

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: VT-501 - Burlington/Chittenden County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: City of Burlington

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Institute for Community Alliances

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VT-501 CoC Chittenden County Homeless Alliance (CCHA) operates an open invitation process to actively solicit new members. Monthly board meeting notices are distributed via list serv, website, social media and county-wide e-boards and posted at resource centers and other partner sites. Chittenden County Homeless Alliance (CCHA) website invites “The CCHA welcomes and invites any interested party or community member to join the CCHA and to contact our facilitator xx@xx for more information.” CCHA invites new members to learn about CoC through community meetings. CCHA solicits new Steering Committee members through the email listserv, website, social media and one to one outreach. VT-501 CoC operates via an affirmative outreach and marketing policy and it’s Outreach and Membership Committee identifies potential interested and qualified candidates for positions on the Steering Committee, including officer positions; conducts outreach to the public to increase participation in CCHA activities; works to increase the input and advocacy of community members with lived experience; and plans Community Meetings in consultation with the Steering Committee officers and full Steering Committee.

2. VT-501 CoC website informs readers “CCHA materials are available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities”. CoC Board includes a statewide disabilities organization, providing input on communicating effectively with people living with disabilities. Information accessible via email, telephone and email, virtual access to meetings and translation services.

3. VT-501 equity actions include: outreach with and participation by a number of organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness, including direct outreach of the membership committee, the CCHA list serve, and member outreach. CCHA charter change includes the commitment to “conduct outreach to ensure that the membership is reflective of our community and includes BIPOC representation to increase participation, leadership, and decision-making within CCHA activities”. Membership and participation include organizations. led by or serving LGBTQ+ & DV/SV, peer organization and organizations led by and serving people with disabilities, and organizations led by or serving BIPOC and refugee, immigrant community.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VT-501 CoC public meetings advertised throughout the county and state via neighborhood e-boards, list-serv, partner organization websites and notice boards. Outreach to stakeholders including healthcare, public sector agencies, non-profits and public, including those with lived experience. Public meetings attended by community members, legislators & city councilors + regular attendees. Elected board includes following providers: shelter and service, affordable housing, youth service, mental health, community action advocates, DV/SV, healthcare, substance use, veteran, disability, families, seniors and organizations led by or serving BIPOC and refugee and immigrant community members and people with lived experience of homelessness. VT-501 uses a human centered design approach to strategic planning & coordinated entry. Monthly board meetings are open to all and include monthly updates and priorities from members & partners. People with lived experience involved in strategic planning & outreach. VT-501 CoC participated in countywide consultations and outreach on use of ARPA and other pandemic related funding to combat homelessness. CoC participates in Built For Zero processes to expand consultation and data collection and use to combat homelessness. CoC represented on statewide Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.

2.VT-501 communicates information via CCHA list serv, monthly board Meetings, community meetings, forums, social media, CCHA website, & partner org list serv. All meeting information is public and advertised. Website includes "Our CCHA meetings are open to the community. We welcome input from community members, especially those with lived experience of homelessness. We also welcome those who have worked or volunteered serving people who are homeless, employees of government agencies, representatives of the business community, members of religious and secular organizations, and others who want to make a positive difference in our community." Meeting time scheduled for questions & discussion to solicit information from community & other stakeholders.

3.Information gathered is reported to board meeting and actions to review the information or implement changes assigned to appropriate sub-committee. Board meetings are facilitated to ensure reflection and strengthen participation. VT-501 CoC participated in communitywide consultations on use of COVID related funding to combat homelessness and reviewed findings, informing strategic planning

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC notified the public that the local competition was open and accepting proposals with the Request for Proposals published on the publicly available CCHA website and local City Government website, advertised in the local countywide free newspaper, shared with partner networks and CoC list serve that is wider than membership (200+). The notification was also shared with Town Clerks in the CCHA service area, on partner websites, social media and list servs. VT-501 public notices and advertisements contained the wording "Organizations that do not currently receive CCHA CoC program funding are encouraged to submit proposals."

2. All VT-501 public notices, advertisements, and notifications include a link to the combined RFP and application form and direct applicants to complete the form and submit it electronically to the Community & Economic Development Office (Collaborative Applicant) name@organization.gov before 4:00 pm on August 25th 2022.

3. The VT 501 RFP and application form explains the process for review of project proposals. The Ranking Policy & Tools are available on the CCHA website and linked for applicants. The following statement is quoted from the RFP: "The unbiased Application Ranking Committee will use the CoC-approved Policy & Tool, along with HUD CoC NOFO thresholds and guidance, to make funding determinations and rank approved projects to be submitted to HUD for consideration. The Chittenden County Homeless Alliance Steering Committee will review and approve the recommendations" and the appeals process is fully described.

4. VT-501 CCHA webpage, public notices and advertisements, and the RFP application document informs readers that "the CCHA 2022 Request for Proposals is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities" and provides contact name, position title, email, and phone number. The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a nonprofit organization that supports Vermonters with disabilities, is a member of the Steering Committee and is available for consultation if alternative formats are requested. The RFP notification and documents were posted in different electronic formats, accessible websites, listservs, social media and CoC and Collaborative Applicant staff were available by phone and email and to assist with any needed translation services.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The sole recipient for ESG and ESG-CV funds is the State of Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). Several state agency offices, including the OEO, DCF, and AHS Field Director, participate actively in the CoC on steering committee, strategic planning, executive committee, and coordinated entry committee; receiving feedback on uses and needs and assisting the planning and allocation of funds. VT's ESG funds are blended with state funds and administered under the Housing Opportunity Program (HOP). OEO (sole recipient of ESG) consults with VT-501 CoC in planning and allocating ESG funds via website posting and listserv communication for feedback, presentations at public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and shares gaps, needs and priorities at VT-501 CCHA meetings.

2.VT-501 CoC monitoring policy and ESG program guidelines ensure participation of the CoC in evaluating and reporting performance. OEO (ESG recipient) presents annual report and outcomes and any changes of standards of the ESG program to VT-501 at CoC meetings. Quarterly evaluations of HOP (ESG) programs by OEO and sub-recipients report on program outcomes once a year to CoC, discussed by Executive Committee and Steering Committee

3.VT-501 CoC provided PIT, HIC, Built For Zero and any other relevant data reports to the City of Burlington and Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development (the consolidated plan jurisdictions). Information was provided via email and list serv distribution. Data is also available on the CCHA website.

