

MA-505 Bristol County Continuum of Care 2024 Continuum of Care Competition

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Consolidated Application

For the MA-505 Bristol County CoC

This document constitutes part 1 of a multi-part application to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's 2024 CoC Competition

A vote of the MA-505 CoC (BCCC) membership has been called to accept or reject the Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing.

Voting open: October 21, 2024

Voting closed: October 23, 2024

These are the DRAFT MA-505 Consolidated Application materials; this and all competition materials are available at www.bristolcountycoc.com website.

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 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 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 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MA-505 - New Bedford/Attleboro/Taunton/Bristol County

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: City of New Bedford

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: City of New Bedford

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	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.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	UNITED WAY AND LOCAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (SOUP KITCHENS, FOOD PANTRIES)	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	FAITH BASED ORGS (INTERCHURCH COUNCIL GRT NB	Yes	Yes	Yes

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

MA-505 CoC is committed to centering the voices and experiences of Black and Brown populations who are locally disproportionately reflected within the CoC’s homeless population to effectively and carefully address needs. These efforts intentionally focus on lifting up meaningful representation from Black and Brown communities including Central American individuals and families new to the area. Towards this end, the CoC:

a. Formed its first Racial Equity Committee that collected/analyzed data and determined that a detailed plan of action was needed while raising awareness about the relationship btwn racial inequity and homelessness; started planning ways to ensure services are responsive to underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities.

b. Retained the nationally recognized Racial Equity Partners to develop the CoCs first Racial Equity Assessment + Action Plan. The plan acknowledges the CoC has been examining available data for potential racial disparities who experiences homelessness, uses services and the extent to which disparities in service outcomes may/may not exist.

c. Hosted “diversity conversations,” convened an Immigration Training and outreach to communities and orgs that serve culturally specific communities (e.g. the Taunton Diversity Network and CoC members-Immigrants Assistance Center (serving foreign-born persons) the CEDC (primarily serving Guatemalan, Cape Verdean, detained persons and individuals not in legal immigration status), and the Southcoast LGBTQ+ Network).

d. Honed its efforts to ensure an ongoing pipeline of diversified, empowered stakeholders at multiple levels within the CoC’s leadership, its membership and through its connections within the CoC. Targeted invitations to orgs serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness through direct contact + outreach efforts made on an ongoing basis to housing/homeless advocates, street outreach teams and emergency shelters who, themselves, have been actively recruiting a broader reflection of the populations they serve among their own workforces. In this way the CoC conscientiously works toward effectively serving the needs of Black and Brown populations who are disproportionately reflected within this CoC’s homeless population.

e. Connected with orgs and affiliated stakeholders, doing so to authentically ensure its efforts reflect locally underserved communities and those disproportionately affected by homelessness.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. NOFO Section V.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 and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and	
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in your CoC’s geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.The invitation process soliciting new members annually is communicated in multiple ways:
 - a.Direct outreach through personal contacts, shelters and street outreach efforts extends an invitation to those with lived experience/expertise.
 - b.Notice is placed on the CoC’s website inviting and encouraging new members. The website post reinforces the welcoming of renewal members and those identifying as part of historically marginalized communities.
 - c.Targeted emails connect membership opportunities with a range of community groups including the City’s Diversity Council, the LGBTQ+ Network, immigration stakeholders and advocates, seniors, those serving disabled populations, local and state government officials, local businesses, faith and education communities. Additional invitations are made through social media and via outreach to other coalitions within the CoC. Emphasis is placed on welcoming those interested in ending homelessness and effecting change to the housing crisis.
 - d.In all meetings held by the CoC, attendees are asked to encourage new members from the community to join the CoC throughout the year to ensure inclusion of a broad, diverse and expanding membership.
 - e.Interpretation services are offered for those who are unable to communicate in English.
 - f.In all its outreach, the CoC makes clear that membership is always FREE and accessible, and therefore available to all.
- 2.The CoC relies on its relationship with local disability providers (e.g.SouthCoast Independent Living) to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities. All materials published online and as part of CoC mailings, outreach and admin is available in electronic/PDF formats. CoC meetings are either held through Zoom or via hybrid to ensure access to closed captioning for those with hearing loss.
- 3.Invitations to organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in this CoC are regularly made through direct contact including the Immigrants Assistance Center, the CEDC (serving Guatemalan, Cape Verdean, detained persons and individs not in legal immigration status) and the SouthCoast LGBTQ+ Network, who are all long term and active members of this CoC. In effort to address equity, info is made accessible to the communities through direct outreach. Participation in providing a voice to end homeless is encouraged through extended invitations to meetings and opportunities for funding.

1B-3.	CoC’s Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.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;
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
4.	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. Central to the CoC's efforts to solicit opinions has been hiring the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) in 2024 to undertake a strategic plan to end/prevent homelessness in MA-505. TAC understood the importance of soliciting the community's authentic voice and conducted focus groups at soup kitchens and w/those unhoused. Surveys were used to collect info from providers + community mbrs as were targeted consultations with housing, service pros and govt officials. The CoC sees the value in culling wide diversity in all its efforts so it actively solicits/engages opinions. Solicitations via email blasts, social media posts and participation in community efforts ensures homelessness in discussions while engaging others to share insights which strengthen relationships/perspectives/voices.

2. The CoC's core is its ability to reach into the community to ensure a diverse public participation effort. Through its collab. applicant the CoC communicates info in public meetings (including HOME ARP, Action Plan mtgs) to better understand public ideas/concerns beginning with clear explanatory components. The CoC is always open to the public; all CoC mtgs encourage participation. CoC planning/strategic mtgs and broader community initiatives are foundational to the CoC which also engages in forums relevant to vulnerable populations; such forums involve public participation + often air on cable tv to ensure wide community reach. CoC events (e.g. speaking engagements on local radio with callers raising concerns/questions) have helped inform the CoC and community.

3. The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by placing material on an ADA compliant/screen-reader compatible website. Improvements via virtual platforms allow those with communication difficulties to participate including closed caption options through zoom. Those who have issues with large crowds can participate virtually and those who need assistance with electronic formats are able to work with the Collab. Applicant and other organizations to participate in a meaningful way.

