Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:
  1. the CoC Application, and
 2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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  As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:
  1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
  2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

  CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application 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 the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. 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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: WA-500 - Seattle/King County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: King County Regional Homelessness Authority

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: King County Regional Homelessness Authority

1A-5.	New Projects	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside	Yes
2.	Rural Homelessness Set Aside	No

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	09/01/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition:	
1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
3.	If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022

1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or affiliate's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/18/2022

2A. System Performance

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
2.	how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Identification of Risk Factors: Analysis of HMIS inflow data includes CE Assessment, homelessness prevention screening tool, diversion use, PIT survey cause of homelessness question. Regional eviction data used to cross walk eviction & entry to homelessness. CoC part of longitudinal study of homeless families - includes analysis of risk factors (Westat Family Homelessness Initiative/Gates Foundation). Factors included prior homeless, eviction history, DV, illness, age, substance use, rent burden, sudden significant loss of income. Local data shows communities of color (esp. Black/African American & American Indian/Alaska Native) & LGBTQ YYA overrepresented and at higher risk.

2) Targeted prevention: a) research-based prevention screening tool to determine imminent risk, program eligibility, service needs. Causation questions (sudden income loss, DV, eviction history) mirror PIT count survey; b) connection to prevention programs, employment/legal supports at CE RAPS/known points of entry help divert HH at risk; c) increased prevention funding thru 3 voter-approved levies, includes BSK investment in communities w/ high rates of poverty/evictions, VSHSL funded legal assistance & UWKC Family Resource Exchanges; d) CoC Student Homeless Partnership strategy for universal screening in King Co schools; e) End Youth Homeless Now focused efforts on YYA prevention and those efforts continue; f) examining cycle of criminalization/homelessness seeking effective early interventions. Use of eviction prevention funds: a)1-time/short to med term financial assist, mediation/legal/housing stabilization; leverage employment, education, food & utility programs to increase earnings & offset monthly expenses for at risk low-income renters; 2) employ targeted cross-system diversion w/ flexible funds/client-centered strategies for rapid housing return; 3) Created a decision tree on when it would be appropriate to provide a motel voucher vs other basic needs; 4) CoC & VA work w/SSVF providers to implement new shallow rent subsidy program. KCRHA 5-Year Plan includes implementing direct cash assistance to those at-risk to reduce likelihood of entering homelessness based on evidence from Innovations for Poverty Action studies. Further actions via quality improvement project and guidance - to prioritize assistance to households that may become homeless for the first time (medical fragility, household composition, age).

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2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC uses a HF approach w/ all people experiencing homelessness in KC, recognizing that housing with appropriate supports to meet the need is the only durable solution to homelessness. Regional strategy to address needs in the continuum is to deploy a suite of field based & site specific service interventions that meet people where they are & provide connectivity to the full range of housing & service resources available to the continuum.

CoC employs diversion approach systemwide, centralized housing location focused on finding units as well as more proactive landlord recruitment and engagement (Housing Connector) and increased investment in RRH and PSH. CoC plans to expand tenant-based rental assistance systemwide to offer more flexible housing options (evidence from EHV housing rate indicates this method can and will quickly move more households into housing and reduce LOT HH experience homelessness). CoC also works to diligently shift narrative on homelessness and works to reduce stigma about those experiencing homelessness - particularly with landlords and property managers.

2.The CoC utilizes robust HMIS system to accurately collect the numbers/characteristics of people experiencing homelessness to identify & house individuals & families with the longest length of stay in homeless response system. Housing Navigators are instrumental to continue to engage with households who are not yet connected to housing to ensure continued household contact/eligibility readiness once housing identified. The CoC further committed to RRH as a strategy for reducing LOT. Using onetime ESG-CV funding, the CoC designed pilot RRH program to embed program enrollment support within shelter buildings. The intentional linkage of shelter to RRH programming is designed to produce faster/more successful exits to PH, which will reduce HH length of stay. The CoC also adopted CoC-wide RRH guidelines showing results for fidelity to best practices. Additional TA to YYA RRH providers by Virtual Peer Learnings. CoC TH providers continue to strengthen programming, with some converting to permanent housing to better serve the households.