4.VT-501 CoC provides information to address homelessness to Consolidated Plan updates through, CEDO, City of Burlington for CDBG, HOME and Housing Trust. The CoC Collaborative Applicant connects with members for update information and provides data, analysis and narrative. CEDO, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and Vermont Housing Finance Agency present to CoC meetings on strategies to address homelessness to provide feedback and seek input.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
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.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT 501 CoC adopted the Education Services Policy to ensure all homeless children and youth, as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act can access free and appropriate education, including the requirement to support Vermont's Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program. The EHCY ensures that students experiencing homelessness have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education provided to other Vermont children, with the opportunity to meet the same challenging State academic standards. The EHCY program is authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, and seeks to identify and address the challenges that children and youth experiencing homelessness may face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. A policy requirements is that all CoC family programs will include a staff person designated to ensure children are enrolled in school & connected to the appropriate services in the community. Additionally, VT-501 collaborates with the State AOE sharing LEA reported data on homelessness to inform CoC needs assessments. AOE provides training for LEAs and partners to access coordinated entry and understand the rights of children, youth and families experiencing homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 CoC has adopted a written education policy & procedure to ensure all individuals and families who become homeless are informed of their eligibility for education services & are enrolled in free education. Including: 1. Establishing policies and practices that are consistent with, and do not restrict the exercise of, the educational rights afforded to students experiencing homelessness under federal law. 2. For CoC-funded programs that provide housing or services to families, designating a staff person to ensure that children are enrolled in school & are connected to appropriate services. 3. Taking the educational needs of children into account when families are placed in emergency or transitional shelter & to the maximum extent practicable, placing families w/ children as close as possible to their school of origin so as not to disrupt the children's education. 4. Collaborating with schools to assist in the identification of children & youth experiencing homelessness & to ensure that these children and youth are informed of their eligibility for school-based McKinney-Vento services. 5. Seeking the continuing input of school homeless liaisons to make the CoC's coordinated entry process welcoming & easily accessible for youth & families with children. The State of VT's Education for Homeless Children & Youth program ensures that families experiencing homelessness are informed of their eligibility for educational services. Homeless students have equal access to the same free, appropriate, public education (including public preschool) provided to other Vermont children & all HOP funded programs (federal ESG funded & State funded) are required to refer children & youth to their local homeless education liaison. Local agencies use a Self Sufficiency Matrix for households receiving Housing Navigation services to help identify issues of concern & includes a category of "Child Development and Education" specifically noting whether the child is enrolled in school.

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

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

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:		
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and	
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VT-501 CoC Steering Committee membership includes Steps to End Domestic Violence, taking the lead in our collaborative work to assist in the transition to a safe, independent life for those who have been affected physically, sexually, emotionally or economically by domestic abuse and to promote a culture that fosters justice, equity and safety. STEPS is providing leadership on the Steering Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Coordinated Entry Committee which enables CoC to utilize STEPS knowledge and experience to inform all CoC-wide policy development and planning. As an example, STEPS was a lead collaborator in development of the Coordinated Entry system to ensure safe and trauma informed practice. Additionally, the CoC collaborates with other victim service provider organizations, and state DV and SV coalitions through these connections. The CoC consults with stakeholders to update policy and reviews discussion at sub-committee, steering committee and community meetings to receive input and inform policy update.

2.VT-501 CoC is in the process of developing and launching a CoC wide training opportunity that focuses on trauma informed practice and meeting the needs of survivors. Within VT-501 CoC, training is required for any provider conducting CE assessments to ensure a trauma-informed response centering client safety. In addition, CoC members were invited to a training sponsored by Steps to End Domestic Violence on trauma – its neurobiology, its impact on those we serve (with an emphasis on domestic violence survivors), vicarious trauma among staff, and how to be a trauma informed organization. Additional trainings were provided in partnership with the State Office of Economic Opportunity on VAWA requirements, and an online training on Domestic Violence. The Vermont Pride Center has presented to the Coordinated Entry committee on the unique needs of LGBTQ+ survivors.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VT-501 CoC is in the process of developing and launching a CoC wide training opportunity that focuses on trauma informed practice and meeting the needs of survivors. Within the VT-501 CoC training is required for any provider conducting CE assessments to ensure a trauma-informed response centering client safety. In addition, CoC members were invited to a training sponsored by Steps to End Domestic Violence on trauma – its neurobiology, its impact on those we serve (with an emphasis on domestic violence survivors), vicarious trauma among staff, and how to be a trauma informed organization. Additional trainings were provided in partnership with the State Office of Economic Opportunity on VAWA requirements, and an online training on Domestic Violence. The Vermont Pride Center has presented to the Coordinated Entry committee on the unique needs of LGBTQ+ survivors. Within VT-501 CoC Steps to End Domestic Violence is represented on the CCHA Steering Committee and takes the lead on collaboration for training in the areas of trauma-informed care, victim-centered support and advocacy, motivational interviewing, empowerment model approaches to support services, safety planning practices and more.

2.In VT-501, Steps was deeply involved in the planning of the Coordinated Entry process and is represented at all Coordinated Entry meetings in Chittenden County. These relationships and forums have offered ample opportunity to highlight the unique needs of survivors of domestic violence when policies and procedures are being developed. The Coordinated Entry application process was developed with significant involvement by Steps to End Domestic Violence staff, who created a tailored assessment for domestic violence survivors and then trained Coordinated Entry partners on its administration. The CE training is required, annually, for any provider conducting CE assessments for trauma-informed response centering client safety. In addition, members of the CoC were invited to a training that Steps to End Domestic Violence sponsored on trauma – its neurobiology, its impact on those we serve (with an emphasis on domestic violence survivors), vicarious trauma among staff and how to be a trauma informed organization. Additional trainings are provided in partnership with the State Office of Economic Opportunity on VAWA requirements, and an online training on Domestic Violence.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VT-501 CoC uses data from several sources to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. VT 501 conducts an annual Point-in-Time count; this provides insight into the scope of need with respect to homelessness among the domestic violence population. These numbers have been tracked and examined carefully since 2009 and in 2018, the CoC incorporated the new demographic of those fleeing DV. This includes those sheltered in motels through the state’s emergency housing program.

As the recipient of the Domestic Violence Housing First Rapid Rehousing grant through the COC, Steps to End Domestic Violence reports annually using de-identified data on the utilization of rapid rehousing resources. In addition, their participation in the annual Point-in-Time count provides insight into the scope of survivors experiencing homelessness in our community.

Steps to End Domestic Violence uses an HMIS comparable database to track all services provided and coordinates data from its HMIS comparable database with the community master list from HMIS so that there is an unduplicated monthly count of all households experiencing homelessness in our coordinated entry system.

HopeWorks, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to ending all forms of sexual violence and providing a crisis hotline, education and outreach, and crisis counseling and advocacy, provides the community with data to assess needs, reporting levels of up to 10% of survivors of sexual assault, dating violence and stalking in Burlington were homeless and half of those homeless were minors.

2. The de-identified data described above is used to inform community level advocacy in regards to homelessness issues unique to survivors. Aggregated data is used to create prioritization processes for the Housing Review Committees and it also informs all reviews of the Coordinated Entry System. The CoC Strategic Planning Committee will use this data to inform the strategic planning process. The data is available on the CoC website, for wider use by partners, stakeholders and the public. CoC member organizations working with Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors inform and develop CoC policy and practice on an ongoing basis.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-V01 CoC adopted an “Emergency transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Emergency Transfers”. This plan identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance receive a copy of the plan, regardless of known survivor status. The plan is also available on the VT-501 website and at housing resource centers and operating organizations’ offices.

2. VT-501 CoC’s adopted Emergency Transfer Plan for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors provides clear guidance on eligibility for & process to obtain an emergency transfer. A tenant who is a victim of DV/SV or stalking (per HUD regulations) is eligible for emergency transfer if the tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the unit. A tenant may be eligible to transfer if a sexual assault occurred on the premises within the preceding 6-month period. Emergency transfer requests are immediately reviewed & the tenant advised of determination. If approved, tenant is offered a referral to a local agency providing services. Based on needs, the agency will assist with accessing housing. Programs transfer as quickly as possible to safe TH or PH. Tenant may choose to vacate the assisted unit immediately. Victim services organizations are available to assist tenant with safety planning. All individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance receive a copy of the plan, regardless of known survivor status. The plan is also available on the VT-501 website and at housing resource centers and operating organizations’ offices.

