentation demonstrating the objective ranking, rating, and selections process and the final version of the completed CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application with attachments, Priority Listing with reallocation forms and all project applications that were accepted and ranked, or rejected (new and renewal) was made publicly available, that legibly displays the date the CoC publicly posted the documents.

Public Posting of Objective Ranking and Selection Process		Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, Priority Listings, Project Listings	
CoC or other Website	☐	CoC or other Website	☐
Email	☐	Email	☐
Mail	☐	Mail	☐
Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	☐	Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	☐
Advertising on Radio or Television	☐	Advertising on Radio or Television	☐
Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	☐	Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	☐

1E-4. Reallocation. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent of the CoC's ARD between the FY 2014 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.

Reallocation: No

1E-4a. If the answer is "No" to question 1E-4, applicants must describe how the CoC actively reviews performance of existing CoC Program-funded projects to determine the viability of reallocating to create new high performing projects.
(limit 2,000 characters)

Currently, all housing projects funded through the CoC are permanent housing with a focus on serving chronically homeless and utilizing Housing First practices. Due to these reasons, this CoC has chosen not to reallocate any funding, at the time of this application. Performance for projects is reviewed at least quarterly at the Performance and Outcomes Committee meetings, projects are aware of how they are performing and the CoC is actively working with lower performing projects to produce better outcomes. Projects are also actively participating on the Coordinated Entry Committee and working together to determine the best program for a person to succeed in, this will help in improving project outcomes.

1E-5. Local CoC Competition. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:
 (1) established a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application

deadline–attachment required;
(2) rejected or reduced project application(s)–attachment required; and
(3) notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or
reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018
CoC Program Competition Application deadline–attachment required. :

(1) Did the CoC establish a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Yes
(2) If the CoC rejected or reduced project application(s), did the CoC notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Did not reject or reduce any project
(3) Did the CoC notify applicants that their applications were accepted and ranked on the Priority Listing in writing outside of e-snaps, at least 15 before days of the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline?	Yes

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

Intructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2A-1. Roles and Responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead. Does your CoC have in place a Governance Charter or other written documentation (e.g., MOU/MOA) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead? Attachment Required.

Yes

2A-1a. Applicants must: (1) provide the page number(s) where the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead can be found in the attached document(s) referenced in 2A-1, and (2) indicate the document type attached for question 2A-1 that includes roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead (e.g., Governance Charter, MOU/MOA).

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2A-2. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual. Does your CoC have a HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual? Attachment Required.

Yes

2A-3. HMIS Vender. What is the name of the HMIS software vendor?

Mediware

2A-4. HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Using the drop-down boxes, applicants must select the HMIS implementation Coverage area.

Single CoC

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate. Using 2018 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type: (1) total number of beds in 2018 HIC; (2) total beds dedicated for DV in the 2018 HIC; and

(3) total number of beds in HMIS.

Project Type	Total Beds in 2018 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	176	24	152	100.00%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	17	0	17	100.00%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	88	0	88	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	482	0	482	100.00%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a. To receive partial credit, if the bed coverage rate is 84.99 percent or lower for any of the project types in question 2A-5., applicants must provide clear steps on how the CoC intends to increase this percentage for each project type over the next 12 months.
(limit 2,000 characters)

2A-6. AHAR Shells Submission: How many 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) tables shells did HUD accept? 8

2A-7. CoC Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2018 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX).
(mm/dd/yyyy) 04/30/2018

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

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the   FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA.   Please submit technical questions to the   HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2B-1. PIT Count Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2018 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy). 01/23/2018

2B-2. HDX Submission Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy). 04/30/2018

2C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: Methodologies

Instructions:

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2C-1. Change in Sheltered PIT Count Implementation. Applicants must describe any change in the CoC's sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018. Specifically, how those changes impacted the CoC's sheltered PIT count results.
(limit 2,000 characters)

During the 2018 PIT count, this CoC chose to utilize the "observation tool" provided on the HUD Exchange. There were also two members of the PATH Team who volunteered to cover the 10 p.m. -2 a.m. shift. The team was familiar with where people typically sleep and were able to identify those people with the observation tool, as opposed to waking people up to talk with them. Prior to the 2018 count a training was held with all volunteers to discuss the surveys they would be completing as well as what had changed from the 2017 PIT.

