

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 2021 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2021 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 2021 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

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: SD-500 - South Dakota Statewide CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: South Dakota Housing Development Authority

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: South Dakota Housing Development Authority

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.n., and VII.B.1.p.	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021:

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

19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBT persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.	State Childcare assistance Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes
34.	Community Action Program Agencies	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC) SD-500 CoC webpage and all publications invite anyone with an interest in homelessness to become a member. SDHHC members are encouraged to invite the participation of new organizations and individuals via phone, email, face to face meetings or by providing SDHHC business cards and contact information. The invitations are to participate in the quarterly meetings, become part of an email list-serve or to serve as a liaison for specific purposes including committee membership. The message for invitation is inclusion. The only membership requirement is an interest in addressing homelessness. CoC members are requested to follow-up on inquiries received and extend invitations. 2.) The CoC seeks to meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. All reasonable accommodations are made to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities. Effective communication will be provided but not limited to assistive listening devices, audio, and sign language. 3.) The CoC solicits new members and participation from folks that are currently experiencing homelessness and that have lived homelessness experience. The CoC has been completing special direct personal outreach designed to elicit the

involvement of individuals experiencing homelessness and those that are formally homeless. The YAB membership has been particularly effective with targeting Transitional Age Youth via personal invitations. The CoC has a target of least 2 of 11 CoC Governing Board members having a lived homelessness experience. A per diem reimbursement of travel associated costs to assist board involvement is currently utilized. 4.) The Native American Committee of SDHHC has proved to be an effective way to more fully involve Native Americans and Native American run organizations in the CoC. The YAB has been instrumental in discussion about equity and inclusion and YAB members have brought greater diversity from culturally specific communities.

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 2,000 characters)

1.) In person quarterly meetings are held of the full membership of CoC in a specified location but attendees are also able to participate via on-line or conference call. Members are encouraged to submit agenda items and actively participate in meeting discussion. Quarterly meetings are advertised via email and website, the agendas and power point presentations are posted on CoC web page and the meetings are open to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. 2.) Throughout the year, press releases to highlight activities and events occurring across the state are distributed. The press releases include contact information and an invitation for others to become involved. The CoC has periodically conducted surveys of members, service agencies and the general public in order to solicit opinions and ideas and gain additional understanding of the needs statewide. The CoC provides a web page, email contact, and toll free number for interested people and groups to make inquiries and to provide information. Community meetings throughout 3.) SDHHC's diverse membership provides connections to multiple subpopulations and the information gathered in public meetings and via tools like surveys is considered highly valuable. This information is provided to the CoC governing Board for creation of policy and procedures. The quarterly meetings of consortium including time for what we call "Town Hall." This is a time when individuals and organizations may start discussions on topics of importance to them or address concerns openly. Members may use the designated Town Hall segment to discuss ideas for improvements or suggest new approaches and ideas.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(4)

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:

1.	that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) CoC solicits proposals from new applicants by issuing a press release that is submitted to South Dakota newspapers, is posted on the CoC website, is presented to the SDHHC board and membership during meetings, and is sent to those on the interested parties email list serve. CoC members and Governing Board members are asked to seriously think about organizations that may benefit from CoC funding and to be an advocate for soliciting new applications. Agencies interested in applying for CoC funding are asked to complete a pre-application describing their organization, capacity, services and their proposal for funding. The pre-applications are obtained from the CoC Administrator or via the SDHHC website. 2.) This notification was provided by Press Release and also posted to CoC website. This also a topic of quarterly meetings of the CoC. 3.) The information about how projects must submit their applications was provided on the CoC webpage and is part of the CoC Rating and Ranking Tool. 4.) Pre-applications for new projects provide basic info to help determine the proposed new project's eligibility for funding, relationship of project to CoC goals, project feasibility, applicant experience and capacity to undertake the project in a timely manner. Pre-applications are reviewed by CoC governing board. Applicants submitting preapplications are given feedback on their proposals. New project applicants are not required to complete pre-applications. The CoC Governing Board approves, reduces, or rejects applications for CoC funding based on the rating and ranking of all applications submitted by use of the CoC scoring tool the board previously approved for the competition. 5.) The CoC seeks to meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. All reasonable accommodations are made to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities. Effective communication will be provided but not limited to assistive listening devices, audio, and sign language.

1C. Coordination and Engagement—Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

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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 Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Nonexistent
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBT persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section 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 2,000 characters)

1.) South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) is the CoC Collaborative Applicant and lead agency of SD-500 CoC. SDHDA's Rental Housing Development Department staff, are responsible for administering ESG and CoC programs statewide. This organizational structure allows for streamlined communication between CoC and ESG programs for planning and allocating funds, overseeing PIT and HIC data, and completing the statewide Consolidation Plan. SDHDA solicits input from ESG recipients by holding public meetings prior to drafting the ESG allocation plan. The meetings and a public comment process are used to gather questions, concerns, and proposed changes to the programs administered by SDHDA. In addition, ESG recipients regularly attend and participate in CoC quarterly meetings and sub committees. Attendance at and discussions during the CoC meetings, allows CoC recipients, ESG ESG-CV recipients, CoC board and other SDHHC members the opportunity to evaluate impact that the existing homeless programs are having, evaluate changes that may be necessary to strengthen statewide efforts and build consensus among SDHHC. 2.) Two members of CoC Governing Board also serve on the ESG review team to assess data quality, grant compliance, and allocate ESG funds. ESG Administrator monitors ESG grantees performance and reports to ESG review team and completes required federal reporting. SDHDA staff completes on site monitoring and financial oversight of ESG Program recipients and reviews HMIS data quality reports. 3.) SDHDA is the lead agency for SD-500 Statewide CoC and completes the consolidated plan. This results in close and strong coordination on PIT & HIC Count data. Meetings and a public comment process are used to gather questions, concerns, and proposed changes to the programs. 4.) The CoC provided data including PIT and HIC and other data to the Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions with the CoC's geographic area. The data was provided via public meetings and CoC website postings.