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1C-5d.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC’s geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 CoC’s Coordinated Entry process allows survivors of domestic & dating violence, sexual assault & stalking survivors to access resources specific to them & community-wide resources by allowing choice between accessing the system through designated special confidential access hubs or through general access hubs and by combining confidential anonymous identifiers from the HMIS comparable survivor database into the community-wide master list to provide access to all available resources.

In addition to the above, Steps to End Domestic Violence advocates attend community service provider meetings (Community Housing Review Committee) to review all available housing opportunities and to match households to options that may need their needs. CoC wide training for staff to provide of trauma-informed care and victim-centered support ensures a deeper understanding of the specific needs of survivors.

VT-501 Coordinated Entry system includes a preference and prioritization for non-CoC mainstream resources for households fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501's Coordinated Entry protocols allow survivors to choose between specialized & general access hubs. Both include confidentiality protocols. Specialized access hubs for survivors provide a separate confidential HMIS comparable data collection system & specialized victim services. General access hubs participate in trainings on trauma-informed, victim-centered services. Hubs and referral partners work with survivors to connect them with the appropriate hub in order to center their needs and ensure that they are receiving the specialized services that can best work with them. Additionally, general access hubs have access to de-identified protocols as well to ensure that households with safety concerns are kept confidential.

2. VT-501's planning protocols include an approved Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of DV. It provides clear guidance on eligibility for & process to obtain an emergency transfer. A tenant who is a victim of DV/SV or stalking (per HUD regulations) is eligible for emergency transfer if the tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the unit. A tenant may be eligible to transfer if a sexual assault occurred on the premises within the preceding 6-month period. Emergency transfer requests immediately reviewed & tenant advised of determination. If approved, tenant offered a referral to a local agency providing services. Based on needs, the agency will assist with accessing housing. Programs transfer as quickly as possible to safe TH or PH. Tenant may choose to vacate the assisted unit immediately. Victim services organizations available to assist tenant with planning.

3. VT-501 Coordinated Entry System confidentiality protocols include that maintaining the confidentiality of a person's sensitive information is an important way of gaining the trust of those accessing the Coordinated Entry System and ensuring vulnerable populations are protected from potential harm resulting from the collection and disclosure of sensitive information about their lives. All participating agencies and staff are expected to adhere to privacy protocols including that:

- A person may not be denied access to the coordinated entry process on the basis of the person's status or history as a victim of domestic violence.
- Records containing personally identifying information must be kept secure and confidential.
- The address of any family violence project must not be made public.

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

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
	3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC adopted an Anti- Discrimination Policy available to members on its website and reviewed by Steering Committee and relevant sub-committees. VT-501 CoC updates policy based on stakeholder feedback that is via direct consultation and also through regular Steering Committee and Community Meetings.

The CoC amended the Governance Charter to include a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement, committing to create and sustain inclusive environments and support policy and practices that ensure fairness and equity throughout the homeless and housing system and enhance and promote training and resources among homelessness services and housing providers and ensure sub-committees identify systemic inequities, utilizing data and feedback of those with lived experience, to develop policies and practices through continuous assessment of disparities.

2. VT-501 CoC seeks the advice and input of member organizations such as the Pride Center, with the skills and knowledge to assist providers in developing anti-discrimination policies ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination VT-501 CoC maintains and circulates links to and information on training on equal access and ant-discrimination policy and practice. VT-501 encourages its membership to utilize these resources and also directs members and stakeholders to State of Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity online training and resources to ensure consistent and compliant project level anti-discrimination policies.

3. VT-501 CoC adopted a monitoring policy that includes monitoring for appropriate policy, including anti-discrimination policies. The monitoring policy also serve to assist members to improve organizational capacity management or technical skills

4. VT-501 CoC monitoring policy includes a process for addressing non-compliance. Where there is an identified deficiency that results in a finding of non-compliance the CoC will identify a required corrective action needed to resolve the problem and a timeframe for the member to respond and correct and suggest or recommend actions to address any non-compliance. Corrective action includes, development and implementation of project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Burlington Housing Authority	26%	Yes-Both	No
Vermont State Housing Authority	42%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 Chittenden CoC engaged with the largest Vermont PHA (VT State Housing Authority-VSHA) through public CoC discussion to expand VSHA Homeless Admission Preferences, preceded by requests from key stakeholders: VT Veterans Committee, VT Coalition of Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs, Pathways Vermont (mental health provider/peer organization), and VT Agency of Human Services (ESG-CV CARE vouchers). VSHA subsequently adopted an expanded “Move-Up Strategy” to serve currently/recently homeless persons residing in state-funded RRH (VT Rental Subsidy Program), Domestic Violence Transitional Housing (DOJ-funded), Family Unification Program (families/youth), VA-SSVF RRH (veterans), and ESG-CV RRH (VT Agency of Human Services-CARES vouchers serving households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic). VT-501 CoC and VSHA adopted an EHV MOU to serve persons fleeing DV/SV, including referrals from CoC CE

VT-501 CoC engaged VSHA on an initial partnership and potential use of Housing Stability vouchers to serve persons experiencing homelessness As part of a public notice and separate outreach, VT-501 CoC reviewed and provided input to VSHAs Admin Plan for an update to homeless preferences VT-501 CoC providers and VSHA engaged in discussions to connect PHA PBVs with CoC-funded services, including referrals from CoC CE

VSHA Property and Asset Management Dept engaged with VT-501 CoC to ensure CE referrals managed properties as part of the VT Governor's Executive Order for 15% of publicly assisted units to serve persons experiencing homelessness

VT-501 worked with Burlington Housing Authority (BHA) as the largest PHA in VT-501’s geographic area. As funding allows, BHA utilizes a Local Preference option to quickly serve vulnerable applicants through the Housing Choice Voucher program, including persons who lack stable housing. Additionally, for all BHA waiting lists, families, elderly and disabled applicants are given preference over all other single applicants. BHA participates in the VT-501 Steering Committee and receives Coordinated Entry referrals from the CCHA Community Housing Review Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	PSH

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

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

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

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

Name of PHA: Vermont State Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	6
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	6
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC RFP, application and ranking process assesses applications to ensure prioritization of rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing, not requiring service participation or preconditions of program participants. All PSH and RRH projects use a Housing First approach and prioritize to serve the most vulnerable via coordinated entry assessment. The application requires a project description describing applicant how applicants are identified and assessed including not requiring service participation or preconditions of service participants.

2. Factors and performance indicators

VT-501 includes the following in evaluation of applications:

- Threshold questions - project ensures eligibility for populations, activities and costs for the project type; applicant and sub-recipient are eligible entities; match funds are sufficient.
- The project agrees to participate in Coordinated Entry, and HMIS or a like systems for DV and that the project uses Housing First principles.
- Prioritizing vulnerable populations, including chronic homeless or DedicatePlus population, persons fleeing DV dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, families with children or unaccompanied youth;
- Project Performance, % of participants remaining in PH or exiting to PH during year, or for new projects effective plans and identified need.
- Local CoC processes – including that agency uses Housing First, program prioritizes entry by severity of need, low barrier program entry, applicant evidences measures to identify and address identity based barriers to participation in the program, applicant includes those with lived experience of homelessness in planning or decision making processes;
- Project Performance includes: % of participants entering program with status of 'literally homeless', % of participants who exit to permanent housing, % of participants remaining in permanent housing after 6+ months.