2C-2. Did your CoC change its provider coverage in the 2018 sheltered count?   No

2C-2a. If "Yes" was selected in 2C-2, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in the 2018 sheltered PIT count.

Beds Added:	0
Beds Removed:	0
Total:	0

2C-3. Presidentially Declared Disaster Changes to Sheltered PIT Count. Did your CoC add or remove emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC's 2018 sheltered PIT count?   No

2C-3a. If "Yes" was selected for question 2C-3, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in 2018 because of a Presidentially declared disaster.

Beds Added:	0
Beds Removed:	0
Total:	0

2C-4. Changes in Unsheltered PIT Count Implementation. Did your CoC change its unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018? If your CoC did not conduct and unsheltered PIT count in 2018, select Not Applicable.
Yes

2C-4a. If "Yes" was selected for question 2C-4, applicants must:
(1) describe any change in the CoC's unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018; and
(2) specify how those changes impacted the CoC's unsheltered PIT count results.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. During the 2018 PIT count, this CoC chose to utilize the "observation tool" provided on the HUD Exchange. This gave volunteers the opportunity to complete a form for a person that was sleeping or for a person a volunteer did not feel comfortable approaching in an unsheltered location. Volunteers provided a description of the person as well as their location on the form, to alleviate the homeless person being counted twice during the 2018 count. There were also two members of the PATH Team who volunteered to cover the 10 p.m. -2 a.m. shift. The team was familiar with where people typically sleep and were able to identify people sleeping with the observation tool. 2. These changes to the 2018 PIT allowed for more people to be identified because it would not be omitting any person that was sleeping or the need to have a volunteer approach someone sleeping to wake them up or put the volunteer in a dangerous situation. Using the observation tool and having the PATH Team cover the 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. allowed for the volunteers to accurately capture the people that were unsheltered in the geographic area.

2C-5. Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness in 2018 PIT Count. Did your CoC implement specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in its 2018 PIT count?
Yes

2C-5a. If "Yes" was selected for question 2C-5., applicants must describe:
(1) how stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness were engaged during the planning process;
(2) how the CoC worked with stakeholders to select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and
(3) how the CoC involved youth experiencing homelessness in counting during the 2018 PIT count.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC Lead consulted with the local Youth Homeless Shelter regarding places they typically find transition aged youth; the local shelter employs their own outreach team. The shelter explained that they found that youth within this geographic area typically "doubled up"; they are able to find friends or family to stay with temporarily. This population typically does not go to the large emergency shelter in the geographic area and they rarely find this population unsheltered. 2. The Youth Shelter also explained that youth will congregate at truck stops, salons, barbershops and recreational areas. 3. Representatives from the local youth emergency shelter were invited to participate in the 2018 PIT.

2C-6. 2018 PIT Implementation. Applicants must describe actions the CoC implemented in its 2018 PIT count to better count:
(1) individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness;
(2) families with children experiencing homelessness; and
(3) Veterans experiencing homelessness.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. During this year's PIT, teams of volunteers were scheduled for four hour intervals that covered the entire geographic area during the 24 hour period. Teams were primarily focusing on areas suggested by the Homeless Outreach Team and places where homeless typically congregate in the area. A team covered the downtown area of Youngstown, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and were able to identify people that were sleeping outside. This team also spoke with the Youngstown Police Department, regarding where people typically sleep during the night. 2. Teams were at dining halls around meal time and gave away hygiene bags to people that they met. Teams were set up at dining halls with the expectation that parents would bring their children in for meals. 3. Volunteers from Veteran Affairs volunteered for a shift and targeted areas where they typically find unsheltered veterans.