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 gender:

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.	No
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.	Yes
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, Local Liaisons & State Coordinators.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC collaborates with youth education providers;
2.	your CoC's formal partnerships with youth education providers;
3.	how your CoC collaborates with State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);
4.	your CoC's formal partnerships with SEAs and LEAs;
5.	how your CoC collaborates with school districts; and
6.	your CoC's formal partnerships with school districts.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC works closely with the state Headstart organization and partners to complete trainings involving education and homelessness related issues. The CoC partners with the Rapid City School district closely to mentor YAB members and support other important educational goals. A member of the Rapid City School district is a CoC Governing Board Member. 2.) The CoC a formal agreement with the South Dakota Head Start Association (SDHSA). The MOU describes how the CoC and SDHSA cooperate to promote and increase early childhood education, advocacy, children's health, and family well-being for people experiencing homelessness, formerly homeless, and those at risk of becoming homeless in South Dakota that meet the Head Start eligibility criteria. 3.) McKinney-Vento LEA or SEA are involved in the CoC and active members but, there are no formal agreements. Several school districts attend CoC meetings regularly and serve on committees including a CoC Governing Board Member is a McKinney Vento school worker but, there are no formal CoC agreements with the school districts. 4.) McKinney-Vento LEA or SEA are involved in the CoC and active members but there are no formal agreements. 5.) Several school districts attend CoC meeting regularly and a CoC governing Board Member, Anita Deranleau is a McKinney Vento school worker but there are no formal CoC agreements with the school districts. McKinney-Vento Local LEA for Rapid City School District is a CoC governing Board member. The State SEA has attended quarterly meetings of the CoC, SD Homeless Summit, and CoC Youth Committee member. The local and state McKinney-Vento workers provide help with obtaining statistical information on homelessness. 6.) There are no current formal CoC and School district partnerships.

1C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Educational Services–Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility.	
	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 2,000 characters)

The CoC policy in regards to educational eligibility for individuals and families that become homeless is to work to educate service providers of the rights students and families have to an education. The CoC invites the participation of educators to local and state meetings of the CoC. The CoC includes educators on the CoC email list serve. The CoC partners working directly with persons experiencing homelessness are then able to provide accurate information and advocacy for families and individuals experiencing homelessness. The CoC has sponsored McKinney-Vento educational speakers to address the membership of the CoC and annually the last two years, the speakers have presented to CoC membership and provided education related information including eligibility criteria. The CoC engages with the state McKinney-Vento personnel from the SD Dept. of Education who also attends the CoC quarterly meetings and CoC Youth Committee meetings.

1C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Educational Services–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	Yes	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	Yes	Yes
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–Annual Training–Best Practices.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.

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

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC completed annual training for Coordinated Entry System (CE) staff and CoC funded project staff. The CoC coordinated with service providers for training on Trauma Informed Care and victim services providers have been consulted regularly throughout CES development and implementation to address the needs of DV survivors within CE statewide. CE procedures require agencies to have safety plans and protocols in place to address safety concerns associated with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The CoC has provided information to projects and supported training promoting information available via webinar and print media on issues specific with the intersection of homelessness and domestic violence. The involvement of domestic violence service providers in the CoC provides opportunity for other agencies to be aware of and learn best practices in providing assistance for victims. The relationships established between the agencies brings awareness and the desire to ensure coordination occurs. 2.) Trauma Informed Care is an integral part of CoC Coordinated Entry System (CE) yearly training. Agencies are required to have safety plans in place as part of CE Policies and Procedures. CE Participants have choice in housing and services. The CE workflow takes into account victim/survivor concerns and all participant needs for safety and confidentiality.

1C-5a.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Using De-identified Aggregate Data.
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.

Describe in the field below how your CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC utilizes a comparable HMIS data base which is separate from the HMIS utilized by the non-DV agencies. The DV comparable data base uses de-identified aggregate data to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault and stalking, Human Trafficking. The ESG grantees involved in serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking record data in a comparable data base that is a separate from HMIS. By utilizing the HMIS workflow the CoC is capturing the same data elements as CoC recipients which makes comparison of information easier. The data is used to complete reports for ESG program compliance purposes, as a tool for individual projects to measure and analyze

various data over time, and in the process of allocating resources based upon community needs. The data utilized for determination of community needs are the number of people being served, length of stay, and the funding amount that is being utilized for homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing and shelter operations. In addition it is helpful to use the data for household size, age demographics and identified services that are utilized. This data is then compared to available financial resources and other community resources for identification of best practices, proper allocation of funds and targeted areas of need. The data can also be compared community by community to see differences and trends between communities.

1C-5b.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Coordinated Assessment–Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system protocols incorporate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches while maximizing client choice for housing and services that:	
1.	prioritize safety;
2.	use emergency transfer plan; and
3.	ensure confidentiality.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) Prioritize safety; people fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence and victims of trafficking have safe and confidential access to the CES processes and victim services, immediate access to emergency services domestic violence hotline and shelters. Households do not have to access the CES system in order to access crisis services including emergency shelter. Access points specifically assess for specific needs in the domestic violence screening and the triage assessment part of the CE process. All CES access points and assessors complete trauma informed training specific to the needs of households experiencing domestic violence stalking, human trafficking or sexual assault at minimum on an annual basis. 2.) Use emergency transfer plan; Minimum safety planning must include a threshold assessment for presence of participant's safety needs and referral to appropriate trauma-informed services if safety needs are identified. Participants will not be denied access to CES on the basis that participant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. 3.) Ensure confidentiality; CE service providers must provide necessary safety and security protections for families fleeing or attempting to flee family violence, stalking, dating violence, or other domestic violence situations. Households can elect to use de-identifying information in CE enrolments; additionally all CE end users and stakeholders participating in the CE process (including case conferencing) are bound by confidentiality in all communication, written and verbal and are bound by CE Policy and Procedure as well as HMIS data standards to ensure confidentiality of client information.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender–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 LGBT 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 to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area--New Admissions--General/Limited Preference--Moving On Strategy. You Must Upload an Attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen. NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
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Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report at <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2020-CoC-PHA-Crosswalk-Report.pdf> 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 2020 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?
Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission	11%	No	No
Pennington County Housing and Redevelopment Commission	19%	No	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs. NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
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Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has formally requested via a letter to the Pennington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board that the Board adopt a policy for a general preference for folks experiencing homelessness. The CoC leadership has discussed with the Sioux Falls Redevelopment Commission adopting a general preference for folks experiencing homelessness. Neither strategy has worked to date. The PHAs continue to tell us that due to their long waiting lists they are reluctant to incorporate this additional preference. 2.) The CoC has worked with PHAs in it's geographic area to adopt homeless preference but has not been successful and will keep trying.

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

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

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

1C-7c. Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.
 NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.

Does your CoC include PHA-funded units in the CoC's coordinated entry process? Yes

1C-7c.1. Method for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.
 NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.