3. VT-501 adopted a monitoring policy to ensure compliance with regulations and conditions. Housing First compliance includes prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization and not requiring service participation or preconditions of service participants. All CoC PSH and RRH projects required to operate via referrals from CE, following Housing First practices, CE consults with projects and participants with an annual evaluation and community survey of the quality and effectiveness of the system. Annual CE training reinforces implementation of Housing First.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC prioritized an increase in size and capacity of street outreach to ensure regular street outreach is available throughout the entire geographic area of the CoC in a way that allows for quick identification and engagement of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Five street outreach teams convene monthly to ensure coordination, also regular phone and email contact. Teams operate using a variety of methods and priorities to ensure contact and engagement with all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

a. SAMHSA funded PATH grant fund a team through the FQHC, targeted to those experiencing mental illness or substance use. Team includes social work and medical staff & mobile clinic, offering medical care, testing, and vaccination.

b. A Community Service Liaison Team provides an alternative to 911 response and connects unsheltered individuals, families, and youth, and identifies and engages individuals with mental health, substance use, homelessness, to increase service connection.

c. The Community Outreach, Resource and Advocacy Team focuses on those leaving GA system and those unsheltered in our geographic area

d & e. The area designated provider for mental health and developmental disability supports two street outreach teams – providing 100% geographic coverage. The first operates in the City of Burlington downtown and the second in the rest of our CoC, Chittenden County

Outreach teams maintain close connection with emergency shelter providers and daytime shelter services. Low barrier daytime Resource Center allows access to clients in safe environment. SSVF conducts SO within the CoC to ID veterans requiring access to services.

2. Street Outreach is available to and provided across 100% of the geographic area of the CoC, barring geographic barriers

3. Street Outreach is available on a daily basis in the urban center and metropolitan area and on a less frequent basis in outlying areas, minimum annual.

4. Street Outreach is tailored to meet the needs of those least likely to request assistance. The City offers telephonic translation services for persons with limited English proficiency and effective communications for people with disabilities. Street outreach offers a variety of communication resources to ensure that housing and supportive services are advertised to all eligible persons regardless of race, gender, disability, substance use, or a variety of factors or barriers that might impact contact.

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

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

		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No

5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
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1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.I.	

	2021	2022
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	188	233

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

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

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC Steering Committee meetings, list serve announcements and information on website, main means to systematically provide up to date information on mainstream resources. CoC meets monthly to provide regular updates from state sources and service providers, including presentations on SSI and TANF, Vermont’s food stamp systems, presentation of the SOAR program and reports addressing improved delivery of housing services for homelessness. Staff from provider agencies (eg food stamps, SSI, TANF, substance use treatment) are regular participants at meetings. VT 501 works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to utilize mainstream benefits via street outreach, case management and supportive services.

2. VT-501 CoC includes memberships of a number of healthcare and recovery organizations and partners with other organizations in the geographic area, to assist program participants in receiving healthcare. Many organizations provide meeting and list serve updates and training opportunities to membership including:

Community Health Centers of Burlington operate the PATH program and outreach. CHCB provides regular updates to CoC members at meetings and via list serve.

Turning Point Center is a CoC member and offers regular information, training and updates on recovery services and specific recovery outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness.

UVM Medical Center partners with the CoC on the Here 2 Help clinic, a collaboration of UVM Medical School Schweitzer Fellow and CoC

3. VT- 501 works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to utilize mainstream benefits via street outreach, case management and supportive services. The State has a single online VT Consolidated Benefits Application for benefit programs with the ability for case managers to follow up. VT SOAR supports service providers in the CoC and provides the CoC’s participants with a high rate of access to mainstream programs, VT SOAR training of VT-501 member staff in Vermont supports increased access to SSDI for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and experience mental illness, substance use or other medical impairment. CoC member agencies, SOAR-trained Caseworkers participate in refresher courses. VT Agency of Human Services Field Directors participate in the CoC, to support coordination of access to assistance. CoC website links to relevant training available at State OEO.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 CoC is working with the State of Vermont and local partners to increase capacity for non-congregate shelter. The COVID pandemic saw an almost threefold increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in the CoC area, while at the same time the need to prevent the spread of infectious disease and protect highly vulnerable individuals from infectious disease promoted the need for increased capacity for non-congregate shelter. VT-501 CoC worked with the State of Vermont to implement a COC wide response to the pandemic and to infectious disease control. A. Vermont’s General Assistance temporary housing program was modified from categorical eligibility and provided open access to non-congregate emergency shelter in hotels and motels. Waivers and variances were implemented to reduce barriers to access and outreach worked to remove barriers to access. This provided significant increase in non-congregate shelter availability. B. CoC providers have accessed State resources and federal funding, including FEMA and ARPA funding, to support the increase in non-congregate shelter. C. ARPA funding via Vermont Housing and Conservation Board supported the purchase and remodel of hotels for year round low barrier non-congregate shelter – increasing significantly non-congregate bed availability in the CoC.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. The pandemic resulted in the formation of systemic responses to infectious disease response for the homelessness system and collaboration between the CoC, shelter and service providers, community health organizations, local hospitals and other health providers, and state agencies, including the VT Department of Health (VDH). CoC COVID homeless response teams developed and met daily in the earliest weeks of the pandemic to facilitate rapid action, new partnerships and coordinated planning. Shelter and housing providers now have local working relationships to respond in partnership. Connections built during the response are in place and can be leveraged for future public health emergencies to allow for quick distribution and sharing of resources, guidance, etc. particularly in the early response when information is evolving. Policies and procedures are held at State level and in partnership with the CoC will be fully codified.

2. VT-501 CoC collaborates with state and local public health agencies in a number of ways to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among those experiencing homelessness. Public health guidance and protocols for providers included infection prevention training from the VDH on how to implement universal infection prevention methods, including through shelter administration, vaccination and testing, masking, physical distancing, and facility operations. These protocols are discussed and disseminated via the CoC. VDH in consultation with State OEO office has established Homeless Health Equity Care Capacity Building Grants. These grants will build on the new partnerships established and support future and ongoing planning and collaboration at the local and state level. Our Community Health Center and local teaching hospital (CHCB and UVM MC) are members of the CoC and collaborate at Steering Committee and through information sharing to prevent infectious disease outbreaks. In addition to coordinated state action to deconcentrate shelters and provide open access to hotels during the pandemic, CHCB provided access to mobile testing, vaccination and treatment at shelters, hotels and in public spaces to ensure access to services to prevent infectious disease spread. CoC actions and policies to prevent infectious disease spread included actions to encourage housing stability.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 responded to the pandemic, establishing the CoC COVID Homeless Response Team and utilized CoC communication tools and listserv as primary means of communication to homeless service providers. Public health information is shared from Vermont Department of Health and its field offices and the CDC and other federal entities. Information was shared statewide utilizing list serve to distribute information and notice meetings and training. Local team meetings daily, and twice-weekly statewide meetings pass on information and answer questions on implementation of public health safety procedures and protocols, including Vermont’s Department of Health, guidance on safety measures, trainings on cleaning, PPE access and use, other prevention strategies. The CoC and statewide agencies shared information on providing safe shelter for homeless individuals testing positive, access to testing and to vaccination. The City of Burlington provided access to funding and information to improve ventilation.