4. Taking into consideration broad community input and the potential benefits of regionalizing to end homelessness, the former MA-519 and MA-505 merged into a single CoC (MA-505) in 2024. The newly merged CoC was the product of major action arising from information gathered at local + regional meetings for the improvement of homeless systems and an end to homelessness across the region.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.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. ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.
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1. The CoC announced the opening of the local NOFO competition, availability of its RFP, deadline date for submissions and its acceptance of project proposals on 08.10.2024 via posts on the City of New Bedford’s website (<https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/>) and the CoC’s own website (www.bristolcountycoc.com). The notice of availability including the deadline date was also sent to a local NAACP Chapter, New Bedford’s Diversity Commission and SC LGBTQ+ network and DV providers. Postings were also made on social media. All postings clearly stated “the CoC strongly encourages those from tribal organizations as well as those who work with historically marginalized communities to apply for this funding. This competition is open to all eligible applicants; one need not have previously applied to participate and submit an application.”

2. Announcements as to the pending availability of an RFP for funding began in May 2024 and those interested in more information or submitting a new request for funding were regularly encouraged to contact the CoC Collaborative Applicant for information, particularly geared toward those who had not previously applied for funding. Detailed information about how project applicants must submit their project applications was included throughout the RFP including specific information regarding project applications within the Application Requirements section. This information was also separately published on the <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com> website on 08.10.2024. Once ranked, project applicants are individually provided with specific guidance and instruction as to submission of their project information via esnaps.

3. Information about how the CoC determines which project applications it ranks and submits to HUD was provided throughout the RFP including specific information within the RFP’s Appendix B “CoC Application Selection Process, Scoring, Ranking and Reallocation Process 2024.” This information included detail as to how CoC determinations were made and included information regarding scoring and an appeal process.

4. The CoC ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities through the RFP process by placing the RFP on the ADA compliant City of New Bedford website and includes screen-reader compatibility. PDF copies of the RFP and fillable format applications were also emailed to over 600 within the CoC both as an outreach effort and in response to specific requests for info

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.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)	Nonexistent
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No
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)	No
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.	UNITED WAY, FAITH COMMUNITY, LOCAL BUSINESSES, MEDICAL PROVIDERS, RECOVERY CTRS	Yes

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

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section V.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 family members are not separated?	Yes
3.	Worked with CoC and 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 questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers?	No

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

The CoC works closely with a range of youth education providers including the McKinney Vento Local Education Agency and local school districts throughout its geography. Specifically, the CoC collaborates with (a) multiple youth education providers that are active CoC members and (b) the LEA/McKinney Vento Liaison for the New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS) who was elected by the CoC membership to the CoC’s Exec Board and provides written and verbal reporting to the CoC each month and (c) with Shirley Fan-Chan, Statewide McKinney Vento Liaison responsible for the CoC area. The CoC formerly partners with the LEAs through a signed agreement on an annual basis. In addition, the CoC’s governance, through its adopted By-Laws, specifies that there is a reserved seat for a McKinney Vento representative from local Public Schools. A former CoC Chair and Director of New Bedford’s Office of Housing & Community Development (the CoC Collaborative Applicant) recently concluded his term as a publicly elected member of a local School Committee. The NBPS School Registrar and LEA recently rolled off as the elected vice-chair of the CoC. In addition, the CoC formerly partners with (a) several local colleges to ensure access/outreach to those experiencing homelessness or on the precipice of homelessness (outreach for which is particularly robust during the months leading up to the PIT Count/MA state PIT), and (b) The NBPS’ Family Resource Ctr who provides assistance to families with school age children facing or experiencing homelessness. The CoC also collaborates with the SEA through the LEA/NBPS School Registrar who recently completed her term as the CoC’s elected Vice-Chair. The CoC actively participates in Southeastern Regional McKinney Vento Partnership regional meetings bringing together all McKinney Vento liaisons from surrounding schools/districts within the CoC, regional meetings at which CoC leadership have regularly presented and contributed. The CoC also works very closely with Taunton and Attleboro MV liaisons.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.d.		

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Acting through its Collaborative Applicant, the City of New Bedford’s Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD), the CoC, all ESG and CoC project applicants (for whom it serves as grantee) be able to clearly demonstrate that they are informing all families/youth experiencing homelessness as to their eligibility for McKinney-Vento education services. CoC applicants must demonstrate and document how they are considering the educational needs of children when families are placed in emergency shelter or any transitional housing and, to the maximum extent practicable, demonstrate they are placing families with children as close as possible to their schools of origin so as not to disrupt the children’s education. All project applicants must be able to demonstrate that their programs are establishing policies and practices that are consistent with, and do not restrict the exercise of, rights provided by the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act, and other laws relating to the provision of educational and related services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Project applicants funded through ESG or CoC must also be able to demonstrate that they have designated a staff person to ensure that children are enrolled in school and connected to the appropriate services within the community, including early childhood programs such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and McKinney-Vento education services. The OHCD compels its ESG and CoC Subrecipients to abide by these policies/protocols and reinforces them through subrecipient agreements and monitoring of projects.

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.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	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	Yes
6.	Head Start	Yes	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with:

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)		
4.	MA OFFICE FOR VICTIMS ASSISTANCE, WOMEN'S CTR and NEW HOPE (DV)	Yes

1C-5a.	Collaborating with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC regularly collaborates with its VSP providers (of whom one has an Exec Director on the CoC’s Exec Board) in the CoC’s geography in ensuring that appropriate procedures/protocols for working with survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, trafficking, and sexual assault are incorporated into its Operational Standards. Such CoC-wide policies were initially developed with reliance on statewide resources from Jane Doe Inc. (MA Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence) and Mass Legal Help; they are published and incorporated into the “Continuum of Care Operational Standards” as amended. These Standards include CoC wide policies addressing victims of domestic violence and their families specific to non-discrimination because of any history of domestic violence, receipt of the benefits afforded under the Fair Housing Act, the protections under VAWA regulations as they relate to ESG and CoC program funded homeless assistance programs, the CoC’s participant choice and subpopulation inclusion under its person-centered model, policies that direct that no organization shall have services that isolate/segregate victims of domestic violence based upon actual or perceived gender identify, confidentiality, the use of comparable data bases rather than HMIS, prioritization for victims of domestic violence and their families, and the effect of the HUD definition of homelessness as relates to domestic violence, etc.