If you selected yes in question 1C-7c., describe in the field below:

1. how your CoC includes the units in its Coordinated Entry process; and
2. whether your CoC's practices are formalized in written agreements with the PHA, e.g., MOUs.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) units from 4 PHAs within the CoC boundary are currently included in the Coordinated Entry System. The PHAs receive CES referrals based upon the MOU created between PHAs and CoC.
 2.) Yes, the Coordinated Entry System referral processes are formally written in MOUs with the 4 PHAs in our geography administering EHV.

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

Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application(s) for funding of projects serving families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other non-federal programs)? Yes

1C-7d.1. CoC and PHA Joint Application—Experience—Benefits.
 NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.

If you selected yes to question 1C-7d, describe in the field below:

1.	the type of joint project applied for;
2.	whether the application was approved; and
3.	how your CoC and families experiencing homelessness benefited from the coordination.

(limit 2,000 characters)

- 1.) Foster Youth to Independence Initiative (FYI).
- 2.) Yes, application for FYI vouchers was approved by HUD and vouchers are being used in Pennington County, SD.
- 3.) Former foster youth have been successfully housed. Former State and Tribal Foster Youth are a highly vulnerable group. The PHA involved has been willing to work on additional areas of cooperation including participation in Coordinated Entry System Case Conferencing. This partnership is leading to additional cooperation and communication which is resulting in more efficiency use of limited resources.

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including American Rescue Plan Vouchers.	
	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?	No
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1C-7e.1.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Administer Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program—List of PHAs with MOUs.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

Did your CoC enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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If you select yes, you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has entered into a MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

PHA
Sioux Falls Housi...
Vermillion Housin...
Watertown Housing...
Housing and Redev...

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

Name of PHA: Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission

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

Name of PHA: Vermillion Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Watertown Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Housing and Redevelopment Commission of Pierre

1C. Coordination and Engagement—Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

1C-8.	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

1C-9.	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 2021 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 2021 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, Safe-Haven, SSO non-coordinated entry projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1C-9a.	Housing First—Project Evaluation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly evaluates projects to ensure those that commit to using a Housing First approach are prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and are not requiring service participation or preconditions of program participants.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC requires all CoC Funded projects to ensure that they are utilizing a Housing First approach. The CoC requires that projects demonstrate that Housing First Approach is expressly listed in the project's administration plans. The CoC Coordinated Entry System (CE) Administrator closely monitors

referrals from CE and this serves to help determine if projects are in fact adhering to Housing First. The CE Administrator follows up with projects with any concerns noted via the referral and housing placement processes. The CoC Administrator also monitors projects on various best practices and this includes the need for projects to follow Housing First standards. The CoC Administrator addresses any concerns noted directly with projects. If the CoC Administrator or the CE Administrator discover concerns involving Housing First, the projects are asked to review their policies and procedures in order to determine if additional review is required. If it is determined that a project is not operating in concert with Housing First practices the project is provided with information and documentation by the CoC Administrator and provided the opportunity to adjust policy and procedure. In this way, the CoC has been reducing barriers to rapid placement in permanent housing by removing preconditions that have been put into place by projects that do not align with Housing First Best Practices.

1C-9b.	Housing First--Veterans.	
	Not Scored--For Information Only	

Does your CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach?	No
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1C-10.	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 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has historically had very limited budgets to support street outreach. However, the ESG-CV funds and RHY Grant have provided for street outreach on a scale that is much larger now as compared to the past. The CoC has partnered with agencies and groups across the state to provide outreach. The CoC communicates with all known homelessness services and housing providers as well as non-profits and government entities across the statewide CoC. 2.) This CoC is statewide and encompasses 77,000 square miles. There are vast areas of the state with extremely low population. We do our best to work with many groups and agencies to cover the state and this includes law enforcement, as they are many times the only agencies we can locate to assist in street outreach in extremely rural remote areas. While we may be able to cover the entire statewide CoC, the coverage is at times quite thin. We are making progress with street outreach and this is most evident with new projects in Rapid City, which traditionally has the largest unsheltered population and Pine Ridge Reservation that is historically one of the most poverty stricken areas of the U.S. and includes Oglala Lakota County. 3.) Street Outreach is being conducted daily in the most populated communities of the CoC, Sioux

Falls and Rapid City. There is also Street Outreach regularly occurring by ESG-CV Funded Agencies on the Pine Ridge Reservation. 4.) The CoC has worked with the the Rapid City Quality of Life Unit to seek out and offer assistance to folks in Rapid city that have remained unsheltered. Native Americans experience unsheltered homelessness at rates that far exceed their proportion of the population or of people experiencing homelessness. The CoC has been seeking out and utilizing Native American Run Organizations to conduct street out reach in Rapid City and Pine Ridge Reservation Areas and the hope is that we may expand this model to additional communities across the state.

1C-11.	Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate strategies your CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes
4.	Implemented communitywide plans	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

1C-12.	Rapid Rehousing-RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.l.	

	2020	2021
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."	321	405

1C-13.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance-Healthcare-Enrollment/Effective Utilization.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m.	

Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance and effectively using Medicaid and other benefits.

	Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment?	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
1.	Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
2.	Private Insurers	No	No
3.	Nonprofit, Philanthropic	Yes	Yes

4. Other (limit 150 characters)	
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1C-13a.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance–Information and Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m	

Describe in the field below how your CoC provides information and training to CoC Program-funded projects by:	
1.	systemically providing 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.	communicating information about available mainstream resources and other assistance and how often your CoC communicates this information;
3.	working with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance; and
4.	providing assistance with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) South Dakota has not expanded Medicaid eliminating potential assistance. The CoC strongly encourages CoC Funded and ESG Funded projects to access public and private resources and has worked to educate CoC members on services available to folks experiencing homelessness by sponsoring and bringing in mainstream program officials to CoC meetings to explain services available and how they may be accessed. This has included representatives from South Dakota Dept. Labor, SSI, TANF, Substance Abuse Programs, COVID Vaccinations, and Food Stamps. The CoC actively supports SOAR SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery and has been involved with the SOAR Works initiative. All CoC funded projects are required to provide participant access to SOAR workers. 2.) The CoC regularly disseminates information about mainstream programs via our member list serve. Quarterly meetings and the Homeless Summit have been excellent venues to reach the CoC membership and other venues have included the CES annual training. 3.) CoC projects collaborate closely now more than ever with local medical providers and health care for the homeless provider. This also includes working with SOAR trained staff to ensure that folks experiencing homelessness are receiving the insurance and services they are entitled. Several CoC partner agencies are Affordable Care Act Navigators for statewide outreach and enrollment assistance to educate and assist South Dakota residents with signing up for health insurance through Healthcare.gov 4.) The South Dakota Dept. of Social Services Medicaid leadership and local staff attend and participate in CoC activities and training. This partnership has helped to ensure that Medicaid is being effectively applied to those in need.