2. The structure of VT-501 CoC and its large and diverse membership enabled facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers. As a public health response information may be shared via the Department of Health daily or less frequent virtual meetings to share information and provide online access to experts to respond to questions and concerns. Written materials are shared via list serve to all members and social media and websites. Information is available to homeless service providers, including outreach and case managers, shelter and housing providers and their staff, public sector workers involved in working with those in the homelessness system, clients and members of the public.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC’s geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CE system covers the geographic area of the CoC, Chittenden County. 2-1-1 serves as a virtual access point in Chittenden County, providing full geographic coverage & makes referrals to assessment hubs for CE. Outreach teams working with the CE lead agency and assessment partners are covered by the CE system of policy, procedure and practice to ensure uniform referral practice and prioritization. CCHA covers the entirety of Chittenden County, VT. (The CoC that serves the other 13 counties in Vermont is called the VT Balance of State CoC. The VT Balance of State has established a separate coordinated entry process that serves the state of VT outside Chittenden County).

2. VT-501 Chittenden Coordinated Entry is a system to streamline access to housing supports and resources in the CoC and developed to assess and match households experiencing homelessness for eligible services based on vulnerability, sustainability, and length of homelessness through a standardized, scored assessment. To ensure fair and equal access to resources, the CoC CES utilizes a standardized assessment process for all persons experiencing a housing crisis in the CoC. Each eligible household is referred to a housing case manager and added to a master list of households experiencing homelessness, which is reviewed on a weekly basis by CE partners for appropriate housing opportunities. CE is a tool for better identifying the housing needs facing our community. The entire process is standardized.

3. VT-501 Coordinated Entry Committee monitors the progress of the CES at its regular monthly scheduled committee meetings. The CE Administrator reports directly to the CE Committee on data regarding the operation of CE, including number of persons newly assessed, prioritization breakdown on the Master List, exit destinations, and time from entry to exit. The CE Committee updates the CoC Steering Committee on a quarterly basis. The CE Committee consults with participating projects and project participants for an annual evaluation on the quality and effectiveness of CE.

During recent update, the process for providing feedback and information centered on the front-line staff who performed the assessments and the feedback from those experiencing homelessness. Focusing on the experiences of those with lived experience and direct service staff, the assessment process was greatly improved. This model of gathering feedback will be brought forward to other improvement and revision efforts.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 Coordinated Entry includes outreach staff to focus on those experiencing unsheltered homelessness and/or otherwise difficult to engage. CE outreach staff make contact at encampments, daytime shelters, emergency shelters and with providers around the geographic area. VT-501 CE works with a variety of access points and referral partners for expanded outreach to secure connection to a homelessness service provider. Expanded outreach, as a result of the pandemic, supports contact for services with those least likely to apply for assistance. Medical and mental health providers operating as assessment points expands outreach and contact. Alongside street outreach, medical and mental health, the CE system also partners with VT 211, youth service and outreach providers, Vermont Center for Independent Living, Pride Center, city departments, law enforcement, and other service providers.
2. VT-501 CE assessment process utilizes a scored Vulnerability Assessment tool that prioritizes people according to severity of service need. CE policies & procedures establish an order of priority based on severity of service need & length of time homeless for PSH. The order of priority for RRH also incorporates severity of service need.
3. Post-assessment, CE connects those assessed with a housing navigator within one week. Housing navigators work with households in the CE process to identify eligible housing placements. Those experiencing homelessness have say at every step to direct the work towards the desired permanent housing outcome. The vulnerability assessment informs the CE prioritization process for PSH and mainstream resources through public housing authorities and the community land trust.
4. VT-501 CE takes a ‘no wrong door’ approach to accessing CE to lower the burden on those accessing the system. Providers offer assessment to clients. Health services, daytime centers, and other providers refer directly to coordinated entry staff to lower barriers. CE outreach staff and other outreach teams work together to ensure CE assessment is wherever is most accessible and comfortable for the household, at hotels in the emergency system, encampment sites, drop-in and resource centers, in parks, and at shelters etc. CE staff have access to interpretation services. All households are connected to a housing navigator to assist with completing housing applications, identity documents, and other supports to alleviate the burden of the housing processes.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	10/15/2021

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance. NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
Describe in the field below:		
1.	your CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC conducted its first analysis of racial equity in 2019 and updated the analysis in 2021, 'Addressing Racial Disparities in Homelessness in Chittenden County' and 'Update on the 2019 Racial Disparities in Homelessness in Chittenden County'. The reports were presented to and discussed at the CoC Board, Steering and Community meetings. The analysis used an assessment process similar to the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool, comparing available PIT data with ACS data (2015-2019) to understand racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance in the CoC. In addition to this systemic analysis the CoC includes in its Governance Charter the requirement to 'ensure sub-committees identify and address systemic inequities, utilizing data and feedback of those with lived experience, especially from the BIPOC community, to develop policies and practices through continuous assessment of disparities.' This continual assessment and review proves is intended to strengthen and ensure ongoing analysis and assessment of racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

2. The analysis identified disparities by race, including that Black/African American community members experience poverty at a rate four times greater than white community members and experience homelessness at a rate seven times greater.

An analysis of participation showed rates reflecting population for participation in Coordinated Entry, access to emergency shelter, prevention resources and access to rapid rehousing programs. Comparing clients served in the crisis response system against successful exits to permanent housing and against retention once housed / exit to other permanent housing, the data shows the CoC is doing less well in moving Black/African American clients of the system into permanent housing (6% less than white clients).

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities. NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to address any racial disparities.		

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	No
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes

4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 CoC produces and analyses data on a regular basis to identify disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. Data and reports are reviewed and discussed at Steering, Executive and Sub-Committee meetings to ensure that disparities are identified, understood and action steps undertaken to address disparities, consistent with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

VT-501 Governance charter change adopted in 2021 requires ‘ensure sub-committees identify and respond to systemic inequities, utilizing data and feedback of those with lived experience, especially from the BIPOC community, to develop policies and practices through continuous assessment of disparities. Sub-Committees report change and progress to the Steering Committee.

VT-501 is re-evaluating the coordinated entry tool (essentially, the VISPDAT) in light of recent research indicating bias in this tool against Black/African American clients with disabilities, limiting their access to Permanent Support Housing to address the most recent analysis of racial disparities showing that the difference in successful exits to housing for Black/African American clients was apparent primarily in exits to Permanent Support Housing.

VT-501 is entering a renewed Strategic Planning process to update planning cognizant of the impacts of the pandemic, an almost threefold increase in the population experiencing homelessness in CoC area and using a data driven approach to systemically address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC commits to data driven change to reduce disparities and support racial equity in the provision and outcomes of homeless assistance, including; Strategic Planning, continued work on assessment and analysis of disparities; Outreach and Membership, outreach to ensure membership is reflective of community and includes BIPOC representation to increase participation, leadership, and decision-making; Data Quality, PIT, and HMIS will review collect and analyze specific data metrics to identify whether and how racial disparities exist and Coordinated Entry will continue to examine CE processes and assessment tools to understand and repair disparities.

The CoC continues racial equity work in our geographic area and utilizes HUD’s COC analysis tool Race and Ethnicity to facilitate analysis of racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness

VT-501 CoC charter change in 2021: “CCHA recognizes the role played by current and past discriminatory policies that, to this date, impede access to housing and lead to homelessness for many community members; the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, LGBTQ+, low income, and other marginalized populations. CCHA stands alongside these populations as we affirm that racial equity, inclusion, and belonging are important and interdependent components that contribute to building a just society.