2. The CoC is vigilant in its efforts to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors. The agency providing the CoC’s Coordinated Entry System (CES) receive mandated annual training from DV experts focusing on best practices in working with folks who may be survivors in a trauma-informed manner while ensuring they are able to access appropriate resources/safety planning. The CES has frequent contact with its domestic violence service provider (and is working to reach out to another DV provider post-CoC merger) to ensure open communication and ask questions about interaction w/survivors presenting to the CES team. The VSP provides ongoing tech assistance and supervision addressing survivor protocols through the CES. A local certified provider of DV services (The Women’s Center) provides annual training during regular CoC meetings so non-victim service providers and all CoC area project staff are updated on all relevant Fed/State/Local laws and best practices

1C-5b.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC’s Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:	
1.	safety planning protocols; and	
2.	confidentiality protocols.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is fortunate to have experienced providers of Domestic Violence services, New Hope and The Women’s Center specifically for individuals and families who are fleeing domestic violence. When completing an assessment with the CoC’s coordinated entry System, any individual who has identified DV as an issue in their lives, survivors are provided a warm referral to The Women’s Center, New Hope and/or Safelink for shelter placement or safety planning. Additionally, if a client begins services in a program not specifically geared toward survivors of DV and it is discovered they may be in danger the DV program is contacted immediately for placement and safety planning if necessary, as well as implementation of a transfer plan if necessary is put in place. Both agencies specializing in DV services refer their own clients to coordinated entry for placement in programming for those experiencing homelessness. All of the providers in the continuum utilize a trauma-informed and victim-centered service model that prioritizes safety, confidentiality, and client choice to identify appropriate housing and supports for DV victims. The Women’s Center staff as well as staff from New Hope connect with each participant using a supportive, non-judgmental approach which is crucial when assisting victims who have been through the trauma of domestic violence. As active participants in the Continuum, both agencies provide guidance and assistance with ongoing planning for coordinated entry, including advocacy for the need for the program to grow in order to provide services.

2. The agencies as well as the CoC follow strict confidentiality laws and procedures regarding the sharing of information and each household must make their own decisions regarding information shared with other agencies. This is provided though the necessity of releases signed by the household to decide what information is shared. Releases are always completed in order to share information and agencies adhere to those limits. The households served through the DV provider are not placed into the CoC HMIS system and only de-identified aggregate data is shared for purposes of the Housing Inventory Chart and Point in Time Count.

1C-5c.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors’ individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors’ rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

1C-5d.	Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. New Bedford's CoC adopted an Emergency Transfer Plan Policies & Procedures in September 2022 which is based on the Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal agency that oversees the CoC program and ensures its compliance with VAWA (Form HUD-5381).

2. The CoC's Coordinated Entry Team (CET) informs all households seeking CoC project assistance with information as to the availability of, and rights appurtenant to, Emergency Transfers (ET). All agencies operating CoC housing projects provide every project participants (PP) entering into their housing with information during intake detailing their rights to access an ET along with guidance as to the process whereby such a transfer can be put into effect.

3. To request an ET, the PP would notify the housing provider's management office and submit a written request for a transfer to another available unit. (Housing providers will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities). The PP's written request for an emergency transfer should include either: (a) a statement expressing that the PP reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under the program; OR (b) a statement that the PP was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the PP's request for an emergency transfer.

4. In response to an ET request, the CoC housing provider works internally to relocate the PP within the same program or a comparable unit that may fall under another program of the provider. If this can't be done for lack of appropriate housing, the provider must contact the CET to determine the availability of another unit within the CoC that will appropriately accommodate the needs of the PP/PP's family safety. The CET also connects with the local VSP to ensure survivors aren't re-traumatized, safety planning/execution remains paramount throughout, and that the process follows a trauma-informed victim centered model prioritizing safety/confidentiality/client choice to ID appropriate housing/supports. Both the CET and VSP follow a supportive, non-judgmental approach to ensure safety, choice and efficiency in transferring the PP.

1C-5e.	Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The MA-505 CoC works hard to ensure all households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety are not further victimized, particularly through the assurance of safe and supported housing. It ensures survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking have access to all the same housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area and does so in a number of ways (in no particular order):

(a) The CoC's Coordinated Entry Team (CET) carefully assesses all callers seeking housing/supports to determine whether they are fleeing domestic violence et al or are, in any way, in need of safety planning, etc., doing so to ensure appropriate safety measures are offered to the client. Doing so does not preclude any person so identified as being otherwise eligible for any kind of CoC and/or housing/services, rather, it is an inclusive rather than exclusive intake. Survivors so identified are eligible for, and offered all, the same opportunities provided to non-survivors.

(b) Both the CoC leadership and its CET provide ongoing outreach and engagement of the community as a whole including local police departments, emergency rooms, schools, and other providers that may encounter a household faced with the trauma of violence. This allows all of those seeking housing services and supports to gain access to any program available in the CoC.

(c) All CoC and ESG providers are made aware of their obligations under the Federal Fair Housing Act and under VAWA, all of which is reinforced and memorialized through the CoC's Written (Operational) Standards.