1C-14.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Tool. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
3.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance; and

4. ensures people most in need of assistance receive assistance in a timely manner.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) South Dakota Coordinated Entry System (SDCES) has statewide coverage via physical access points in the 4 regions and a toll free call in center staffed by Helpline Center. CES access is statewide which is the entire geographic region of SD-500 CoC. 2.) SD CES provides information and training on how to access CES for agencies who have street outreach workers for the VA, RHY and PATH programs and for folks and agencies providing other social services, and faith based groups across the state. Marketing material is located in areas of the general public use such as libraries, churches, city offices, public housing authorities and service agencies. The CoC developed a public service announcement with donation from television station and studio for production and air time. The PSA has been broadcasted statewide. The CoC has partnered with Emergency shelters to ensure those seeking Emergency Shelter have access to CE. 3.) SDCES prioritizes people based upon their vulnerability and need determined from the VI-SPDAT assessment score and other factors including disability, time homeless, and chronic homeless designation assessment and COVID factors. The assessment scores individuals based on factors such as; disability, length of time homeless, chemical dependency, health issues, trauma experience, and daily functionality. The more barriers or issues faced by the individuals, the higher their score, thus the higher priority it becomes to find appropriate housing. Case conferencing occurs on the regional level and reviews barriers faced by the individuals. Case conferencing includes the people and agencies who are able to provide services, housing, problem solve, and have awareness of additional resources so they can quickly move individuals from the CES wait list to housing.
 4.)

1C-15. Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness—Assessing Racial Disparities.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Did your CoC conduct an assessment of whether disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance exists within the last 3 years?	Yes
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1C-15a. Racial Disparities Assessment Results.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the findings from your CoC's most recent racial disparities assessment.

1. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance.	Yes
2. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.	Yes
3. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	Yes

4.	People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	Yes
5.	There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	No
6.	The results are inconclusive for racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	No

1C-15b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1C-15c.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness Beyond Areas Identified in Racial Disparity Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance beyond just those areas identified in the racial disparity assessment.

(limit 2,000 characters)

In September 2020 HUD Technical Assistance (TA) providers Corporate Facts and RKG Associates, teamed up with the South Dakota ESG Administrator and the SD-CoC to develop analysis to help South Dakota to prioritize ESG-CV funding to the highest needs areas and historically under served communities

while considering issues of equity. The result was a comprehensive report that included data from various sources including; ACS/Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, HIC/PIT, LSA/Stella, HMIS, and COVID Data. The data analysis identified gaps in current programs serving populations and rural communities in particular. The analysis identified gaps in the homelessness response system. The data evidenced reinforced the racial disparities the CoC has been identifying to Native American and Blacks experiencing homelessness at far greater rates than they in the population of the state. The report detailed geographies in the state with shortages of TH, ES, PSH beds. The report confirmed that most of the CoC and ESG funded housing services are located in the largest two communities of the state. Many rural areas, including Native American communities, had few homelessness related housing and services present beyond mostly tribal administered Emergency Shelters and many tribal communities did not have emergency shelters. Important conclusions came from this collaboration, and confirmed many concerns being voiced by CoC members. These are the steps the CoC has been taking. a.) Provide greater clarity on the eligible services available. b.) Work to gain better representation from Native Americans on planning committees to improve engagement and outreach and resource deployment by using native resources and trusted messengers when communicating c.) Ensure tribal groups are aware of the successes of recent efforts to expand funding opportunities in tribal communities with ESG funding and build upon the lessons learned by the expansion of new agencies to continue progress.

1C-16.	Persons with Lived Experience—Active CoC Participation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

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.	2	1
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	1
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	10	5
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	1
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	1

1C-17.	Promoting Volunteerism and Community Service.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate steps your CoC has taken to promote and support community engagement among people experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geographic area:

1.	The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities.	Yes
2.	The CoC trains provider organization staff on facilitating informal employment opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness (e.g., babysitting, housekeeping, food delivery, data entry).	Yes
3.	The CoC works with organizations to create volunteer opportunities for program participants.	Yes
4.	The CoC works with community organizations to create opportunities for civic participation for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., townhall forums, meeting with public officials).	Yes
5.	Provider organizations within the CoC have incentives for employment and/or volunteerism.	Yes
6.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

1D. Addressing COVID-19 in the CoC's Geographic Area

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1D-1.	Safety Protocols Implemented to Address Immediate Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered, Congregate Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below protocols your CoC implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic to address immediate safety needs for individuals and families living in:	
	1. unsheltered situations;	
	2. congregate emergency shelters; and	
	3. transitional housing.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. The CoC worked to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for folks in unsheltered situations and those serving them. The PPE included items obtained from the State's strategic PPE stockpile. The CoC supported early, mid, and continued efforts to shelter folks experiencing homelessness that are in unsheltered situations in non-congregate shelters and was supported largely by ESG-CV funds. 2. The CoC worked in consultation with congregate shelters to implement best practices for effectively coping with pandemic situations by distributing information made available via the CDC, HUD exchange, and South Dakota Dept. of Health. The CoC worked directly with shelters to provide guidance protocols on cleaning, decompression, and isolation. 3. The CoC worked in consultation with transitional housing providers to implement best practices for effectively coping with pandemic situations by distributing information made available via the CDC and HUD, and South Dakota Dept. of Health. The CoC worked directly with transitional housing provider to provide protocols. The CoC helped the largest transitional housing project in the state to obtain badly need COVID testing materials at a time when testing materials were extremely limited and COVID infection was spreading quickly through the community.

1D-2.	Improving Readiness for Future Public Health Emergencies.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC improved readiness for future public health emergencies.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The statewide CoC has developed good working relationships with the State Departments of Health and Social Services and this includes a seat at the table with the Special Populations Committee from the state of South Dakota that directs COVID relief efforts for special populations including those experiencing homelessness and those in congregate settings. This direct communication with senior leadership at the state level has helped to forge relationships and open channels for the flow of information, materials, testing, vaccine, and funding. The CoC has also developed improved relationships, participation, and cooperation with the three largest health care systems in the state. These health systems cover much of the statewide CoC.