CCHA will:

Support policy and practices that ensure fairness and equity throughout the homeless and housing system

Strive to provide safe, decent, affordable homes to all individuals regardless of their origin and background

Enhance and promote training and resources to support cultural awareness and anti-racist policy and practices among homelessness services and housing providers

Ensure sub-committees identify and address systemic inequities, utilizing data and feedback of those with lived experience, especially from the BIPOC community, to develop policies and practices through continuous assessment of disparities.”

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC is committed to ensuring that those with lived experience are informing and guiding the work of the CoC and its programs. Including through gathering feedback and addressing challenges of those with lived experience of homelessness.

The membership and outreach committee is charged with and conducts regular outreach to identify and recruit membership of those with lived experience in leadership and decision making processes.

Member organizations are requested to ensure that staff and volunteers with lived experience are aware of opportunities to participate in leadership and decision making processes (often the source of participants)

All CoC meetings are noticed and advertised to encourage the participation of those with lived experience and a stipend is offered for those experiencing homelessness. Twice yearly community meetings are noticed widely on social media and websites and posters that free food is available to all and stipends are available to those experiencing homelessness. This includes posting flyers and information on the VT-501 CoC website, the City website and social media. Paper flyers are delivered and posted at day stations and with service providers.

Outreach teams within VT-501 CoC are made aware of meetings and opportunities to engage those with lived experience and distribute information and assist attendance.

VT-501 CoC and its member organizations and service provider partners understand the importance of the voices of those with lived experience of homelessness (VLEH) in all aspects of the work of combatting homelessness. One of the impacts of the pandemic has been to reduce participation of VLEH. Other communities have successfully modelled the use of working groups and focus groups, bringing together those VLEH to discuss project proposals, policy, homeless service system changes, programs and services and housing for all and working with VLEH to promote change. VT-501 is utilizing this model to support regular monthly meetings of a working group of VLEH, to inform the policy and practice of the CoC, engage VLEH in leadership roles and decision making processes, while also supporting the development of advocacy and to elevate the discussion of our commitment to make homelessness rare and brief. The Working Group is supported with stipends for participants, and will develop an action plan with focused activities to ensure coordinated input.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	5	3
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	0
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	3

4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	5	3
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 CoC has an agreement with two providers of professional development and employment opportunities for community members experiencing homelessness. 1. The Vermont Association of Business Industry and Rehabilitation as a participant of Creative Workforce Solutions to provide job training opportunities and job placement for youth and adults experiencing homelessness in the geographic area of the CoC. VABIR provides information on local training opportunities to develop job skills, provides opportunities for mock interview, job shadows, work experience and on the job training as well as information on the local labor market and open employment opportunities. 2. ReSource is a non-profit organization providing job training opportunities with stipends for youth and adults experiencing homelessness in the geographic area of the CoC. The job training opportunities include the YouthBuild Program, shorter term construction training and training programs in construction. The City of Burlington also partners with ReSource and focuses projects including training for LNA's on people who are, low-income, BIPOC, women, immigrants and refugees and other vulnerable individuals. The partnership includes a laundry-based wash-and-fold program to support individuals with employment barriers soft skills to transition to employment. Individual member organizations promote volunteer and job opportunities, actively engaging and recruiting those with lived experience of homelessness.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC is committed to ensuring that those with lived experience are informing and guiding the work of the CoC and its programs. Including through gathering feedback and addressing challenges of those with lived experience of homelessness, regular review and evaluation of the Coordinated Entry system and other evaluation within programs. All CoC meetings are noticed to encourage the participation of those with lived experience and a stipend is offered for those experiencing homelessness. The twice yearly community meetings are noticed widely on social media and websites and posters that free food is available to all and stipends are available to those experiencing homelessness

Various projects and programs approved by the CoC have been reviewed through conversation and project display at the Community Resource Center. Through conversation, post it notes on displays and interviews, feedback has been sought from our community in shelter and unsheltered, to understand needs changes required by the community.

The Coordinated Entry Committee consults with participating projects and project participants for an annual evaluation on the quality and effectiveness of CE and the recent update to the assessments the process for providing feedback and information on what worked and what didn't, centered on the front-line staff who performed the assessments and the feedback received from those experiencing homelessness when completing them.

2. The VT-501 CoC understands the importance of the voices of those with lived experience of homelessness (VLEH) in all aspects of the work of combatting homelessness for leadership, advocacy, and change. To increase participation and gather feedback the CoC is funding and supporting working groups and focus groups, bringing together VLEH to discuss project proposals, policy, homeless service system changes, programs and services and housing for. The Working Group is supported with stipends for participants.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 CoC membership was given the opportunity to engage through emails, social media and other connections with state government to discuss reform of zoning and land use policies to permit affordable housing development. State legislature drafted and debated proposed reforms to study impacts of simplifying the complexity of the regulatory model for new development on affordable mixed income, transitional and emergency, and middle income housing. The CoC membership was informed of the proposals at meeting discussion and through list serve and were able to communicate support through social media, emails and calls.

VT-501 CoC membership responded to a State proposal to utilize ARPA funding for local grants to municipalities to reform zoning bylaws, communicating with legislators by social media, email or telephone. The proposal was discussed at CoC meetings and included funding to the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development of \$500,000 to grant to Vermont municipalities, including funding to increase participation of those disproportionately impacted by the housing crisis in Vermont. .

The VT-501 CoC membership responded to a number of information and feedback sessions held by the State via Vermont Housing Conservation Board and the City of Burlington to answer questions and gather feedback on State, Federal and American Rescue Plan Act funding for investments in housing, including any related zoning reform and reduced regulatory barriers. The CoC membership engaged with presentations, discussion and provided responses and feedback via discussion, emails and calls.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC’s local competition.	08/11/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
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1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	9
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC collects and makes data analysis via the information submitted in project application and review, HMIS data and reporting, and other CoC and partner records. The CoC HMIS Lead tool combined APRs from projects for ease of comparison, allowing review of performance data, including utilization rates, rates of participants remaining in PH or exiting to PH and other performance measures. The individual project applications include project administration and project description & design, including the outreach plan, how it fills an identified need, & project scale (# of units, type of units, configuration of units and how these fit needs of participants), and type of supportive services available to obtain/maintain permanent housing and mainstream resources. There are specific plans to ensure program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible. The description also includes information on planned outreach to participants to address disparities to access and receipt of services.
2. VT-501 CoC analyzes data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing including reviewing average # of days from project entry to residential move-in date.
3. VT-501 CoC assessed the following severity of needs and vulnerabilities when ranking and selecting projects during this year’s process: serving those experiencing chronic homelessness, project commitment to implementing a housing first approach including removing barriers to entry such as not screening out clients for too little income, active or history of substance use, criminal record (except for federal, state or local restrictions) or victim status and serving people who have disabilities. Projects must not exclude/terminate clients for failure to participate or engage in services, make progress on service plans, fail to make income gain, DV status or other activity not included in any typical lease agreement.
4. VT-501 CoC considered projects that may result in lower performance; using a scoring tool that provided scoring and priority to projects prioritizing hardest to house populations, scoring projects operated as Housing First, scoring projects prioritizing entry by severity of need, and with low barrier to entry to the project. New and Renewal projects fulfilling these criteria and serving the hardest to serve increase points in these areas. CoC projects are prioritized via CE.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC includes membership to reflect the racial and ethnic identity make-up of the CoC geographic area and the CoC membership is committed to ensuring representation and input, particularly from those most over-represented in the population experiencing homelessness. The local competition review and ranking process policy and materials are posted, reviewed and discussed via website and at CoC meetings, draft documents are posted prior to meetings. The CoC Ranking Policy and Review Committee includes membership reflecting the racial and ethnic identity make-up of the CoC geographic area particularly those most over-represented in the population experiencing homelessness and the CoC remains committed to removing racial disparities in access and outcomes
2. VT-501 CoC reviews all input and adjusts rating factors accordingly. The CoC remains committed to removing racial disparities in project access and outcomes.
3. VT-501 CoC includes membership to reflect the racial and ethnic identity make-up of the CoC geographic area and the CoC membership is committed to ensuring representation and input, particularly from those most over-represented in the population experiencing homelessness. The Ranking and Review Committee membership is required to have no conflict of interest for the project applications and includes membership of those most over-represented in the population experiencing homelessness. In addition to the formal process, as described above, materials are available and discussion on the process occurs at public CoC meetings and is posted on the website and listserve.
4. VT-501 CoC application process includes points and scoring for “Project applicant evidences measures to identify and address identity based barriers to participation in the program” and the application is required to include information on planned outreach to participants to address disparities to access and receipt of services for Black, Indigenous, Hispanic (non-white), and LGBTQ participants who may be disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness. The CoC continues to conduct analysis of racial and other disparities in access and outcomes of projects and to work to eliminate identified barriers and disparities.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC Ranking and Review Policy includes the reallocation process: “Reallocation Process: The Steering Committee will review the Grant Inventory Worksheet and grant line up in sufficient time to allow for potential reallocation of funds. The Steering Committee will duly advertise any upcoming vote or discussion on the reallocation process. The Steering Committee reviews CCHA’s projects in light of the CoC’s and HUD’s priorities. The Steering Committee will consider reallocation during an upcoming meeting and rank the following in priority status: 1) Permanent Supportive Housing; 2) Rapid Rehousing and 3) Other eligible activities.”