(d) All CoC and ESG subrecipient agreements between the grantee and subrecipient organization explicitly speak to the agency's responsibility in establishing and maintaining written policies and procedures regarding domestic violence and the availability of their housing to all survivors.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:

1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and
2.	working to remove those barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The MA-505 CoC proactively identifies barriers within its homeless response system that do, and/or have the potential to, create roadblocks to safely house and/or provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This is accomplished by working closely with the two Victim Service Providers (VSPs) within the CoC along with their respective domestic violence local shelters, local police departments through specialized/DV services units, and trauma-informed legal service providers. These entities serving on the front lines gain critical feedback from survivors on any barriers they may have experienced in their journey to safety and stability. From such conversations the CoC has come to understand that every survivor’s break from their abuser is the result of differing experiences that then give rise to differing needs. The CoC has recognized from these discussions that barriers around legal issues, employment experience, educational attainment, access to finances/financial literacy, and health care have most commonly presented as impediments to rapidly rehousing and stabilizing this population.

2.With such barriers identified, the CoC has been able to ensure appropriate connections, resources and information are readily available to support survivors directly, the VSPs that work with them and the CoC’s Coordinated Entry Team (CET) who provide front line connections. Among the work being done to mitigate these barriers: (a) Offering specialized training by the VSPs for the CET in providing immediate assistance and safety planning to survivors, (b) VSP training and regular collaborative work with local legal services offices in the CoC, (c) facilitating connections between the VSPs, CETs and MassHire (state driven employment at the local level)/local career centers to ensure direct access to pre-employment, job search and training opportunities, (d) ensuring connections to local financial literacy programming through CoC member agencies focusing on women’s programming/needs and(e) strengthening VSP staff familiarity with local, relevant health care resources available to survivors.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+–Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

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

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;
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2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
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. In its newly merged status, the MA-505 CoC has adopted the CoC-wide Anti-Discrimination Policy (ADP) previously developed in concert with LGBTQ+ individuals/families (including LGBTQ+ individuals sitting on the CoC Exec Board) and voted upon by the New Bedford CoC. The impetus behind the adoption was to meet the CoC's continuing strategic objective of disseminating accurate, legally based info/legal citations in a user-friendly format. To ensure its ADP is updated when/as necessary, the merged CoC will annually: a. Ensure collaboration between the CoC (through Collaborative Applicant + Exec Board) and the SouthCoast LGBTQ+ Network, reps from municipal Diversity Commissions, CoC based disability advocates and stakeholders to better understand the ADPs efficacy and extent to which challenges/barriers that have arisen thereby necessitating policy amendments, b. Consult with trauma-informed specialists to ensure any proposed ADP policy edit sufficiently reflects a trauma-informed approach, c. review any ADP amendment with the CoC's Exec Board for its consideration and d. Act on any recommended modification.

2. The CoC's Collaborative Applicant (grantee for the majority of the CoC's projects) routinely provides tech assistance to all CoC and ESG project provider agencies to ensure that they develop, maintain and update their own project-level antidiscrimination policies consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy. Project level policies must include information and language ensuring LGBTQ+ individuals/families receive supportive services, shelter and housing free from discrimination following trauma-informed approaches. CoC staff also utilize the CoC's Operational (Written) Standards to reinforce individual agency policy development as those standards include an entire section on Equal Access & Non-Discrimination addressing fair housing, reasonable accommodations, equal access, VAWA and gender equity.

3. As grantee the CoC's Collaborative Applicant evaluates each subrecipient's compliance with the ADPs during monitoring. It includes a checklist review including policy existence, related staff training, when policies are provided to project participants, handling of family separation, equal access policy, etc.

4. Any demonstrated noncompliance with the CoC's ADPs is reviewed on an individual basis at this time and is particularly noted during the ranking/review process. It's anticipated more detailed consequences will be adopted in future ADP rev

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area—New Admissions—General/Limited Preference—Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.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 current 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 or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 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?
New Bedford Housing Authority	72%	Yes-Both	No
Taunton Housing Authority	14%	Yes-Both	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is fortunate in having an excellent working relationship with both the New Bedford Housing Authority (NBHA) and Taunton Housing Authority (THA), PHAs that understand the importance of having an established homeless admission preference and that ensure they consistently exercise that preference by committing the highest quality services in ensuring safe, stable housing for those coming out of homelessness. To this end and with the support of the CoC, the NBHA and THA have adopted a homeless admission preference in both its Public Housing and its HCV programs. As a result, the NBHA annually places large numbers of individuals and families experiencing homelessness into housing through its own housing authority properties and through its Section 8 voucher program (Housing Choice Vouchers-HCV). Similarly the THA places individuals and families experiencing homelessness through its Section 8 HCV programming. The THA also pulls from the CoC’s Coordinated Entry system for a small project partnership with a project agency-Community Counseling of Bristol County (CCBC) serving those who are experiencing homelessness in the community. This project is the first of its kind in the area where the housing authority holds the voucher and CCBC assists with ongoing case management through MassHealth Medicaid healthcare funding of CSP-HI. MA-505 is also part of a statewide collective of CoCs that together, work with housing authorities across the state in encouraging such homeless-forward advocacy and actions.

2. Because the CoC does work with the local PHAs within its geographic area as noted under (1), this question is not applicable.

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	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.	HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES THROUGH MA BUREAU OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADDICTION SVCS (BSAS)	Yes

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.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	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	
		Yes

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

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

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).	
	NOFO Section V.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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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems 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.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	Yes

1D-2.	Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.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 2024 CoC Program Competition.	12
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 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	12
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 2024 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 V.B.1.i.	

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every project—where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application—to determine if they are using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation;
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach; and
4.	what your CoC has done to improve fidelity to Housing First.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MA-505 CoC expects all projects to authentically employ a Housing First (HF) approach. The CoC’s Performance Review Committee (PRC) that reviews and scores projects ensures that new proposals do not have minimum income reqts or unnecessary conditions; that clients aren’t rejected on the basis of financial status/history or behaviors interpreted as an absence of housing readiness, that program goals are tenant-driven and that the program does not require participation in services.

2. The CoC and the grantee evaluate several factors as performance indicators for HF, including project admission/eligibility criteria, the extent to which case notes reflect a harm reduction approach, and the reasons behind transfers /exits from the program, as well as how these situations are managed.