1D-3.	CoC Coordination to Distribute ESG Cares Act (ESG-CV) Funds.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with ESG-CV recipients to distribute funds to address:

1.	safety measures;
2.	housing assistance;
3.	eviction prevention;
4.	healthcare supplies; and
5.	sanitary supplies.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC Administrator and ESG Administrator are housed under the same department at South Dakota Housing Development Authority. This allows for close work between the two federally funded programs and leadership. ESG and CoC were able to coordinate information distribution well via email distribution links, direct contacts, committee meetings, and quarterly meetings of the CoC. The ESG recipients are involved in these activities as a part of the their ESG grant agreements. This activities allowed for good coordination. 2.) The CoC worked closely with ESG recipients and administration in Technical Assistance Program provided by HUD. A housing assistance plan was developed with TA assistance which included the implementation of a pilot project that sought to involve native American Run Organizations in geographic areas and agencies that had not been ESG grantees in the past. This resulted in new agencies administering ESG and new communities including the Pine Ridge Reservation communities. 3.) The CoC and ESG work closely together in South Dakota. This includes eviction prevention. The CoC and ESG recipients worked together to create a streamlined system within HMIS for Coordinated Entry System more fully development the assess, assessment, prioritization, and referral for homeless prevention and refer those in need in a more efficient manner. 4.) The CoC and ESG worked closely together via South Dakota Housing Development Authority and the State of South Dakota to aid in the distribution of healthcare supplies. CoC and ESG Leadership worked together on the South Dakota Special populations Committee to address COVID and this provide access to the South Dakota Strategic Stock Pile of healthcare supplies. 5.) The CoC and ESG worked closely together with the State of South Dakota to aid in the distribution of sanitary supplies. CoC and ESG Leadership worked

together on the South Dakota Special populations Committee to address COVID and this provide access to the South Dakota Strategic Stock Pile of supplies.

1D-4.	CoC Coordination with Mainstream Health.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with mainstream health (e.g., local and state health agencies, hospitals) during the COVID-19 pandemic to:	
	1. decrease the spread of COVID-19; and	
	2. ensure safety measures were implemented (e.g., social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, masks).	

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC worked very closely and leadership participates in the COVID Special Populations Committee which includes the South Dakota Departments of Social Services and Health, and Technical Assistance provider. The CoC has been able to help direct and coordinate resources and responses on the state and local level. 2.) The CoC works to disseminate information on safety measures. The CoC has supplied much information in regards to social distancing, handwashing, sanitizing and masks. The information has been shared via emails and links and during committee meetings. The CoC discussed the practices that agencies were utilizing during community forums including quarterly meetings of the CoC. The CoC administrator contacted many shelters individually to inquire about their needs and to help locate resources.

1D-5.	Communicating Information to Homeless Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicated information to homeless service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic on:	
	1. safety measures;	
	2. changing local restrictions; and	
	3. vaccine implementation.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC Administrator and ESG Administrator are housed under the same Department at South Dakota Housing Development Authority. This allows for close work between the two federally funded programs and leadership. ESG and CoC were able to coordinate information distribution well via email distribution links, direct contacts, committee meetings, and quarterly meetings of the CoC. The ESG recipients are involved in these activities as a part of the their ESG grant agreements. This activities allowed for good coordination. The Deputy Secretary of SD DSS provided a presentation to CoC quarterly meeting completed remotely and provided direct safety measure info via team from Social Services and Dept. Health experts. 2.) The CoC was kept informed by partner agencies on changing local restrictions and conditions via regularly scheduled CoC committee meetings. The CoC also reached out directly to CoC membership agencies regularly. 3.) The statewide CoC has developed good working relationships with the State Departments of Health and Social Services

and this includes a seat at the table with the Special Populations Committee from the state of South Dakota that directed COVID relief efforts for special populations including those experiencing homelessness. This direct communication with senior leadership at the state level has helped to forge relationships and open channels for the flow of COVID vaccine and scheduling vaccine events in communities across the state.

1D-6.	Identifying Eligible Persons Experiencing Homelessness for COVID-19 Vaccination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC identified eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness for COVID-19 vaccination based on local protocol.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC assisted local agencies serving those experiencing homelessness to schedule vaccinations events and make plans to serve those most vulnerable by providing vaccine. The CoC distributed information from CDC and HUD to try to dispel the concerns and beliefs about vaccine that have been evident. The CoC works closely with the state committee responsible for serving special populations including those experiencing homelessness. The CoC worked to communicate regularly with agencies and provide information and communication links between healthcare providers and agencies serving. The CoC continues to work to ensure that anyone experiencing homelessness and eligible ay receive a vaccination free of charge and some instances there are incentives such as gift cards being provided at vaccination events.

1D-7.	Addressing Possible Increases in Domestic Violence.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC addressed possible increases in domestic violence calls for assistance due to requirements to stay at home, increased unemployment, etc. during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC works closely with the Domestic Violence Network in South Dakota. Many DV agencies are ESG grantees in the state. The DV agencies provide regular updates on concerns via committee meetings and quarterly CoC meetings. The message we have received is that it has been more difficult for victims to flee during the pandemic and that cases of violence seems to be severe. The CoC assist Dv agencies in messaging to victims and the Coordinated Entry System helps to connect victims to services in a safe secure manner.

1D-8.	Adjusting Centralized or Coordinated Entry System.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC adjusted its coordinated entry system to account for rapid changes related to the onset and continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The SDCES system adapted in several ways in rapid response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Utilizing guidance from HUD and the CDC; a COVID 19 prioritization tool was incorporated into the Coordinated Entry assessment process to screen all households for three criteria. a.) Any member of the household over the age 65. b.) the presence of underlying health conditions that would place someone at greater risk for severe illness if they were to contract COVID 19 per CDC Guidelines. C.) Living in congregate shelter. The screening tool utilizes self report information from households and does not require follow-up documentation or lengthy detailed questions regarding health conditions. The COVID 19 screening criteria are utilized in prioritization for referral for households in conjunction with the existing prioritization process in an effort to decompress congregate shelters and those with higher vulnerabilities. Coordinated Entry policy and procedures was revised to reflect the incorporation of the tool and will remain in effect until a public health emergency declaration is rescinded. New providers who adapted services in response to the pandemic joined regularly scheduled regional case conferencing calls including but not limited to COVID 19 specific shelters and non-congregate shelter providers, outreach teams. This allows for consistent communication to ensure households referred for housing solutions out of CES are provided the necessary wrap around supports to ensure stability.