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	2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
		Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Strategy to increase the rate of exits to PH includes increased scale and focused resources: a) target EHV referrals to ES/SH/DV TH programs, to ensure rapid match to perm housing (1,055+ refs), b) create RRH-to-EHV progressive engagement for RRH households that need L/T subsidy (169+ refs), c) expand funding for RRH through CARES Act ($6.2M) and local revenue (total $8.5M) with increased flexibility for longer stayers, d) Include direct access to housing-oriented flexible funding / diversion resources in ES/SH programs; e) increase funding for local landlord engagement provider Housing Connector to recruit new rental stock; f) expand legal services to address past debt/eviction; g) employment/education services; h) Increase TA and accountability measures for underperformers.

2) Efforts to increase retention rate for PH include: a) Increased investment in prevention case management for households with previous homeless history; b) added conflict mediation, dispute resolution/family reunification services and training to suite of retention supports; c) new cross sector partnerships with mainstream employment/education services to increase/maintain employment; d) expanded move-on strategy in permanent supportive housing; e) leveraged Medicaid housing supports on-site nursing support through levies; f) expanded use of CE mobility transfer policy to help relocate when all other efforts exhausted; i) increased quarterly review of exits and program terminations to intervene on program-level to identify patterns and provide TA to decrease likelihood HH will be exited for behavioral reasons; j) systemwide increase to eviction prevention assistance to cover arrears or missed payments to due economic constraints related to continued impacts of COVID and prior eviction moratorium.

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	2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
		Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC identifies HH who return to homelessness by: a) Tracking performance quarterly by population, project and program type and analyzing HMIS outflow / return data; b) Using national, state, local research to identify factors/vulnerabilities predictive of return including prior homelessness, past eviction history, illness rent burden, sudden & significant loss of income and PIT survey questions regarding cause of homelessness; c) holding more transparent case conferencing about what is happening with HH who have exited programs during post-exit case management follow-up. All mirrored in local research-based prevention tool to assertively target services such as employment assistance, prevention, and general case management to those most likely to return to homelessness.

2) CoC strategies to reduce rate of return includes: a) Investment in prevention case management/rental assistance and UWKC Family Resource Exchange/Home Base eviction prevention targeting HH w/ previous homeless history; b) Cross sector partnerships w/ mainstream employment & education services to increase & maintain employment; c) Cross sector partnerships w/ behavioral health; d) Move on strategies for households residing in PSH no longer needing intensive supports & high-need in RRH w/ progressive engagement; e) Using local resources to provide other permanent housing (PH) for HH whose primary need is housing affordability - successful example in connecting HH to EHV; f) Reinforce orientation to Housing First w/ training that emphasizes client engagement strategies to reduce evictions for housing compliance issues; g) strong focus on permanent connections to communities of support, particularly YYA to support long-term housing stability; h) Utilizing mobility transfer policy in PH to relocate to alternative PH if all other efforts to maintain housing have failed and moving to a different site may improve housing outcomes for the household; i) expand Housing Connector for centralized housing search & landlord relationships with risk mitigation funds and piloting funding local landlord incentives to support housing retention; j) shallow rent subsidy through SSVF & local levy; k) beginning stages of implementing direct cash transfers, which have high rate of successfully assisting HH to not return to homelessness.

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2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)To increase employment income: a) Income/employment is covered at first household contact with employment navigators placed at CE access points; b) Cross system training with CoC & Workforce Development Council (WDC) to target homeless job seekers; c) Provide formal job training/employment assistance/job search coordinated through YWCA/TRAC Associates and well as other supported employment providers connect to RRH and PSH programs; d) coenroll YYA in RRH & Career Launchpad; e) Connect employment directly to shelters & RRH; f) target local levy dollars to homeless YYA employment (FOY, YouthCare, YMCA); g) Actively engage in efforts to increase access to employment including dedicated staffing/proactive job connections including formal/informal employer partnerships (Vigor Ship Building, Amazon, Best Buy, Starbucks). CCS Mind the Gap - 6-month IT training w/ industry mentors, preexa help. Aspiring Social Service Employee Training (ASSET) - employment prep / volunteer internship in social services w/ additional training for janitors
2) WDC is primary mainstream employment organization and oversees local WorkSource one-stop centers: a) CE Access points co-located w/ Worksource one stop; b) CoC, WDC, King County Regional Homelessness Authority participate in Connections Project including CEA RAP: Home & Work to strengthen CoC employment strategy & employer/career pathways; c) WDC & local levies fund employment services coordinated through KC. Additionally, CoC targets local resources to employment including United Way and Raikes Foundation for Youth employment connected to RRH & YDHP and coordinates w/ local agency financial empowerment skill building programs (Solid Ground, YWCA, Neighborhood House). New ARPA-funded King County Jobs and Housing pilot targeting literally homeless provides temp County jobs and employment supports with RRH [target: 300]. Jobs are full-time with benefits; employment supports [through WDC and partner agencies] focus on securing ongoing employment.
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	2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
		Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
		Describe in the field below:	
	1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
	2.	your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
	3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income includes: 1) Years long advocacy to increase cash amount for Washington State's Aging, Blind, and Disable benefit from $197 to $417, which was implemented in 2022; 2) coordinated SOAR training for all CoC providers to ensure staff equipped to assist participants to apply for applicable benefits; 3) targeted focus on veteran's and ensuring access and education about all benefits veteran's in CoC are entitled to.