3. As recipient of the CoC’s funding for nearly all CoC projects, the City of New Bedford (who also serves as collaborative applicant) monitors CoC projects on an ongoing basis; it conducts monitoring of funded projects, all of whom have committed to a HF approach. Evaluation is via required quarterly reporting of all subrecipients including performance data and documentation where the subrecipient has an opportunity to demonstrate how they prioritize client stabilization and rapid movement into permanent housing. Performance metrics, themselves are reviewed in these quarterly reports to ensure the projects are successfully ensuring rapid sustainability to increase the likelihood of success in quickly moving to permanent settings. Annually, risk monitoring is performed by the grantee; monitoring visits include client file/program operation reviews during which grantee staff looks for evidence that projects are appropriately reflecting the housing first approach. In its Written Standards the CoC also sets forth the importance and primacy of the HF approach. Failure to follow this model are reflected in monitoring concerns.

4. The CoC’s fidelity to HF has proven challenging. One example is related to the application of HF in the operation of a Sober Living PSH that wants to regularly drug screen which in turn, contributed to a lower ranking. A CoC retreat earlier in 2024 focused on HF and gave an educational perspective on what it means to follow this approach, allowed for concerns/opportunities and provided guidance on new partnerships/supports that can help agencies operate following a more robust HF approach moving forward.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Having recently merged, the MA-505 CoC recognizes that as part of its ongoing work of truly “merging,” a reexamination of how it approaches a comprehensive street outreach effort across its new geography, particularly in how it connects with those least likely to request assistance, is needed. Before combining, the former GBCATCH CoC (then MA-519) worked to reach out to those unsheltered and least likely to request assistance by convening focus groups, hosting town hall type meetings and relying on Coordinated Entry. Given its county-wide reach and the large area for which it was responsible, the former GBCATCH CoC had developed a methodology reliant on centralizing contact points and incentivizing those living unsheltered in multiple communities. At the same time, the former New Bedford CoC (then the original MA-505) relied on its professional street outreach team funded with ESG dollars as well as its Coordinated Entry Team (CET) as the means through which those experiencing homelessness/least likely to request assistance were reached. Currently, a combination of these differing methodologies has carried into the first few months of the post-merger environment, all of which is initially centralized on its CET at the CoC level. Because the CET is one team and a singular effort across the merged CoC, this has effectively functioned as the pivot point from which connection between unsheltered persons and resources can most easily be made. In addition to traditional coordinated entry programming, the CET works to quickly position the hardest to reach/house with resources they may need to mitigate barriers into housing (IDs etc), provides warm referrals for services and diversionary resources, makes referrals to substance use treatment facilities and facilitates connection to all available housing opportunities. Despite all of this, the CoC recognizes that both the CET and Street Outreach team’s successes are rooted in their use of a trauma-informed care approach that relies on motivational interviewing and focuses on the individual’s strengths and resources. By building trust over time, demonstrating respect and responsiveness, both teams have enjoyed success in reaching out to those who are most likely to resist such assistance. Such efforts coupled with more recent collaborations with local hospitals to connect with hard-to-reach individuals with urgent medical needs have already helped the newly merged CoC define a new policy moving forward.

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

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

	Your CoC’s Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes

3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		
	MA-505 Legislative Regional Summit 2024	Yes	No

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	88	97

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section V.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:

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

- works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and
- promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The MA-505 CoC actively collaborates with a range of healthcare organizations to ensure meaningful connections between providers and resources. Similarly the CoC recognizes the extent to which such collaboration can improve both relationships and clarity around access points and expectations on a project participant’s behalf, thereby ensuring that when such resources are needed, no significant institutional or system barriers complicate a project participant’s effective and timely access to such resources. This collaboration takes several forms—through (a) trainings offered through the CoC with specific healthcare organizations or interventions (e.g. MassHealth services offering Health Related Social Needs Services-HRSN/ Flexible Services Programs for housing, nutritional needs, home modification, and vital community supports for those with social determinants of health) (b) panel discussions geared toward a particular aspect/theme relative to healthcare (e.g. crisis resources, sober programming) (c) convening an annual “CONNECT” event bringing together multiple resources, providers and institutions under a single roof for a day to offer direct client and provider contact with a range of supports including hospital mobile units, substance use services, mental/behavioral health interventions and government agencies such as Social Security, (d) by both facilitating and activating partnerships between CoC members who can offer workshops and trainings on targeted information to providers (e.g. workshops focused on SUD/mental health disorders). Additionally, because of the extent to which the MA-505 CoC prioritizes its relationships within the healthcare industry, the largest hospital health care system sits on the CoC’s Executive Board and a local community health clinic participates in every CoC meeting and is actively engaged in the CoC’s By-Name list meetings. These contacts afford the CoC with valuable access on a regular basis.

2.In its efforts to promote SOAR certification of program staff, the CoC presents/encourages SOAR certification and training opportunities at its meetings throughout the year. As a policy it actively encourages projects to ensure multiple staff successfully completed the online SOAR certification the result of which has been multiple providers/CoC projects currently having certified SOAR staff in place with impressive, successful track records. All Coord Entry staff is trained in SOAR.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:	
1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The newly merged MA-505 will build upon the successful collaborative work its predecessor CoCs undertook in working with public health agencies to develop CoC wide policies/procedures responding to infectious disease and outbreaks. In so doing the merged MA-505 enjoys the participation of local public health depts, health care providers, clinics and the local hospital system (a rep of which sits on the CoC Exec Board). Together they coordinate with emergency shelters, soup kitchens and resource centers in response to any infectious disease outbreaks and will continue its focus on resource and info-sharing practice on several fronts: (a) by meeting weekly to address emerging health needs; this has translated into reg vaccination clinics, health fairs and community outreach events. With direct input from state/local public health agencies this CoC affiliate group monitors trends of infectious disease and emerging health threats from viruses, flu, and other conditions, and (b) by relying on infectious disease info from the CDC and local/state public health agencies. This helps the CoC as it begins to refine its Operational Policies (reflecting the new merger) and has been relevant to both shelter and PSH projects.