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

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1E-1.	Announcement of 30-Day Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice of How Your CoC Would Review, Rank, and Select Projects. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published the 30-day submission deadline for project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	09/29/2021
2.	Enter the date your CoC publicly posted its local scoring and rating criteria, including point values, in advance of the local review and ranking process.	09/29/2021

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria listed below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

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.	Used data from a comparable database to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
5.	Used objective criteria to evaluate how projects submitted by victim service providers improved safety for the population they serve.	Yes
6.	Used a specific method for evaluating projects based on the CoC’s analysis of rapid returns to permanent housing.	Yes

1E-2a.	Project Review and Ranking Process–Addressing Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.

Describe in the field below how your CoC reviewed, scored, and selected projects based on:

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| 1. | the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities your CoC considered when ranking and selecting projects; and |
| 2. | 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 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC considered these specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities when ranking and rating projects; A.) Points were awarded based on the vulnerable populations that projects are serving including Chronic Homeless, and those fleeing Domestic Violence or Human Trafficking. B.) Points were awarded based upon the percentage of participants in renewal projects that were chronically homeless prior to housing. C.) Points were assigned based on the percentages of project participants with at least one mental or physical condition at start. 2.) Projects providing housing and services to the hardest to serve populations were rewarded by serving these populations based upon the percentages the projects are serving as compared to the whole population they are serving. In this way, a project serving larger numbers of chronically homeless or folks with one or more mental or physical health conditions are rewarded with points in the CoC competition based upon these percentages.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 1. | obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, when determining the rating factors used to review project applications; |
| 2. | included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; |
| 3. | rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their program participants mirror the homeless population demographics (e.g., considers how a project promotes racial equity where individuals and families of different races are over-represented). |

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC is concerned about the homeless population and our ability to serve them effectively and with fairness. The CoC compares data on local homelessness demographics and compares this to the data from the projects receiving CoC and ESG funding in order to help determine if the intended populations are being served as designed. This is one reason why we work to ensure the most vulnerable are being served and that racial groups and other demographics are being served in proportion to their representation in homelessness populations. This was not necessarily the case in the past, but we are trying to improve, and Coordinated Entry seems to be helping to ensure we are doing a better job with equity. 2.) The CoC Governing Board completes the rating and ranking process. The Board is a diverse group of individuals including those with lived homelessness experience. The CoC Governing Board also includes Native American representation. Native Americans are very much over-represented in the homeless populations of the statewide CoC. 3.) The CoC has been completing reviews of the homeless population demographics for years. The CoC has been seeking out new agencies to serve historically

underserved areas. Racial equity is a concern and Native Americans in particular are and have been experiencing far higher rates of homelessness and unsheltered homelessness in this CoC. The CoC has required CoC projects to complete and submit an analysis of barriers to participation in the project faced by persons including those of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population as part of the CoC competition.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criterion below.	
	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;
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable; and
5.	how your CoC communicated the reallocation process to project applicants.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has a reallocation policy that takes into effect factors including performance, need, and use of grant funds when determining reallocation decisions. The CoC Governing Board makes decisions on reallocation based upon these factors as well as the score of the project in the CoC funding competition. 2.) The CoC did not identify projects for allocation during this competition. However, a number of concerns were noted including the geographic equity for the distribution of limited CoC funding in a large geographically diverse statewide CoC. Project performance wasn’t so much of a concern this year but, project ability or efforts to review their project barriers to participation especially involving different racial and ethnic groups was concerning and CoC is making plans to address these concerns. 3.) The CoC did not reallocate any lower performing projects this year. 4.) The CoC is struggling to receive new applications and new agency involvement in the CoC competition. Agency capacity appears to be a real issue here. We have been finding for instance that the new ESG-CV agencies are really struggling with issues of compliance and grant management. We also believe that agencies are struggling to locate staff in key positions and that significant amounts of retirements have been evident. Any new agencies planning to administer CoC funding are likely to require considerable TA to complete the application and navigate the processes. Locally, one agency in particular has become good at the CoC application process and continues to apply for bonus funding. The problem is that this agency only serves one region of a statewide CoC. Our CoC and ESG Administration staffing remains very low despite recent hiring for Coordinated Entry positions. The limited CoC and ESG staffing has made it difficult to provide the TA needed by new agencies. 5.) The CoC has provided the reallocation process info to applicants via email of the reallocation policy and information was located within the CoC’s Ranking and rating Policy.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2016 and FY 2021. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criterion below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2016 and FY 2021?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Public Posting. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen if You Select Yes.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	If you selected yes, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps.	

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Public Posting. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

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.	10/29/2021
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1E-6.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

Enter the date your CoC's Consolidated Application was posted on the CoC's website or affiliate's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; 2. Priority Listings; and 3. all projects accepted, ranked where required, or rejected.	11/10/2021
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:

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

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

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

Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2021 HIC data into HDX.	05/13/2021
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2A-4.	HMIS Implementation—Comparable Database for DV.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

Describe in the field below actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC:

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| 1. | have a comparable database that collects the same data elements required in the HUD-published 2020 HMIS Data Standards; and |
| 2. | submit de-identified aggregated system performance measures data for each project in the comparable database to your CoC and HMIS lead. |

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC and HMIS Leads have ensured that a comparable data base collects the same data elements required in the HUD-published 2020 HMIS standards. The HMIS Lead works closely with the HMIS vendor to ensure this. The CoC has an administration contract with HMIS vendor that ensures that this is the case. The HMIS Vendor and HMIS Lead complete testing to make sure the system is functioning as intended and that data standards are updated as required. 2.) CoC and HMIS Leads ensure that de-identified comparable data base system performance measures for data for each project in the comparable data base are submitted correctly as required. The HMIS Lead and vendor via administration contract supply training and technical assistance to end users. The CoC was awarded HMIS NOFA funding which has greatly expanded our ability to train end users and this includes those utilizing the comparable data base via a training video library. The HMIS Lead and vendor staff complete testing to ensure the system is functioning as intended.