3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

Instructions

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3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. In the box below, applicants must report the number of first-time homeless as reported in HDX.

Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.	332

3A-1a. Applicants must:
 (1) describe how the CoC determined which risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
(2) describe the CoC's strategy to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
(3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. On an ongoing basis the CoC engages providers in discussion regarding risk factors program participants had that led to their first experience of homelessness. Discussions occur at the Coordinated Entry Committee, Performance and Outcomes Committee, Executive Board and full CoC meetings. These risk factors include: mental health, loss of employment/income, substance abuse (in particularly a rise in opiate use in this area), domestic disputes and large family size. Primarily in the geographic area people are "doubling up" with family and friends and these are the people that are identifying as first time homeless. People will also come to the area to stay with family/ friends, then will be kicked out for various reasons. 2. The Homeless Outreach Team frequents local dining halls and will talk with staff about any new patrons and whether or not they are in need of services. The dining halls are also familiar with the CoC and services provided, as well as the local 211 for services. The CoC has also begun working closely with Children Services regarding people aging out of the foster care system and opting out of Children Services Board housing options. Within the geographic area there is a homeless prevention program that will financially assist people who are not able to stay with family/ friends and/ or people that may be evicted. There is also a mediation service which works with the court and local landlords to prevent someone from being evicted. CoC funded agencies all have non housing program participants who are at high risk of homelessness for whom they provide prevention services, such as: healthcare, behavioral healthcare, vocational training and benefits assistance. 3. CoC Program Manager and Executive Board are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce first time homelessness.

3A-2. Length-of-Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:
(1) provide the average length of time individuals and persons in families remained homeless (i.e., the number);
(2) describe the CoC's strategy to reduce the length-of-time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
(3) describe how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
(4) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The average length of time homeless in 2017 was 69 nights. 2. The Coordinated Entry program identifies if the household has the ability to get documentation of homelessness and all documentation that may move someone into housing, such as verification of disability. Coordinated Entry connects with the Homeless Outreach Team to work with families that need help with documentation and homeless verification to move families into housing faster, once a housing unit becomes available. Coordinated Entry is also working with the local emergency shelter, to make sure that people that present at the shelter are entered into Coordinated Entry and prioritized for housing. The CoC is updating the current plan to end homelessness beginning in October 2018, the updated plan will include strategies to end chronic homelessness and to address the housing gaps in the community. For example, while the CoC is able to quickly move single adults or families with one to three children into housing, larger families are more difficult to house and remain in Coordinated Entry longer. 3. Length of time homeless is a factor in determining a household's vulnerability as measured by the VI-SPADT, as well as their prioritization for housing compared to similarly situated household. 4. CoC Program Manager and Executive Board are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce length of time homeless.

3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:
(1) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations; and
(2) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	31%
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid re-housing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	95%

3A-3a. Applicants must:
(1) describe the CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and
(2) describe the CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals

and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. Since March 2018, staff from Coordinated Entry have been meeting with program participants at the emergency shelter to ensure all of the program participants looking for housing are entered into Coordinated Entry. The Homeless Outreach Team also began assisting people with their security deposit and first month rent, through additional PATH funding to the Outreach Team for this specific need. The Coordinated Entry program is working with the Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Programs to make sure that only participants who are most likely to benefit from and quickly exit from these programs are placed in them, based on their VI-SPADT score as well as any additional information from the homeless outreach team and emergency shelter. These providers are then required to work with program participants to exit to permanent housing, with CoC support as necessary. The CoC has no Safe Havens. 2. Permanent Housing projects are adopting the low barrier philosophy and adapting their programs to the needs of the program participants. Programs are providing individualized case management services base on the wants of the individual to help the individual reach their personal goals. The CoC is working collectively to ensure program participants are in the housing program that meets their needs by meeting regularly with housing providers and Coordinated Entry staff. With the help from Coordinated Entry, programs are transferring clients into housing that would be better for the program participant and in turn the program participant is staying housed longer.