2. The CoC's ability to maintain several infectious disease collaborative partnerships and networks which arose in the midst of the pandemic continues to prove helpful at the client level. These groups regularly meet/provide info exchanges/resource sharing while remaining actively engaged in best practice discussions and data analysis. By doing so they ensure infectious disease outbreaks, particularly among those unhoused and those living in shelters, are mitigated through preventative measures (structural, systemic and behavioral interventions). This has included special vaccination clinics for various infectious diseases at the local health care center and a community effort was put in place to educate, provide transportation, and follow up for anyone who was interested in receiving the assistance. There continues to be efforts to provide medical care and knowledge in the places where those experiencing homelessness most often congregate including a local resource center where showers, laundry and work with the Coordinated Entry team to focus on long-term solutions to end their homelessness are all offered. A new shelter about to open has been built with the ability to distance and isolate.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated 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. INFORMATION SHARING. The MA-505 CoC actively collaborates w/public health agencies on multiple health issues including infectious diseases bringing them together with those currently experiencing homelessness + those working to end homelessness. Arising out of the pandemic when infection rates dictated an urgency around the imbalance of care for those experiencing homelessness, info has continued to be shared at regular CoC meetings and via multiple channels and provider networks. The CoC maintains a robust listserve to whom it provides regular updates including health/health-policy related information. CoC members like the Inter-Church Council distribute weekly health-related updates, the area’s premier hospital/health care organization, Southcoast Health, provides monthly newsletters and the Community Crisis Intervention Team (CCIT) communicates public health issues involving unsheltered populations with stakeholders including police and emergency personnel. Outreach teams (incl. Mobile Ministries, Manet, Steppingstone) operate daily and provide information and resources related to public health alerts/needs in a timely, trusting manner.

2. FACILITATED COMMUNICATION. The MA-505 CoC links providers to public health resources. In working with the City of New Bedford’s Health Department, the CoC-and by extension its street outreach, shelter and housing providers-have enjoyed direct access to the latest information available: prevention efforts, infection rates, prevalence by community and those most vulnerable and best practices to ensure a reduction of infection rates based on Public Health Dept data. Similarly, through its Collab.Applicant the CoC has been able to ensure technical assistance gets to its ESG-funded subrecipient street outreach, shelter and housing programs in a timely and comprehensive way. Communication is facilitated through frequent zoom meetings btwn public health agencies + homeless service providers. Site visits take place when needed; when treatments are avail, health agencies have been very willing to come where people gather. Clinics have been set up in local soup kitchens/shelters, and walkin appointments made available in local medical offices making them accessible to those experiencing homelessness. Such facilitated communication coupled with info sharing has helped the CoC’s providers evolve into a far more connected repository of resources particularly to historically marginalized populations at the neighborhood level

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system:	
1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC’s geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;	
3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and	
4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Coordinated Entry (CE) system has worked to strategically place workers throughout the continuum to ensure everyone has access in the entire geographic area. A number of techniques are put in place to ensure access. A hotline is available in multiple languages for those that have access to a phone. When a message is left a meeting can be scheduled in an area close to the participant and a safe place of the participant's choice. Additionally, there is a QR code available to access CE and the online coordinated assessment tool for those that have the technology. A third way the CoC ensures access is to have CE stationed in various places throughout the continuum each week that are commonly visited by those in a housing crisis including local libraries, Councils on Aging, soup kitchens and Peer Recovery Center.
2. A subcommittee of direct service providers and individuals with lived experience created a standardized assessment tool to ensure fair and equitable access to housing. By-Name meetings allow the CoC to monitor program accountability and promote equal access to services.
3. All CE staff are trained in trauma-informed care and motivational interviewing to ensure that personal information is collected respectfully. Regular supervision is prioritized to maintain a safe, trauma-informed environment where participants feel secure discussing sensitive topics.
4. CE has regular meetings in the community to allow for those who utilize the system to have an opportunity to talk through the positives and needs for improvement within the system. These meetings take place in areas that are "safe" for those in the community including local soup kitchens where they are most comfortable. Additionally, the staff is made up, primarily, of people who have lived experience including homelessness, DV, LGBTQ+, and a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds. This allows for the team to continue to grow, build trust, and enhance the system to meet the needs of the community.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

	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 needs and preferences; and
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Coordinated Entry (CE) system proactively reaches individuals least likely to seek homeless assistance without targeted outreach. In addition to street outreach teams the CE program works with other outreach groups including those providing harm reduction services, services for people with HIV, and services for those who identify as LGBTQ+. Additionally, the team works with mainstream resources that are not designated for those who are unsheltered to help identify those that would not otherwise seek assistance. This includes the Councils on Aging, where the CoC has been able to find a number of older adults unsheltered and help them access services. Other locations are the local libraries, resource centers and soup kitchens. The staff speak multiple languages which reduces barriers for those that may not otherwise seek assistance as well.
2. The CE program prioritizes those who are currently unhoused and uses both the assessment tool as well as information gathered in the by name list meetings to ensure those with the highest needs are prioritized.
3. Those with the highest needs are most frequently addressed in by name list meetings and are offered opportunities for housing as quickly as possible. Utilizing a variety of programs outside of the CoC funded programs the CE program works to establish housing as quickly as possible consistent with the individuals' needs and preferences.
4. The CE program works to ensure participants are receiving any services where they are eligible and agree including Community Support programs and Behavioral Health Community Partner (MassHealth BHCP) which assists those who need assistance in a variety of ways. These additional services can assist with transportation to appointments, and access to health care, additional referrals for mental health and substance use treatment.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:	
	1. affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
	2. informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
	3. reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. By actively promoting its housing and services to attract eligible unsheltered persons and underrepresented persons who are experiencing homelessness, the MA-505 CoC affirmatively markets its resources throughout the entire continuum to reach those that would not otherwise engage in services both online and in person. Through its Coordinated Entry Team (CET), printed materials are produced/provided in multiple languages and trainings/presentations are regularly conducted/offered throughout the CoC. The CET's work also extends with those who provide resources (including mainstream providers), those who conduct outreach within the CoC (including health care providers and those working specifically with the unhoused) as well as those providing harm reduction care. In so doing, the Coordinated Entry Team (CET) ensures that coordinated entry programming regularly and effectively serves and reaches everyone experiencing homelessness within the full extent of the CoC's geography.