2) CoC strategies to increase access non-employment cash income includes: 1) CE uses WA Connections on-line benefit tool to screen & enroll; 2) VA navigators use 12-point assessment, link VETS to available systems; 3)BFET case managers in South KC for benefit enrollment; 4)By-name case conferencing includes mainstream connection for benefit access, navigators assist w/securing ID; 5) WA Medicaid Waiver for Foundational Community Support (FCS) for housing/supported employment for Medicaid eligible w/complex needs: 6) training housing/service staff in FCS to ensure eligible HH access , working to leverage FCS at CE; 7) Non-employment cash income a CoC Program scoring element--100% of progs assist to identify, access, maintain benefits, majority SOAR trained; 8) Partner with Seattle-King County Coalition on Homelessness to provide systemwide training to all homeless and housing service staff on
assisting HH to apply for SSI, SSDI, ABD, and TANF; 9) Broadly promote and send out link & information on 20-hour SOAR training that is accessible online; 10) King County ARPA CLFR investment in Stimulus Check and Benefits access Navigation training and support for agencies serving people experiencing homelessness [general (Coalition on Homelessness), family (Mary's Place) and youth-focused (Friends of Youth)]. Programs work directly/indirectly with mainstream progs to track referrals, benefits received/renewed, help resolve eligibility screening/benefit denial issues.

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2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	

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

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	No
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.	Native-led; Immigrant and Refugee Advocates/Service Orgs	Yes	No	Yes
34.	VA; Philanthropy; Faith Communities; Health Insurance Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes

2B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC solicited new members actively. New in 2022, more than half of CoC Board membership is people with lived experience. Staff & committee co-chairs conducted regular review to assess need for new representation. Interested partners can: a) contact CoC at any time; b) at turnover, CoC may target invites to specialized groups for broad representation in alignment w/ CoC charter; or issue open invite. New members solicited through social media, email, CoC website, word of mouth by sitting members, and by CoC staff with strong emphasis on lived experience and historically marginalized and disproportionately impacted, esp. Indigenous & Black. Board/committees affirm all new members.

2) CoC staff trained in event accessibility follow all federal & local ADA requirements. CoC communicates ability for meeting accommodations up front in materials & notices: video conferencing with closed captioning; sign-language as requested; physical locations available and selected w/accessibility in mind; HMIS & CE docs in Braille; HMIS training videos with ASL. All CoC materials available online in PDF; all materials reviewed for formatting & reading comprehension.

3) CoC makes ongoing concerted effort to outreach persons with lived and living experience of homelessness. In 2022, CoC met with families experiencing homelessness about real-time support - particularly those fleeing DV; facilitated outreach by current CoC Board members and KCRHA staff to persons currently experiencing homelessness to join CoC - examples include encampment outreach, promoting CoC activities at the Lived Experience Coalition weekly General Meeting; shared online and via word of mouth information about becoming an CoC board member and application process; the KCRHA, CoC Lead, Sub-Regional Planning team held regular engagements with people experiencing homelessness - with a particular focus on BIPOC, LGBTQ+, YYA, and communities with severe service needs - throughout the year to inform the 5-Year Plan.