3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX. Applicants must report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX.

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX	5%

3A-4a. Applicants must:
(1) describe how the CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness;
(2) describe the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
(3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families returns to homelessness.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC identifies common factors for homelessness through the Coordinated Entry assessment. Coordinated Entry staff talks with the program participants regarding why their previous housing did not work and what happened that led them to becoming homeless. A common factor projects find when initially working with an individual, is that severe mental health or substance abuse is not being addressed by the individual. This factor has led to more problematic actions which make it difficult for someone to remain safely housed. 2. All projects within the CoC require case management and tailor the

case management to the needs of the program participants, based on the participants wants and desires. The case manager is able to connect the program participant with mainstream services within the geographic area such as: Community Legal Aide and Mercy Health. The CoC recently started meeting with projects as part of the Coordinated Entry process to talk about program participants that they are having difficulty housing and discussing if which would be best housing option for the participants. Lastly, the CoC has begun working more closely with the local Housing Authority, in anticipation of helping transition in a least restrictive setting, as opposed to leaving a project without permanent housing. 3. CoC Program Manager and Executive Board in partnership with local agencies oversee the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness.

3A-5. Job and Income Growth. Applicants must:
 (1) describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources;
(2) describe how the CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and
(3) provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase job and income growth from employment.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC monitors program participants increase in income through the Performance and Outcomes Committee as well at the local CoC application process. On a project level, case managers are talking about employments or non-employment cash sources with the program participant and referrals are made based on their wants. 2. Projects work with local agencies to assist in engaging program participants in employment. Projects work with people who have work experience and provide them local job openings and refer to Ohio Means Jobs. If a program participant does not have an employment history, projects refer to COMPASS Family and Community Services, Meridian Healthcare and Goodwill for vocational training. Lastly, if someone is not able to work due to a disability, projects such as SOAR through Catholic Charities Regional Agency assist in applying for social security benefits. Projects are also able to refer to local Job Fairs hosted by local businesses within out geographic area. 3. CoC Program Manager and Executive Board oversee the CoC's strategy to increase job and income growth.

3A-6. System Performance Measures Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the System Performance Measures data in HDX, which included the data quality section for FY 2017 (mm/dd/yyyy)   05/31/2018

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

Instructions

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3B-1. DedicatedPLUS and Chronically Homeless Beds. In the boxes below, applicants must enter:
(1) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated as DedicatedPLUS beds; and
(2) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated for the chronically homeless, which does not include those that were identified in (1) above as DedicatedPLUS Beds.

Total number of beds dedicated as DedicatedPLUS	119
Total number of beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness	287
Total	406

3B-2. Orders of Priority. Did the CoC adopt the Orders of Priority into their written standards for all CoC Program-funded PSH projects as described in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing? Attachment Required.

Yes

3B-2.1. Prioritizing Households with Children. Using the following chart, applicants must check all that apply to indicate the factor(s) the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children during FY 2018.

History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	X
Number of previous homeless episodes	X
Unsheltered homelessness	X
Criminal History	X
Bad credit or rental history	
Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability	X