2. When someone meets with the CET and is requesting assistance, the CET member first explains the process to be undertaken beginning with how/when the person/households' Personally Identifiable Information (PII) will be collected and used. Information to be collected and entered in HMIS is clearly explained as is how one's PII will be used and discussed as part of the CoC's By-Name list to help them locate housing. The CET informs all persons with whom it works as to their fair housing rights and civil rights. The CET engages participants and ensure all appropriate releases are explained, questions answered, and concerns addressed fostering transparency and support through the process.

3. The MA-505 CoC has instituted a process for, and provides printed information discussing, grievances and concerns including those related to fair housing. Clear information about available resources outside the CoC (such as through the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to whom anyone can file a complaint of discrimination) is presented along with contact information. Similarly, CoC partners such as the Southcoast Fair Housing organization are offered as important resources to handle housing discrimination complaints throughout the County. Regardless of type/extent or content, all grievances are taken seriously and provided to the Collaborative Applicant who is also responsible for certifying consistency with the consolidated plan.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

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.	05/06/2024

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC's Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and	
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. While the CoC has examined available data for several years for potential racial disparities of those experiencing homelessness, uses data about services and the extent to which disparities in service outcomes may or may not exist by relying on census data and HMIS data, the MA-505 CoC was fortunate in working with Racial Equity Partners in undertaking development of both a formal Racial Equity Assessment and a Racial Equity (Action) Plan published in early 2024. In assessing the homeless response system and analyzing the extent to which racial disparities are present in this CoC, the consultants and CoC RE Workgroup relied on system data and qualitative feedback from surveys, interviews and focus group respondents. Objective data that was used primarily came from the 2023 PIT and HIC Counts as well as the CoC's HMIS. Additionally, HUD's Stella-P tool enabled examination of the duration of homelessness by race/ethnicity. More subjective information was elicited through an online community survey whose respondents reflected a range of diverse roles and experiences within the CoC. Additionally, focus groups and targeted interviews were also conducted.

2. The data collected, both objective and subjective, provided key insights into how people experiencing homelessness were/are accessing services within the Continuum and the extent to which they are present within CoC program funded projects. Findings followed three main areas: acknowledging racial inequities in homelessness, assessing the CoC's homeless system and advancing racial equity within the CoC. The detailed data and feedback received confirmed previously held understandings around existing CoC racial disparities. (As an example, the data confirmed a pronounced disparity in the number of Black individuals experiencing homelessness within the local CoC as compared the percentage of Black individuals within the overall population.) Data collected also afforded a new lens for the CoC revealing the needs ranging from identifying ways in which to improve system navigation to initializing steps related to addressing upstream solutions.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC 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.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
Other:(limit 500 characters)		
12.	PROVIDING TRAINING ON IMPLICIT BIAS TO MITIGATE UNINTENTIONAL DISCRIMINATION AND ESTABLISHING FEEDBACK STRUCTURE FOR INPUT FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS TO INFORM SERVICE DELIVERY.	Yes

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The MA-505 CoC’s plan for ongoing evaluation of system level processes, policies and procedures for racial equity arises from the Racial Equity Assessment and Action Plan. Although this work was undertaken just prior to the formal CoC merger in May, it serves as an important tool for understanding and evaluating the newly enlarged CoC’s system level processes/policies/procedures for racial equity. Six key recommendations have set the stage for the CoC’s ongoing actions and progress measures have been articulated around each, examples of which include:

1. Establishment of a standing CoC Racial Equity Committee with a shared values signed statement and charter with mission, vision and scope of influence will be evaluated based on whether these specific actions were undertaken, whether all committee members have signed on to the values statement and whether the CoC’s Exec Board has adopted the charter into the CoC’s official governance structure.

2. Whether the CoC has seen an improvement of existing /new partnerships will be measured through partner feedback and whether new partnerships were initiated.

3. Racial/ethnic and lived experience representation in leadership positions has already manifested begun to be realized through the merger of the CoC and adoption of new by-laws which created a leadership council of those with lived experience and expertise and expanded the racial/ethnic leadership of the Executive Board.

4. Data Examination continues on an annual basis with more frequent examinations of project-driven data through monthly dashboards discussed at CoC meetings. Data on racial/ethnic subpopulations, disparities, placements, etc. will help the CoC evaluate the extent to which its improving outcomes amongst those experiencing disparities.

5. System Navigation has already improved through the introduction of an online resource network replicating a popular printed “StreetSheet.”

6. The needs of immigrants, particularly those undocumented, will be evaluated through various approaches including offering language incentives for staff and increasing the overall number of multilingual staff within the CoC. Perhaps the most basic evaluation method the CoC can use in better understanding its progress is captured within the Plan, itself: “Collecting data and discussion does nothing to resolve without action.” The CoC is committed to ensuring meaningful effective action serves as a hallmark for its efficacy in furthering racial equity.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities. NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. MEASURES. The MA-505 CoC employs a variety of measures to track progress on preventing and eliminating disparities in the provision/outcomes of homeless assistance: (a) The CoC's first formal Racial Equity Assessment and Action Plan (REAAP) was developed and published this year (2024) and includes specific strategies with measurable outcomes in order to track progress on the goals that are prioritized in the plan. It is anticipated that this work will begin in early 2025. (b) Despite the publication of the new REEAP, going forward the CoC will work to produce an annual Racial Disparities Analysis Summary Report to examine whether there are racial disparities in people's risk of experiencing homelessness within the CoC and the extent to which that occurs. A salient metric within that annual analysis will compare the racial demographics of those experiencing homelessness to the racial demographics of the total population. (c) Race and ethnicity data will continue to be reviewed to determine correlation with system entry and exits and to understand the relationship of race and ethnicity with length of stays, increases in earned income and mainstream benefits by (CoC) program. One such use of this data would be the examination of access to housing type by race and ethnicity (an example which has revealed longer average lengths of stay for Hispanic/Latinx families).