4) Equity and inclusion of organizations serving culturally specific communities a CoC priority, with emphasis on equity. KCRHA Staff including Sub-Regional Outreach staff prioritize meeting with culturally specific communities - BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and disability community (all pops. part of subpop outreach and planning for 5 Year Plan). EHV distribution prioritizes inclusion of orgs. serving communities over-represented in homelessness eg, Black, Indigenous, particularly by/for orgs not previously involved.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)		
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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) CoC solicits and considers opinions from CoC Board & Committees (CE, System Perform) who is intentionally recruited to represent a broad array of knowledgeable/interested persons/orgs: lived experience (LE), regional funders, local jurisdictions, PHAs, VA Health, prevention/homeless service providers, CBOs (immigrant/refugee, AI/AN, unsheltered, LGBTQ, DV, YYA, HCHN, FBO). Convened monthly, agendas hold time for public comment, member input, two way info sharing. CoC solicits and collects input from service providers and community members actively throughout the year via a Request for Information posted online and widely published to better inform strategy to address and prevent homelessness. Active partnership with the Lived Experience Coalition to both develop and improve strategy. Targeted outreach to orgs and individuals not represented in regular feedback mechanisms - e.g outreached Pacific Islander Community Association of WA (PICA) when noticeable absence of NHOPI interested were not being represented. Community responses re programs and policy development shared with CoC Board by KCRHA staff in monthly updates.
2) Information/feedback solicited thru: a) CoC-specific meetings (Annual CoC Convening, CoC Advisory, CE and SysPM), b) presentations to councils, regional homeless & regional planner meetings; c) stakeholder meetings; d) base building spaces for a given topic, e.g., prevention, rapid rehousing, transitional housing; e) community engagement sessions around the King County Regional Homelessness Authority's 5-Year Plan. Since COVID, all public meetings are virtual (all accessible) with designated time for community input. CoC also solicits input via online surveys/email
3)Stakeholder input is critical to CoC planning/decision-making, especially LE and pops disproportionately represented in homelessness. CBO feedback regarding disproportionate access to housing resources resulted in equitybased distribution process for EHV as well as reflective rating and scoring criteria within the local application process. Resultant equity-targeted access enabled small CBOs to connect communities of differing cultures, languages, and abilities to EHV with above national average. Based on feedback during initial 50+ community engagement sessions for 5 Year Plan, KCRHA began focused subpop work to address needs of LGBTQ+, seniors/elders, persons w/ disabilities, immigrants/refugees.

| | 2B-4. | Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants) | |
| | | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4) | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CoC-specific RFP process opened to PSH& JC TH/RRH housing projects. Need of operating/services funding screened & identified through prior CoC and non-CoC RFP processes. Affirmed by CoC Advisory Committee (AC), HUD CoC dollars target new PSH for high need/CH meeting HUD requirements & JC TH/RRH programs. Additional outreach via publically accessible community engagements which were posted online & recorded for public viewing to call for community input regarding strategy for new CoC dollars, one new organizations to applied for CoC Program funding.

2)Through multiple community engagement sessions, CoC encouraged new organizations to apply for funding and explicitly called for new & innovation projects to serve those with complex service needs who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

3)Apps accepted electronically/paper depending on funding opp. Participation waivers for small/BIPOC available for submittal type; application TA increasingly available. All apps reviewed for eligibility, capacity, feasibility, pop priority, sub-regional priority & screened for alignment w/ CoC values & priorities. Project funding (HUD CoC, PHA, healthcare, veteran, local levies) coord/leveraged amongst funders & fund sources (public/private). Meeting w/ agencies year-round for pre-app guidance re: plans, priority populations, service models, project budgets & allocation of HUD CoC/other dollars that best match project need/scope.

4)New projects identified for CoC funding ranked & then affirmed by CoC AC (includes LE) based on project readiness, target pop, CoC gaps/needs, HUD priorities, system priorities of racial equity, & fund availability. CoC also took consideration funding orgs not previously funded to expand both the orgs receiving funding & unique pops new orgs serve. This aligned with equity principles & will expand the geographic coverage of CoC programs. Further emphasis placed on projects leveraging healthcare supports to participants. Held published, AC meeting 10/5 to review all projects, including new project & orgs - in the rated & ranked order. Recorded meeting & covered selection process.

5)CoC follows federal/local requirements in ADA, communicates ability for accommodation in all materials / workshops. Meeting sites selected for accessibility, including closed captioning for online meetings, materials reviewed for formatting/reading comprehension & available online in PDF.