3B-2.2. Applicants must:
(1) describe the CoC's current strategy to rapidly rehouse every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless;
(2) describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families successfully maintain their housing once assistance ends; and
(3) provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoCs strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. Within the CoC there are multiple projects that place a priority on housing families with children. Families are prioritized separately through Coordinated Entry, so they are easily identified based on need and availability and can move into housing quickly. The Homeless Outreach Team meets with any family that is unsheltered to ensure that the family is safe and to make referrals to any services as needed. The Outreach Team is able to work with the family until they are housed. Families staying at the emergency shelter also receive services through the shelter's Social Services Department. Rapid Rehousing dollars are available to families within the geographic area as part of that process, and the Rapid Rehousing staff help the program participant develop a plan for after the term of the financial assistance. To ensure that the families are successful in maintaining housing. 2. In May 2018, Corporation for Supportive Housing held a training for Housing First for Families. All projects within the geographic area had the opportunity to attend the training. The training provided information to assist projects with how to keep a family successfully housed. This training explored the challenges in applying Housing First and Harm Reduction principles when children are present in the household. It reviewed the core principals of Housing First, including implementing harm reduction with families and reviewing the intersection of child protection issues and supportive housing for parents with active addictions and alcoholism, as well as co-occurring disorders. 3. CoC Program Manager and Executive Board are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to rapidly rehouse families within 30 days of becoming homeless.

3B-2.3. Antidiscrimination Policies. Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing (PSH and RRH) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on age, sex, gender, LGBT status, marital status, or disability when entering a shelter or housing.

CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	☐
CoC conducts optional training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	☐
CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	☐
CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC and ESG funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that may be out of compliance, and taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.	☐
CoC has sought assistance from HUD through submitting AAQs or requesting TA to resolve non-compliance of service providers.	☐

3B-2.4. Strategy for Addressing Needs of Unaccompanied Youth

Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC's strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth includes the following:

Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation	Yes
LGBT youth homelessness	Yes
Exits from foster care into homelessness	Yes
Family reunification and community engagement	Yes
Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs	Yes

3B-2.5. Prioritizing Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness Based on Needs. Applicants must check all that apply from the list below that describes the CoC's current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.

History or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	X
Number of Previous Homeless Episodes	X
Unsheltered Homelessness	X
Criminal History	X
Bad Credit or Rental History	X

3B-2.6. Applicants must describe the CoC's strategy to increase:
(1) housing and services for all youth experiencing homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources, including securing additional funding; and
(2) availability of housing and services for youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources.
(limit 3,000 characters)

1. This CoC has a subcommittee for addressing the needs of Transition Aged Youth, on this committee are two people who meet the criteria for "Transition Aged Youth," a representative from Children Services, housing providers and the CoC Lead. This committee is discussing the current population needs and housing that can be established. The subcommittee is looking at a 4 unit housing structure that would be efficiency-style apartments as well as rental assistance dollars to house people in the community through private landlords.
2. Currently within this geographic area, there is not a lot of transition Aged Youth presently as unsheltered, since this population may not have experience with the homeless services a Homeless Outreach Worker follows up with the person to assist them with navigating the system, as well as moving them into shelter. Housing options are still being explored for this population.

3B-2.6a. Applicants must:

(1) provide evidence the CoC uses to measure both strategies in question 3B-2.6. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness;
(2) describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of the strategies; and
(3) describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of the CoC's strategies.
(limit 3,000 characters)

1. In May 2018, Corporation for Supportive Housing had training locally for Housing First for Transition Aged Youth and Developing Youth Supportive Housing. During these trainings, participants learned about how to effectively house Transition Aged Youth and what projects should be focusing on to help maintain in individual in housing. The first criteria, is that Transition Aged Youth would like to be housed with people their age, they do not identify with older people. The second being a high turnover rate. If rental assistance dollars are used, a person would have the option of moving locations when their lease has expired. 2. To measure the strategies, the CoC will run reports from HMIS, regarding the length of time the person is housed and if they are not housed the reason they left the program; service needs will be modified based on that data. As well as feedback from focus groups including the two "transition aged youth" that sit on the youth subcommittee. 3. Since the CoC has a difficult time counting the homeless youth in the geographic area, this will be start to assess how many people need housed as well as determine what resources are available in the community and how they can work together to keep someone housed.