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

Enter 2021 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2021 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	1,152	488	422	63.55%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	131	7	19	15.32%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	405	38	367	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	528	0	528	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	20	0	20	100.00%

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 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has made splendid progress this past two years increasing bed coverage rates. Since 2019, the CoC raised ES bed coverage rates by 37.5%, TH by 8.5%, and PSH by 69%. Our total bed coverage rate is now nearly 80% for a statewide CoC that includes 9 Native American Tribes. The HMIS NOFA was very helpful for increasing bed coverage and also was the expansion of agencies due to ESG-CV funding. The ES beds now remaining outside the HMIS implementation are almost all ES beds administered by Native American Tribes. By developing relationship with the tribes within South Dakota, we have discovered that the tribes are not generally utilizing a computerized system for

managing and recording data for ES beds and these agencies are not receiving federal funds requiring the use of HMIS. Tribes are now able to apply for ESG funds and we are hoping that the ESG & CoC funding options may entice the tribes seek this funding and thus the tribal ES beds may join the HMIS implementation. The TH beds remaining outside the HMIS implementation currently are almost all found in one agency. This agency is utilizing a computer system but, this system is not HMIS compatible. Since the CoC has limited funding, and TH funding is currently not a CoC priority, it is a challenge to entice TH project to join HMIS implementation. We do plan to reach out again to the TH agency to invite their greater involvement in the CoC and to discuss the positive attributes of HMIS. 2.) CoC plans to utilize the Native American Committee to develop relationships with tribes and tribal housing entities. The CoC is hoping to utilize a data integration tool to incorporate the VA TH beds and this may be possible via the tool developed for HUDVASH beds that has been successful. The CoC will continue to communicate with TH provider in Sioux Falls that includes 90% of the TH beds not covered and encourage the use of HMIS by marketing the many benefits.

2A-5b.	Bed Coverage Rate in Comparable Databases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

Enter the percentage of beds covered in comparable databases in your CoC's geographic area.	60.00%
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2A-5b.1.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Question 2A-5b.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

If the bed coverage rate entered in question 2A-5b. is 84.99 percent or less, describe in the field below:	
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC administrator in collaboration with the ESG Administrator, and HMIS Administrator will work to recruit additional domestic violence and human trafficking agencies to utilize the Comparable Data Base. ESG funding may serve as a carrot for additional agencies to join the Comparable Data Base. The CoC will continue outreach to the 9 tribes located within the CoC and invite their involvement in HMIS implementation. Some tribes do have tribal domestic violence shelter operations. The CoC and ESG administrators will invite tribes to apply for ESG Emergency shelter funding. The CoC will work to further develop relationships with the tribes by utilizing the CoC's Native American Committee as bridge. 2.) The ESG, CoC, HMIS Administrators are all employed at the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and this allows for good communication and plan development, as well as, implementation of plans. The CoC will work broadly with the HMIS administrator to provide good rationale for agencies joining the Comparable Data base such as reporting and data tracking for agencies. The ESG Administrator will discuss advantages of ESG funding and HMIS Administrator will provide access to HMIS training site and video training library that should demonstrate to agencies showing interest the advantages and uses of the Comparable Data Base.

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 January 15, 2021, 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. Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count—Commitment for Calendar Year 2022	
NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Does your CoC commit to conducting a sheltered and unsheltered PIT count in Calendar Year 2022?	Yes
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2B-2. Unsheltered Youth PIT Count—Commitment for Calendar Year 2022.	
NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Does your CoC commit to implementing an unsheltered youth PIT count in Calendar Year 2022 that includes consultation and participation from youth serving organizations and youth with lived experience?	Yes
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2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;	
2.	how your CoC addresses 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) Information, research, and literature available from a variety of sources including; HUD Exchange, webinars, contract speakers, and USICH is reviewed and considered for identifying the risk factors to becoming homeless for the first time and this information is considered during planning and strategy sessions. CoC Committees discuss risk factors involving various subgroups including veterans, families, Native Americans, and youth. Current statistical information suggests that people experiencing domestic violence, persons in extreme poverty, persons with active addictions, severely mentally ill, racial minorities including Native Americans in South Dakota, LGBTQ youth, physically disabled, and persons having been incarcerated all are currently experiencing homelessness at higher rates than they are represented in the general population. 2.) Coordinated Entry (CE) processes are assisting in the referral of persons at risk of homelessness to programs and agencies that have prevention services. The goal is to efficiently refer at risk persons and families to the projects and agencies prepared to resolve or mitigate the risks of homelessness and CE is assisting this goal by increased referrals to prevention and increasing the knowledge of services available. CE marketing strategies informs of the services for those at risk of homelessness that are available including options to mitigate homelessness risk factors such as South Dakota CARES rental, mortgage, and utility assistance. The CoC has had ongoing training activities in Rapid Resolution Techniques and provided these trainings for our partners. 3.) The Policy and Advisory Committee (PAC) is the CoC governing board and makes decision on policy and procedure. The CoC Administrator researches information and statistical data and provides the PAC information to assist their decision making.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
2.	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 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has greatly reduced the average length of time homeless from 199 days average in 2017 to 125 days average in 2018, to 38 days in 2019 to 36 days in 2020. The CoC has been actively working to improve the Coordinated Entry System (CE) which results in reductions in time homeless by quickly matching participants with the best option to end their experience with homelessness. The CES seeks to house the most vulnerable persons and families based upon a standardized assessment process and COVID Screening Mechanisms. CES has demonstrated the growing need for more housing options and services to better serve folks with lower assessment scores which equates to a continued demand for more RRH options in more areas of the CoC. 2.) The CoC utilized the CES to identify and house the individuals and persons in families with the longest time homeless. The CoC has also completed reports in HMIS to search for persons that have reportedly remained homeless for periods of time beyond 30 days and contacted ES directly to inquire on status of individuals and plans for permanent housing options and CES access. The CoC has worked with ES to develop strategies to motivate long-term participants to move on from ES to permanent housing. 3.) The Policy and Advisory Committee (PAC) is the CoC Governing Board and makes decision on policy and procedure. The CoC Administrator researches information, best practices, and statistical data and provides the PAC information to assist in their decision making.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:	
1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC seeks to assist participants in increasing their earned and unearned income during their time in ES, TH, RRH, PSH, or when unsheltered (the CoC has no safe havens) and tracks this information for projects when available via APR and other data. The APR data is then used as a tool during the CoC competition rating and ranking process and higher scoring projects are rewarded for their efforts by maintaining funding, being eligible for reallocation