2C. Coordination / Engagement–with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the chart below:	
1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	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)	Yes
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)	
18.	VA/VA Health; local/state DV; DD; DCYF; AI/AN led orgs	Yes

2C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG 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 to address homelessness within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC WA-500 active ESG/ESG-CV recipients are: Seattle, King County (KC), and WA Statewide (Auburn, Bellevue, Burien, Federal Way, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, Shoreline). Recipients participate in planning / allocation. ESG distributed via RFP, under CoC requirements & system performance (SPM) framework. ESG recipients represented in planning/review bodies. Local RFPs include ESG, administered by ESG recipient staff (Seattle & KC) who also participate in CoC workgroups. ESG contracts w/ providers managed by KCRHA, CoC Lead. For KC ESG the Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) (interjurisdictional body includes all above listed jurisdictions) confirms final recommendations on projects funded w/ ESG. ESG-CV procured and distributed as crisis response shelter and RRH per Seattle and JRC approval and ESG-CV TA.
2)ESG & ESG/CV funded projects operate under WA-500 CoC SPM. CoC evaluates & reports performance of ESG recipients & subs. All projects, including ESG and CV-funded included in SPM & dashboards managed by CoC lead KCRHA & posted on CoC website. CoC SPM Committee includes ESG recipient (KC) w/ Seattle & WA also represented. SPM reviews performance/identifies issues. Performance as measured through this process informs RFP scoring and eligibility to apply for ESG & other CoC funds.
3) PIT and HIC data provided to Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within the CoC geographic area. The two largest ESG recipients are close partners in the HIC and PIT process.
4) WA-500 has 6 Consolidated Plan jurisdictions: Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Kent, Seattle, KC. CoC works in close partnership to align planning w/ Consolidated Plan jurisdictions w/ representatives on all CoC planning bodies & workgroups (i.e. KCRHA Governing Committee and Implementation Board). All jurisdictions participate in annual PIT Count and collaborated on identifying best locations for Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS) in 2022. CoC provides regional homeless data & presents to con. plan bodies. All Consolidated Plans speak to participation in & collaboration w/ CoC & CoC strategic plan.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

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

2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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

2C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Majority of formal collaboration between CoC and MKV education, at all levels, focused on COVID impacts on schools/students ensuring equitable response/recovery and safe return to the classroom. CoC convened Pre-K-12 Schools and Childcare Task Force as cross-departmental/multidisciplinary team (public health, communication/ed specialists, Puget Sound Educational Service District, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, CoC, and stakeholders (districts/school staff, providers). Taskforce key contact/primary leader for all issues related to K-12, especially homeless students/families. Partnered w/ Seattle Council Parent Teacher Student Association on multiple fronts. a) Youth ed: CoC, King County School Districts, KC PHA collaborated with Highline, Tukwila & Renton school districts on pilot connecting housing and educational achievement for homeless students. Formal partnership: Student Homelessness Workgroup (SHW) collaboration of funders, philanthropy, providers, school personnel. b) State-Local Ed: CoC, MKV liaisons, district personnel shared school level practices, identified strategies/tools on diversion skills for school specific training. Formal partnership: SHW /MKV school liaisons/CoC, OHY, WA Office of Public Instruction; OHY on CoC YHDP Team c) School Districts: Under NIS, took a regional approach to cross system interventions re: schools, connection to crisis system, criminal justice.
2) Formal partnerships: A regional by invitation collaboration between NIS, King County & Snohomish CoCs partnered with schools, DCYF, YYA providers.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Education Services Policy is included in the CoC Interim Policies. Written procedures require programs serving families w/ children & school-aged youth & young adults to: inform families & youth experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for MKV services during intake; cannot require school enrollment as a condition of program entry; cannot prohibit children from remaining in their school of origin; must develop relationships with colleges to access Higher Education Services; must designate a staff person to ensure children are enrolled in school & connected to education services. Programs are additionally required to ask participants to sign verification of their receipt of MKV Act eligibility. The Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness hosted virtual training on 10/21/21 and 9/22/22: Helping Homeless Students: McKinney-Vento 101, attended by both school personnel and homeless service providers. The Coalition also produces "Understanding Educational Rights for homeless and unstably housed students – a guide for parents, students, teachers and social workers", which outlines homeless student rights, and provides McKinney-Vento contacts for each King County school district. The brochure is made available to providers, libraries, schools & is posted on the Coalition website. Education Leads Home and Building Changes created flyer visually highlighting key information: how to get in touch with the nearest liaison, and the rights and services available for students experiencing homelessness for use in multiple languages.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources–CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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

	Mainstream 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	

You must select a response for elements 1 through 6 in question 2C-5.