3B-2.7. Collaboration–Education Services. Applicants must describe how the CoC collaborates with:
(1) youth education providers;
(2) McKinney-Vento State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);
(3) school districts; and
(4) the formal partnerships with (1) through (3) above.
(limit 2,000 characters)

The Youngstown City School Homeless Liaison is an active member in the CoC. Each housing provider is required to work with an education liaison, if applicable, to ensure that a child attends school and assists with any needed modifications if in an emergency shelter. The youth shelter will arrange for class assignments to be sent to the shelter if the school is too far away to transport for a long period of time, a tutor from Youngstown City Schools is also available at the youth shelter. Alta Behavioral Health has agreements with the schools in the geographic area, within the schools, Alta provides: formal individual and family counseling, teacher training with an individual student or classroom, functional behavioral assessment to create a behavioral intervention plan (BIP), attend 504 meetings, teacher and professional development training, suicide prevention, mental health education and case management for a client within the schools and transition to independence plan for ages 15 to 21. Services through Alta can continue past the age of 21 based on the person's diagnosis. Lastly, Meridian Healthcare and Mercy Health both provide substance abuse services within the schools in regards to prevention and treatment.Policies and procedures regarding educational services for families are provided at the time of intake into housing, individuals are also given their rights, disclosures and/or

release forms in writing that is included with the intake procedure for individual projects. Agencies focus on providing services and resources at a young age to assist with education and resources as the child ages. This wrap around approach allows for the provider agencies to intervene with children and families early on with the hope of improving education and reducing the risk of homelessness.

3B-2.7a. Applicants must describe the policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services.
(limit 2,000 characters)

Individual agencies notify program participants of their right for education services and are able to help the person obtain the type of services they need or are eligible for upon placement.

3B-2.8. Does the CoC have written formal agreements, MOU/MOAs or partnerships with one or more providers of early childhood services and supports? Select "Yes" or "No". Applicants must select "Yes" or "No", from the list below, if the CoC has written formal agreements, MOU/MOA's or partnerships with providers of early childhood services and support.

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

3B-3.1. Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to identify, assess, and refer Veterans experiencing homelessness, who are eligible for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) housing and services, to appropriate resources such as HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program and Grant and Per Diem (GPD).
(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC Lead participates in the monthly Vet-By-Name list meeting with the veteran organizations. The lead Veteran organization has access to HMIS, to view any current veterans that are homeless in the HMIS system, to ensure that they are included on the by name list and connected with veteran organizations. The veteran organizations also have outreach programs and meet with the

emergency shelter at least weekly. The local VA has decided that they would like all referrals to be made to them, and then they will determine which services the person is eligible for based on the persons discharge status. If a veteran calls into the CoC's Coordinated Entry, they are entered into the program and then are referred to the VA. Since some veteran's do not want involvement with the VA, it is left to the veteran which programs they would like to follow through with. The PATH Homeless Outreach Team also refers any interested veteran they meet to the Veteran Affairs Comprehensive Homeless Center.

3B-3.2. Does the CoC use an active list or by name list to identify all Veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC?   Yes

3B-3.3. Is the CoC actively working with the VA and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending Veteran homelessness?   Yes

3B-3.4. Does the CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach?   Yes

3B-5. Racial Disparity. Applicants must: (1) indicate whether the CoC assessed whether there are racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance; (2) if the CoC conducted an assessment, attach a copy of the summary.   No

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

Instructions:

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4A-1. Healthcare. Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC:
(1) assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance; and
(2) assists persons experiencing homelessness with effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.