VT-501 operates a Reallocation Process that allows the CoC Board to review the GIW and application line up in time to allow for reallocation of funds. The CoC Ranking reviewed projects in light of CoC and HUD priorities, minimum grant requirements and the project rating/scoring tool. Projects were reviewed for performance, utilization of beds and funding. Projects and project performance were presented to the CoC Steering Committee and Project Ranking Committee. Project performance is discussed with project applicants. Funding reductions and reallocations are considered on these combined factors and projects are invited to offer any voluntary reduction or reallocation.

2. No

3. No

4. There were no requests for additional funding, all projects applied for level funding

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/13/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/28/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/28/2022
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	02/16/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.As VT-501’s sole organization providing domestic violence services and housing in Chittenden County, Steps to End Domestic Violence uses an HMIS comparable database and maintains active participation in the COC. The database collects the data elements required in the HUD published 2022 HMIS data standards. Steps coordinates data from its HMIS comparable database with the community master list from HMIS so that there is an unduplicated monthly count of all households experiencing homelessness within the coordinated entry system. Steps to End Domestic Violence provides summary data including reports on established performance measures as recorded in the HMIS comparable database. In addition, the VT-501 CoC HMIS Lead (Institute for Community Alliances-ICA) maintains a contract to analyze the comparable database. HMIS Lead (ICA) ensures DV housing and service provider in our CoC submit de-identified aggregated system performance measures data for each project in the comparable database to our CoC and HMIS lead.

2.The CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards

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

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

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	225	24	182	90.55%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	8	4	4	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	233	14	208	94.98%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	112	0	59	52.68%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	125	15	27	24.55%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VT – 501 CoC will take the following steps over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85% for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Other Permanent Housing (OPH). The CoC PIT and Data Quality Committee will continue to work with HMIS lead and Vermont Veterans Committee to utilize data import options for VASH participants into HMIS. To increase the Other Permanent Housing bed coverage to at least 85% the CoC and HMIS lead will work with the providers to enter information into HMIS and provide training, as required.

2. VT-501 CoC and HMIS offer non-participating projects technical support and training. The statewide HMIS Committee will continue to identify and discuss barriers to participation and report back to the CoC Steering Committee. The CoC PIT and Data Quality Committee will continue to work with HMIS lead and Vermont Veterans Committee to utilize data import options for VASH participants into HMIS. The recent change of HMIS software vendor could provide the option to increase PSH participation rates.

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

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/15/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:

1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC conducted the planning process for the 2022 PIT Count via open meetings of the PIT and Data Quality and Outreach Committee. All PIT Count planning is notified via Steering Committee meetings and list serve notifications, as well as via social media and website postings. Spectrum Youth and Family Services is the CoC geographic area member agency of the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Spectrum Youth and Family Services is current Co-Chair of the VT-501 CoC Steering Committee and a member of the PIT Planning and Data Quality and Outreach Sub-Committees. Spectrum Youth and Family Services operates the CoC area youth warming shelter, youth supportive housing, youth drop-in center, youth health center, counselling services, skills programs, prevention services, mentoring, multicultural youth program and on the job training. Spectrum Youth and Family Services and other youth service providers are engaged and play leadership roles in the PIT Count planning process.

2. VT-501 CoC Co-Chair and PIT Planning Committee member, Spectrum Youth and Family Services has a mission to empower teenagers, young adults, and their families to make and sustain positive changes through prevention, intervention, and life skills services. Spectrum is well placed to involve youth in programs in the actual count and to ensure that youth experiencing homelessness are fully counted and represented in the PIT count.

3. VT-501 CoC PIT Planning Committee engages with area service providers that work with homeless youth. The committee holds a series of planning meetings with homelessness outreach teams and service providers identify the locations where homeless youth are most likely to be found and to ensure coverage of those locations by workers familiar with those youth, during the PIT Count.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT 501 CoC uses tools to determine risk factors leading to first time homelessness. The CoC reviews the PIT count special populations for risk factors. A statewide study identified nonpayment of rent as the main factor leading to eviction. All publicly funded housing organizations are required to identify, annually, the causes of eviction among their portfolios and report this information to the CoC. Census information provides numbers of households paying more than 50% of income for rent. During coordinated entry, our standard assessment tool determines risks: if a conflict with family or friends, a relationship breakdown or an abusive relationship, substance use, mental health or a trauma or abuse contributed to homelessness, and income at entry. The CoC gathers information through interview and data analysis from peer group and service providers, Housing needs assessments and partnership with local agencies identify risk factors within specific populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

2. VT-501 CoC strategies to address individuals & families at risk of being homeless include the identification of risk factors and connection to supports. This may include; CARES/ARPA assistance, back rent payments up to 3 months; a back-rent loan program; utility payments; a payee program and rent vendoring; housing retention supportive services; tenant/landlord & credit repair educational programs; intervention with landlords via case managers or Legal Aid; connection to mainstream resources; relocation for those fleeing DV. The local affordable housing organization invites all tenants late on rent to financial counseling. The HA's Housing Retention Team & local service providers work with tenants & landlords where behavioral issues are posing risks to tenancy. VT SOAR train staff for successful application to income and employment assistance, medical & mental health services, benefit applications, and other service access. VT Dept of Labor for career resources. VT-501 CoC Retention Committee identifies and explores current homelessness prevention services and strategies used by agencies in Chittenden County. The CoC is a collaborative system that provides broadly accessible housing stabilization services in the community.

3. VT-501 CoC Strategic Planning Committee, Retention Committee and the CoC Co-Chairs are responsible for overseeing this CoC strategy.