2C-5a.	Mainstream Resources–CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

	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 to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC pivoted to virtual connections to meet needs during the pandemic and utilized existing partnerships to keep programs and HH systematically updated. Local Homelessness Coalition provided up to date public benefits information via flyers, meetings and trainings, kept informed of opening schedules for local DSHS service, hosted Child Care Resources and Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition for updates on homeless child care / family resources including King County American Rescue Plan and SNAP benefits; Solid Ground Benefit Legal Assistance offered special training on how to access state benefits during COVID; King County Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) trainings/forums and "Unite Us" platforms facilitated referrals to behavioral /physical health, benefits, services..
2) Homeless Coalition with Solid Ground Benefits Legal Assistance put on a training on Medicaid and Medicare to educate service providers on how to help their clients access and maintain medical benefits. CoC also works with providers to bring the homeless health outreach team nurses to housing sites, Healthcare for the Homeless Network staff to shelters. Leveraging healthcare is priority of CoC to ensure whole-person care is available in programs.
3) CoC works to educate project staff on Medicaid 1115 waiver to better leverage Medicaid for housing supports. Provides TA support to new and existing projects to leverage Medicaid via Foundational Community Supports. Homeless Coalition training supports project staff to learn the the application processes for SSI, TANF, and food assistance to ensure all participants effectively access each benefit they are eligible for.
4) There are a number of organizations with the CoC that have staff trained in SOAR and CoC sends out information to partners regarding the online training available for staff to complete. Regular communication with programs on importance of both engaging with participants to access SSI/SSDI and ensuring staff are SOAR certified.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only).	
	Special NOFO Section VII.A.	

If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?	No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special 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

3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below:	
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable.

4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

		Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:
	1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
	2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'
	3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported–please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images and reduces file size. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print Option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
	4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
	5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
	6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either. - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time). - We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
	7.	Open attachments once uploaded to ensure they are the correct attachment for the required Document Type.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1B-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes	Local Competition...	10/06/2022
1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/06/2022
1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/05/2022
1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/05/2022
1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs	No		
3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment	No		
P-1a. PHA Commitment	No		
P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment	No		
P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter	No		
Plan. CoC Plan	Yes		

Attachment Details

Document Description: Local Competition Announcement

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Submission Summary

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

Page	Last Updated
1A. CoC Identification	10/06/2022
1B. Project Review, Ranking and Selection	10/06/2022
2A. System Performance	10/06/2022
2B. Coordination and Engagement	10/06/2022
2C. Coordination and Engagement–Con't.	10/05/2022
3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction	No Input Required
3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes	10/05/2022
4A. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

Attachment: 1, **Local Competition Deadline**

Applications: The deadline for submitting completed proposals is **Tuesday, September 20, 2022, by 11:59pm PST**. This funding process is competitive and open to any agencies that meet the KCRHA Agency Minimum Eligibility Requirements and any additional requirements outlined in Section III.

Timeline*	
Funding Opportunity Released	Wed. 8/31/22
**Live Information Session (Note: participation and registration is highly recommended, but not required to submit an application. A recorded session will be posted after the meeting.)	Wed. 9/7/22 from 10-11AM Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ejt-okkp-agv Or dial: (US) +1 631-910-9013 PIN: 533 652 742#
Last Day to Submit Questions to coc.questions@kcrha.org	Wed. 9/14/22
Application Deadline	Tuesday, 9/20/22
Denial Notification (anticipated)	Wednesday, 10/5/22
Award Notification (anticipated)	Wednesday, 10/05/2022
KCRHA Submits Rating and Ranking to HUD	Tue. 10/18/22; Due 10/20/22
Estimated Contract Start Date	TBD based on HUD's final award

*KCRHA reserves the right to change any dates in the RFP timeline. Any updates, including responses to questions, will be posted on the KCRHA website under, 'Funding Opportunities'. **Please contact the Procurement Coordinator for accommodation requests @: RFP@kcrha.org

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Requests for Proposals

A Request for Proposals is a request for competitive bids to manage a specific project using funding provided through the RHA. Upcoming requests for proposals will first be listed in the Notice of Funding Availability section of this website.

A Request for Information (RFI) is a formal information gathering process that provides a structured way to ask for input on program design and organizational needs.