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

4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits. Applicants must:
(1) describe how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for and receive mainstream benefits;
(2) describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and
(3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. Within the geographical area, programs refer individuals to Catholic Charities Regional Agency SOAR Program or other trained SOAR providers to assist with Social Security benefits; Access Health Mahoning Valley for a health navigator to assist with the Affordable Care Act; PATH Outreach Workers to connect with mental health or substance abuse services; Veteran Services; Help Network of Northeast Ohio 211 Crisis Workers; Behavioral Health Providers; Healthcare Providers who target under-served; Help Me Grow; Alta Head Start and Early Head Start; Pathways HUB; Youngstown City Health District for vaccinations and medical screens; and MYCAP, an agency that assists with training, employment, utility bills and energy conservation. The CoC also invites mainstream providers to attend Project Connect, a CoC sponsored event that is

held in the fall of every year. Providers have the opportunity to talk with people that come through about the services their agency provides. 2. If there are any changes to mainstream services an email is sent to the CoC email list serv or the CoC Lead discusses the change at the following CoC meeting. Also, at the CoC meetings, agencies in attendance have the opportunity to discuss any changes to their program. This gives other agencies the opportunity to ask questions about the changes. If any new agency comes to a CoC meeting, they are also given the opportunity to discuss their services and answer any questions. 3 CoC Program Manager and Executive Board oversee the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits.

4A-2.Housing First: Applicants must report:
(1) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition; and
(2) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach–meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.

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Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that will be designated as Housing First.	100%

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

1. The PATH Homeless Outreach Team (Outreach Team) frequents areas where people who are unsheltered typically congregate, such as under bridges, parks and along the local river. The Outreach Team also goes to local dining halls and meets with staff about any new people who are coming to the hall. The Outreach Team Lead meets with businesses and agencies to discuss the PATH program, which facilitates calls to the Team if they suspect someone needs services. 2. The Outreach Team covers 100% of the geographic area. They monitor highly populated areas more often than the rural areas, based on need. 3. The Outreach Team is made up of one full time employee and 3 part time employees, who are able to conduct street outreach Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., the Outreach Team will also accommodate a person's schedule and meet with them outside of typical business hours. 4. The Outreach Team has a good relationship with the local dining hall staff, who will

let the Outreach Team know if there are any new people they suspect to be unsheltered. When the team meets with someone who is unsheltered and not engaged in services, they will offer service options. If applicable, they will complete the VI-SPADT with the person, so the person does not have to take another step of calling into Coordinated Entry. The Outreach Team will also remain as the person's primary point of contact until they are housed. The Outreach Team meets with the local Emergency Shelter on a weekly basis. These meetings are to meet individuals that the Outreach Workers may not be familiar with. They also serve as way for the Outreach Workers to keep in touch with individuals who at one time were not looking for services. Outreach Workers are able to arrange for an interpreter for any meeting, provide bus passes, meet individuals where the individual feels most comfortable or for a mobility need. All of these actions are in effort to reduce barriers.

4A-4. Affirmative Outreach. Applicants must describe:
(1) the specific strategy the CoC implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability; and
(2) how the CoC communicated effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency fair housing strategy in (1) above.
(limit 2,000 characters)

All housing programs within the CoC follow Fair Housing principals/standards. If any individual feels that they are being discriminated against, Mahoning County and the City of Youngstown both offer Fair Housing Liaisons. These Liaisons meet with different organizations on a yearly basis to review the program and program standards for Fair Housing and how to file a complaint. This information is also disseminated to housing programs on the CoC listserv. Mahoning Valley Dispute Resolutions is an organization that provides mediation services for people at risk of losing their housing. Interpreters are available for non-English speaking and hearing impaired individuals, through the local University, OCCHA (Organization Civica y Cultural Hispaña Americana) or provider agency. Within the geographic area ADA compliant units are available to those who need them. 2. Anyone calling for housing assistance in the geographic area calls 211 and the workers complete the initial prescreen to make sure the person meets the homeless criteria or the person can be referred on to different services. The Crisis Intervention Hotline and Provider Agencies have access to interpreters based on need, or a person can call TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf). Provider agencies use accessibility methods such as media that incorporates large print, Spanish language, lower reading level and pictures in place of words.

4A-5. RRH Beds as Reported in the HIC. Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2017 and 2018.

	2017	2018	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	40	88	48

4A-6. Rehabilitation or New Construction Costs. Are new proposed project applications requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?   No

4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes?   No

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