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

In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC main strategy for reducing the Length Of Time (LOT) individuals and persons in families remain homeless is our robust, no-wrong door approach coordinated entry system, by name list, and partnership agreements with housing providers. Secondly, increasing the number of affordable units, dedicated PSH units, and funding sources for supportive services, are priorities for the CoC and found in the Consolidated Plan. With a local rental vacancy rate at a pandemic low of below 1%, lack of vacant housing stock is a major barrier to reducing LOT homeless. CARES Act funds and incoming ARPA expenditures for permanent affordable housing are bringing an increase in rehabilitated and new units and often with requirements for homeless set asides referred via Coordinated Entry, enabling the CoC to prioritize those with the longest LOT homeless. Services resources and other housing resources were supported by State Rapid Resolution Housing Initiative funding. Housing First is a community-wide strategy to move folks directly into housing. Linking to mainstream resources and job training are helpful strategies. Ensuring those who experience homelessness have access to a variety of affordable housing options, the needed services to stay housed, and the subsidy to pay for housing are the 3 pillars to move people quickly into housing in our community.

2.VT-501 CoC Coordinated Entry system uses the standardized assessment tool and HMIS data review to identify those individuals & families with the highest severity of need including length of homelessness to access available PH subsidies and units. For those living in shelters or places not meant for human habitation and not in HMIS, then case management works to collect interviews and other third part documentation to support LOT records. CoC funded RRH and PSH programs prioritize CE referrals with the longest LOT.

3.VT-501 CoC Co-Chairs along with the Coordinated Entry Committee and the Community Housing Review Team of the CoC oversee the CoCs strategies to reduce the LOT individuals and families remain homeless.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC strategies to increase exit to permanent housing and retention: Ensure residents have access to a variety of affordable housing options, the services needed to stay housed & subsidy to pay for housing are the 3 pillars to move people into permanent housing (PH). VT-501 plans to increase the rate of PH placement through the coordinated entry (CE) system & weekly community housing review team meetings. CoC working with Built for Zero to strengthen CE system to reduce LOT in ES, TH and RRH. Case managers review the CE by-name list & vulnerability scores compared to availability of housing & subsidy, on a weekly basis. Local HA maximizes homeless preference vouchers. Landlords refer vacant units to coordinated entry under partnership agreements. Case conferencing matches households with appropriate supportive service provider & housing retention services. Development of additional affordable housing continues to be a local & statewide priority, utilization of CARES and ARPA funding for new and rehabilitation of units, including set aside for homelessness.
2. To retain permanent housing or exit to permanent housing the VT-501 CoC created a Retention Committee and will bolster housing retention teams, identify gaps in services & expand support. Landlords & tenants access retention assistance through PHA's retention team. Training for retention teams to support tenant self-sufficiency. The CoC CE is working with affordable housing providers on MOU's with service providers for retention services. Local hospital pays for retention services. Targeted technical assistance/cross training of best practices by CoC available including training through the Governor's Council on Homelessness & the state network of non-profit housing providers. Local housing providers offer transfer options to new PH opportunities. Agencies operate Rent Right & tenant based classes to ensure participants gain skills needed to be better tenants. Program participants have access to temporary financial assistance.
3. The VT-501 CoC Co-Chairs and the Retention Committee and CE Committee Chairs are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.VT-501 CoC strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness include the following:
- Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee uses data reports in aggregated form to connect common factors contributing to homeless return after exit and highlight barriers to remaining housed
 - CE system tracks data on exits and return to homelessness.
 - Data available to case managers for continued work with household and to connect applicants with previous known resources.
 - The CE and Case Managers teams also connect applicants to any previous known resources.
 - By- Name List tracking enables the CoC to understand the cause of a return to homelessness in real time
 - The Retention Committee works to identify and explore current homelessness prevention services provided by and strategies used by agencies in Chittenden County. Establish a collaborative system that provides broadly accessible housing stabilization services in the community, including enrolling eligible households into the Coordinated Entry System
 - With the rate of 4% of individuals/persons in families who return to homelessness over a 6-12 month period, VT-501 CoC identifies the following common factors contributing to those who return to homelessness: Lack of income to maintain housing; lack of money/finance skills; substance use or mental health issues; domestic violence leading to failure to make timely rent payments; other lease violations.
2. To reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness, VT501 CoC strategies include the following activities:
- VT-Soar training for providers to increase participant incomes
 - CE committee uses data reports in aggregated form to connect common factors contributing to homeless return after exit and highlight barriers to remaining housed
 - CE system tracks data on exits and return to homelessness.
 - Increase use of HMIS to better track data to analyze returns to homelessness
 - Data available to case managers for continued work with household and to connect applicants with previous known resources.
 - The CE and Case Managers teams also connect applicants to any previous known resources.
 - Training staff on substance use issues and trauma
 - Housing stability services and eviction prevention assistance through Vermont State Housing Authority
3. The VT-501 CoC Co0Chairs and Retention Committee chairs are responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce returns to homelessness.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VT-501 CoC strategy to access employment cash sources includes:

- Member organizations and partners providing direct assistance to clients with employment and employability resources
- Staff training and presentations at CoC meetings on mainstream resources, training and vocational opportunities and reducing barriers to employment.
- CoC projects (PSH and RRH) provide employment resources, training and vocational training, access to resources and services through service provider partners.
- VT-501 CoC provides access to partnerships with mainstream employment organizations and information via training, meeting presentations and regular listserv mailings

2. VT-501 CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their cash income in the following ways:

- CoC has executed an MOU with ReSource, a service provider that provides job training.
- CoC members have attended local Workforce Development Board meetings to promote referrals & enrollment preference for persons experiencing homelessness or recently housed
- VT-501 CoC has relationships with employment organizations to access job listings, employment readiness resources and training and job fairs.
- CoC Co Chair Spectrum Youth and Family Services, in partnership with the VT Dept of Labor, has their own social enterprise, Detail Works, where youth with barriers to employment gain experience in a supportive environment. Youth have access to resume & interviewing assistance & soft skill development.
- Local Community Action Program agency refers clients to the Individual Career Advancement Network (ICAN) program, which assists job searches, connect with employers, enhance job finding skills, gain new job skills & work experience.
- Pathways Vermont provides job training, & referrals to their Individualized Placement Support Supported Employment Program.
- Howard Center offers employment councilors through the Career Connections program.
- United Way, a CoC Board member, works with local employers through its Working Bridges program to help low-income and homeless workers gain and retain employment, access earned income cash benefits such as the EITC and access promotion opportunities for higher income
- CoC PSH service providers provide significant employment opportunities to PSH residents.

3. The VT-501 CoC CCHA Steering Committee and CoC Co-Chairs are responsible for overseeing the CoC Strategy.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC’s Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	

2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

VT-501 CoC has implemented the following strategies to access to non-employment cash income through education, connection to resources and follow up services:

VT 501 partners closely with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) who also attend CoC meetings, other benefit providers also attend CoC Service providers use Vermont's single online Consolidated Benefits Application for 4 benefit programs with the ability for case managers to follow up with clients.

VT SOAR supports several service providers to increase access to SSDI for eligible individuals and assistance with application and appeals,

The local Community Action agency, is also a VITA site, which helps working household's access the Earned Income Tax Credit.

CoC project application and review includes scores on participant links to non-employment income sources

2. VT-501 CoC Co-Chairs and Strategic Planning Committee and Co-Chairs work with the Vermont Agency of Human Services are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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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		
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Submission Summary

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