2022 Unsheltered Homelessness & Encampment Housing & Services RFP

June 23, 2022: Request for Information (RFI): Re-Procurement

Previous RFPs

RATER INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for serving on the rating committee for the 2022 Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampment Health & Housing Services RFP. Please use the criteria and scoring schema included in this document to rate the PH-PSH and TH & PH-RRH Applications. Please keep in mind that organizations have different resources available for grant writing, and organizations with poor writing may nonetheless offer strong programs that are culturally competent and impactful. Scores should be based on the information provided by the organization in their response, and not the quality of writing in the response. Each rater has been assigned an alias to be used instead of their name on all rating documents. Please be aware that the rating process is only semi-anonymous even with the use of the assigned alias; raters will be able to see one another's scores and comments during the group discussion. Rater's names and their rating forms may also be released if KCRHA receives a public disclosure request related to this funding process.

Important: Rater Comments

As you're rating each section, enter comments into the box labeled "Rater Comments", located under the questions in each section.   Comments are very important! Comments justify the score you give, and must be related directly to how the applicant answered the questions. Comments are particularly important to justify low scores. Once finished inputting your scores, tranfer your scores and comments to the tab labeled, "Rater's Scores" for each application you review.

Your comments may be provided to applicants after the funding process is complete, to help them improve future applications. You will need to refer to your comments to be able to participate in the group review discussion.

KCRHA

If you have questions, please reach out to the CoC Co-leads at coc.questions@kcrha.org

There are two sections for this rating tool: "Criteria & Scoring", and a "Rater's Scores" Section. For each question and proposal, enter your score in the grey box labeled "Rater's Score" within each of the criteria & scoring tabs. Each rater must provide and submit scores for all assigned proposals. Your scores for each question will be automatically subtotaled at the bottom of each scoring tool. **All final scores, agency information, and rater's comments must be manually added to "Rater's Scores" tab no later than midnight on Monday, October 3rd.**

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) & Transitional Housing to Permanent Rapid Re-Housing Criteria & Rating

Provide a rating for each agency applying. Copy their final score on the "Rater's Scores" Tab

	Maximum Points	Rater's Score				
A. TELL US WHO YOU ARE				Low (0-3)	Medium (4-7)	High (8-10)
*Experience reflects a history of providing services that are focused on helping individuals gain safety, improve health and racial equity, and address barriers to securing housing. *An acceptable response will acknowledge the needs of the target population and include a plan that addresses the types of assistance that will be provided by the project applicant, or other partners, to ensure program participants served by this project will move into appropriate permanent housing as well as remain in or move to other permanent housing once assistance is no longer needed.	10			Does not meet and/or address the critieria.	Adequately addresses the criteria.	Demonstrates excellence in all and/or most of the criteria.
B. WHAT ARE YOU PROPOSING TO DO?				Low (0-7)	Medium(8-15)	High (16-20)
*Proposes to serve individuals and families who meet HUD's definition of "chronically homeless", AND at least one member in the household has a disabilty; *Applicant proposes to provide Permentant Support Housing (PSH) rental assistance, services and/or operations; OR Transitional Housing to Permanent Rapid Re-Housing; *The number and confirmation of units will fit the needs of the program participants; and *Demonstrates a commitment to a Housing First approach.*Applicant has a logical, thorough plan to address the needs identified in this procurement process. *Applicant proposes to implement services within KCRHA's jurisdiction (Seattle/King County) and with the intended populations. * The ratio of direct-service staff to participants supports housing-focused services. * Applicant clearly explains and understands the fidelity based Housing First Model. * Applicant clearly explains a realistic timeline which aligns with KCRHA's priorities. *Applicant provides detail about the anticipated number of people housed and anticipates serving an underserved population. *Applicant proposes a program which leverages housing and other community resources to maximize permanent housing and health outcomes.	20			Does not meet and/or address the critieria.	Adequately addresses the criteria.	Demonstrates excellence in all and/or most of the criteria.
C. HOW IS YOUR WORK ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE?				Low (0-11)	Medium(12-23)	High (24-35)
*Applicant demonstrates how they empower their customers' potential and demonstrates an understanding of the historical systemic forms of oppression which harm the communities they serve; *Applicant has a strong history and/or commitment working with and supporting low income BIPOC communities and individuals impacted by institutional racism; * Applicant demonstrates how they currently or plan to include people with lived expertise into their program operations, policy development and leadership; * Applicant effectively communicates how they 'share power' and respond to customer feedback by including customer voice in their planning, implementation, and evaluation of services.	35			Does not meet and/or address the critieria.	Adequately addresses the criteria.	Demonstrates excellence in all and/or most of the criteria.
D. TELL US ABOUT YOUR PARTNERSHIPS				Low (0-8)	Medium(9-17)	High (18-25)
*Applicant clearly describes who and how they will partner with other agencies and/or other community stakeholders to accomplish their proposed program; *Applicant effectively demonstrates how they will leverage resources to create a more coordinated system of care that will improve housing and health outcomes; Applicant proposes culturally responsive and identity affirming approaches within their partnerships; Applicant's budget and explanation reflect a financially equitable partnership.	25			Does not meet and/or address the critieria.	Adequately addresses the criteria.	Demonstrates excellence in all and/or most of the criteria.