and expansion. The CoC seeks to identify the service needs of participants and to assist in the continuation and transition of services as needed including community mental health, substances abuse treatment, consumer counseling, etc. 2.) The CoC seeks to match service needs with participants in permanent housing projects. By working to ensure participants receive the services needed to successfully remain housed such as mental health, or substances abuse treatment the CoC strategy is to assist folks to maintain housing. The CoC has worked with CoC PSH grantees to develop Move on Strategies that include the option of case management to assist folks to obtain resources via opportunities like SOAR, and SD Dept. Labor programs. The CoC works with local PHA's to try to ensure the use of public housing and section 8 vouchers across the state and monitors grantee agencies to ensure they are partnering with programs such as job training or have a SOAR provider to help provide long-term financial stability for participants.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	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 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has been working to identify characteristics of individuals and families who return to homelessness. The Coordinated Entry System (CE) has provided data to assist these efforts. The HMIS provides projects like Emergency Shelters with information on participants that present as homeless again after being discharged. These two sources help to identify individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness. The CoC can then compare the returns to homelessness to CE information for additional information regarding the participants and past housing referrals. The return to homelessness may be due to participants not receiving the appropriate housing and/or services referral options. By using these two data sources, the CoC can learn more about the partnering agencies, their success and evaluate the statewide CoC for continued improvement. The CoC reviews data reports on a quarterly basis, compares the data as a database and then uses the information as a framework for improvement. 2.) CE is the strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns by assessing participant needs and characteristics and referring the participants to appropriate housing and resources that meet the needs identified in CES assessment. CE seeks to house participants by assessing their needs and characteristics and referring the participants to housing and resources that meet the needs identified in (CE) assessment process. CE seeks to focus on the most vulnerable and many time most difficult to house persons. The CoC is also seeking to expand service options in prevention including Rapid Resolution in order to prevent homelessness experiences from occurring. 3.) The policy and Advisory Committee (PAC) is the CoC Governing Board and makes decision on Policy and Procedure. The CoC Administrator researchers information and statistical data and provides the PAC information to assist their decision making.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income-Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	your CoC's strategy to increase employment income;
2.	how your 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 your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has completed an MOU with SD Department of Labor & Regulation (SDDL&R). The purpose is to increase employment income of folks experiencing homelessness and at risk. The CoC collaborates with emergency shelters, DV agencies, CoC and ESG Grantee housing providers, veteran services, and other providers to promote access and education about available workforce training, education, and services via SDDOL&R programs. CoC assists SDDOL&R with distributing information and provides venues for distributing information. CoC reviews policies and outcomes of CoC and ESG recipients to determine how agencies are utilizing SDDOL&R programs, CoC will actively communicate with SDDOL&R for best practices and program evaluation. 2.) The CoC provides venues such as Project Connects that bring together mainstream employment organizations and folks needing employment. 3.) The CoC Governing Board and makes decision on Policy and Procedure. The CoC Administrator researchers information and provides the CoC Board information to assist their decision making.

2C-5a.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Workforce Development–Education–Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	promoted partnerships and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations, such as holding job fairs, outreach to employers, and partnering with staffing agencies; and
2.	is working with public and private organizations to provide meaningful education and training, on-the-job training, internships, and employment opportunities for program participants.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC has completed an MOU with the SD Department of Labor & Regulation (SDDL&R). The purpose is to increase employment income by promoting partnerships. The CoC will continue to collaborate with emergency shelters, DV agencies, housing providers, veteran services, and other providers to promote access and education about available workforce training, education, and services via SDDL&R local offices and staff throughout the state. The CoC assists the SDDL&R with distributing information to our partner agencies and to provide a venue for dept. of Labor to present information and distribute

information. The CoC provides and organizes venues like Project Connect, and supports and publicizes events like Veteran Stand-downs where mainstream employment organizations and folks needing employment can come together. These events also include representative from (SDL&R) offices with information on training, internships, and employment opportunities. There continues to be a substantial amount of open and unfilled jobs across the statewide CoC and SDDL&R is prepared to assist job seekers and many times this includes one on one assistance with trained labor staff that have access to a variety of programs including internships, workforce educational options, and mentorship programs.

2C-5b.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income;
2.	your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.) The CoC promotes SOAR and access to Social Security Disability Benefits for eligible individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The CoC promotes the SOAR online courses and expects CoC funded projects to provide access to SOAR trained staff for it's participants. The CoC has reviewed SOAR availability at CoC funded projects during the CoC funding application process. 2.) The CoC has been working to market SOAR provider opportunities to members. The CoC has been providing information and communicating with partners in order to add additional SOAR trained personnel and working to have CoC representation at SOAR Leadership Academy. 3.) The CoC Governing Board and makes decisions on CoC Policy and Procedure. The CoC Administrator researchers information and provides the CoC Board information to assist their decision making. The CoC administrator has communicated directly with SOAR SAMSA TA Center to obtain materials, information, and opportunities for expanding SOAR across the statewide CoC.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Bonus Points

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3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project—Leveraging Housing Resources. NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	
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Is your CoC applying for a new PSH or RRH project(s) 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-1a.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project—Leveraging Housing Commitment. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	
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Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the organization(s) that provided the subsidies or subsidized housing units for the proposed new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project(s).

1.	Private organizations	No
2.	State or local government	No
3.	Public Housing Agencies, including use of a set aside or limited preference	No
4.	Faith-based organizations	No
5.	Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG Programs	No

3A-2.	New PSH/RRH Project—Leveraging Healthcare Resources. NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	
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Is your CoC applying for a new PSH or RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2a.	Formal Written Agreements–Value of Commitment–Project Restrictions. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	

1.	Did your CoC obtain a formal written agreement that includes: (a) the project name; (b) value of the commitment; and (c) specific dates that healthcare resources will be provided (e.g., 1-year, term of grant, etc.)?	No
2.	Is project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and not restricted by the health care service provider?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing Resources–Leveraging Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:
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- FY 2021 CoC Application Detailed Instructions—essential in helping you maximize your CoC Application score by giving specific guidance on how to respond to many questions and providing specific information about attachments you must upload
- 24 CFR part 578

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

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:

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| 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 2,000 characters)

NA

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

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section 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. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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 2,000 characters)

NA

4A. DV Bonus Application

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:

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- 24 CFR part 578

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?	No
Applicant Name	
This list contains no items	

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported. Please only use zip files if necessary.

Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.

Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.

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).

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-14. CE Assessment Tool	Yes	CE Assessment Tool	11/04/2021
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes	Local Competition...	11/05/2021
1E-2. Project Review and Selection Process	Yes	Project Review an...	11/05/2021
1E-5. Public Posting—Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Public Posting -...	11/04/2021
1E-5a. Public Posting—Projects Accepted	Yes	Public Posting - ...	11/04/2021
1E-6. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

Attachment Details

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Document Description: Project Review and Selection Process

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Document Description: Public Posting - Projects Rejected - Reduced