			Low (0-1)	Medium (2-3)	High (4-5)
E. TELL US ABOUT YOUR DATA AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES *Applicant explains their knowledge and capacity to collect and manage HMIS data or acknowledge areas of needed growth and capacity; *Applicant has experience or has the ability to meet reporting requirements with state, local and/or federally funded programs; *Applicant adequately describes its revenue, financial health, and financial management systems; *Applicant has a fiscal management system which maintains checks and balances and follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to safeguard all funds that may be awarded under the terms of this funding opportunity; *If applicant lacks fiscal management capabilities, applicant identifies its fiscal sponsor.	5		Does not meet and/or address the critieria.	Adequately addresses the criteria.	Demonstrates excellence in all and/or most of the criteria.
F. HOW MUCH FUNDING IS NEEDED, WHY?			Low (0-1)	Medium (2-3)	High (4-5)
*Staff positions and ratios are designed to meet the needs of its customers; *Applicant explains each budget item and its use clearly. *Budget items seem logical and cost effective; *Budget identifies a 25% match; *If funds are being used from other sources or in-kind, the applicant clearly lists the fund source(s) and budget allocations are clearly explained.	5		Does not meet and/or address the critieria.	Adequately addresses the criteria.	Demonstrates excellence in all and/or most of the criteria.
	100	0			

Rater Comments/Clairfying Questions:

Rater's Alias:

Agency Name	Program/Project Type (PH-PSH or TH & PH-RRH)	Rater's Total Score
DESC - SHARP	PH-PSH	
DESC - Woodland	PH-PSH	
Plymouth Housing - Blake House	PH-PSH	
St. Stephen Housing Association	TH & PH-RRH	

Rater's Comments

M Gmail   **Kelsey Beckmeyer <kelsey.beckmeyer@kcrha.org>**

SNOFO Application Denial

Kelsey Beckmeyer <kelsey.beckmeyer@kcrha.org>   Wed, Oct 5, 2022 at 4:39 PM
To: Alain Chan <achan@desc.org>, Dan Burton <dburton@desc.org>
Cc: Jenn Ozawa <jenn.ozawa@kcrha.org>, Peter Lynn <peter.lynn@kcrha.org>

Hello,

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (RHA), as the Seattle - King County Continuum of Care (CoC), has completed its review of project proposals to be submitted under the 2022 local renewal application process in response to the FY 2022 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC Special Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness competition

We regret to inform you that the following application was not selected for inclusion in the 2022 KCRHA application to HUD.

Project Name: SHARP

Applicant Name: Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC)

Award Amount Denied: $328,374.69

The KCRHA received a total of 4 applications for the 2022 HUD SNOFO funds. Unfortunately, this year's funding requests exceeded the amount of funding available. Your proposal was not rated high enough to be moved forward to the HUD consolidated application and deemed out of scope of the posted RFP for permanent supportive housing or joint component transitional housing-rapid rehousing projects.

Please see the attached letter and approved rating and ranking for your records.

Best,
Kelsey
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Email communications with KCRHA employees are public records and may be subject to disclosure.

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2 attachments

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Project Name: SHARP

Applicant Name: Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC)

Award Amount Denied: $328,374.69

The KCRHA received a total of 4 applications for the 2022 HUD SNOFO funds. Unfortunately, this year's funding requests exceeded the amount of funding available. Your proposal was not rated high enough to be moved forward to the HUD consolidated application and deemed out of scope of the posted RFP for permanent supportive housing or joint component transitional housing-rapid rehousing projects.

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Project Name: Woodland

Sponsor Name: Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC)

Award Amount: $2,759,028

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3 Year Total

Application TOTAL $ 4,700,907 $14,102,723

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Sponsor Name: Plymouth Housing

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SNOFO Planning Grant Acceptance

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Applicant Name: King County Regional Homelessness Authority

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