2. TOOLS. In undertaking its implementation of REEAP and conducting its annual Racial Disparities Analysis Summary Report, and its ongoing monitoring of program measures, the CoC continues to rely on a combination of tools including: its HMIS, the introduction of exciting new data sets customized on an ongoing basis from Simtech dashboards, a newly heightened and data-driven coordinated entry system, system performance measures and Stella-P race/ethnicity disaggregation tools <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5787/cocanalysis-tool-race-and-ethnicity/> along with traditional data sets from the U.S. Census and the local Consolidated Plan.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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 decisionmaking processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Paramount to the MA-505 CoC’s outreach efforts is its reliance first, on its member organizations/agencies /individuals who have developed trusted relationships within the community to ensure the voices of individuals with lived experience is heard and incorporated into CoC work. From its street outreach team that, itself, includes those with lived experience, to the targeted outreach conducted into the community engaging those with lived experience, the CoC membership values those currently experiencing varying degrees of housing instability and relies on such voices to manifest ideas and observations into policy changes and systemic improvements. Additional examples include:

(a)Based on previously received input from those with lived experience input, and as the newly merged CoC establishes its footing, the CoC’s Executive Board has now amended its by-laws to create a Leadership Council comprised exclusively of five persons with lived experience/expertise Council. The Leadership Council is between CoC Committees and the CoC Board of Directors on the CoC’s Org Chart.

(b)In conducting its PIT Count the CoC relies heavily on distribution of printed announcements and contact thru street outreach teams advertising the count and distribution of winter gear (backpacks filled with supplies). Along with the work of local mobile ministries and outreach personnel, unsheltered persons also receive information about any ongoing events such as “community suppers” in New Bedford and resources at the soup kitchen in Taunton.

(c)The CoC Street Outreach Team, those operating shelters and outreach mobile ministries throughout the CoC—all of whom enjoy a long-held respect and a comradery amongst the unsheltered population—provide important connectivity that opens doors to participation in, and relevance to, decision-making within the CoC.

(d)At the individual project level, all ESG and CoC funded programs understand the expectation placed upon them by the CoC to ensure they demonstrably, regularly and systemically engage with and incorporate the voice of those with lived experience. CoC projects are also accountable to the CoC through the scoring process during the NOFO competition.

(e)The CoC’s individual emergency shelters work with residents in identifying ways to get them involved and connect with the understanding that their views are critical for programming and system improvements.

1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four 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.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	68	60
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	23	15
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s local competition rating factors.	4	4

4. Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	4	4
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1D-10b. Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The MA-505 CoC provides professional devt/employment opportunities to those with lived experience. These opportunities take many forms through CoC funded projects and other CoC member organizations including: (a)MassHIRE's award of a Dept of Labor Dislocated Worker Grant for people impacted by the opioid crisis helping CoC project participants secure training/employment to expand area recovery industry positions; dozens of CoC project participants took part, were able to advance their certifications as Recovery Coaches, etc. and are now employed in the region; (b)employment through CoC member orgs like Works 4 U,Inc. that provides day labor opportunities for people experiencing homelessness, a way for people to earn a stipend and work skills; (c)CoC agency providers employ numerous people with lived experience on their staff teams and several offer prof. training for positions in the Recovery Field and higher ed offered through providers; (d) MA-505 annually holds a large resource/engagement fair providing opportunities to secure State IDs, connection to the state's workforce development system and access to an expansive list of mainstream resources; (e)jobs offered through CoC members who employ those with the lived experience for office, maintenance, outreach transportation workers, cooks, housekeeping, and recovery specialist positions; (f)computer navigation training with students from UMass; (g)commercial kitchen experience; (h)enrollment in a Recovery Coach Academy with scholarships to build skills for employment, an effort of CoC member Steppingstone, and (i)leadership of the local Workforce Board is part of the CoC's Exec Board and a vital partner in helping community partners, providers and proj. participants in employment training for specific trades, and offer those with lived experience workshops like resume building, career guidance and interview assistance in addition to updated job listings. The local Career Center also provides training as to its resources on a periodic basis during CoC meetings to ensure clarity about how those with lived experience can immediately connect to these important resources. In addition to these examples, several of the CoC's member organizations encourage hiring people with lived experience and recognize that while formal pathways in so doing do not necessarily exist, this gap and the importance of formalizing such a structure/process reveals an excellent opportunity for the CoC moving forward.

1D-10c. Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

1. how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
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2.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
3.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;
4.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and
5.	steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In 2024, the CoC gathered feedback from those experiencing homelessness in several ways: surveys instituted at the program level, one-on-one interviews, focus groups, and involvement during CoC “system changes” including the CoC’s redevelopment of a new coordinated entry prioritization/assessment tool, a racial equity assessment/action plan process undertaken this spring and the recently published TAC report on ending homelessness for the newly merged CoC.

2. The previous overview of efforts in soliciting feedback from those experiencing homelessness reflects several large-scale initiatives affecting system changes. Although such involvement was incredibly valuable, the newly merged CoC (May 2024) recognizes that the frequency with which feedback must grow beyond this and is committed to ensuring this is done. A first step taken was the establishment of a Leadership Council as part of its org structure to elevate and more fully incorporate the authentic expertise of those who have experienced homelessness. This has been memorialized through the adoption of new governance by-laws. Such a platform will incorporate new standards, expectations/policies and procedures reinforcing the importance of incorporating this voice throughout the CoCs operations.

3. The recently merged CoC has neither established nor articulated the collection of feedback from those project participants receiving assistance from ESG or CoC funded projects. That said, the grantee receiving both the ESG and 90% of the CoC funding from HUD, (the City of New Bedford through its Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD -the CoC’s collaborative applicant/lead) began drafting a new project expectation for all subrecipient agencies whereby they will be required to offer participants who either receive assistance or those denied such assistance a voluntary survey about their experiences with the assistance, agency staff, program explanations they were offered, etc. Many of the subrecipient agencies already gather feedback monthly regarding the efficacy of their shelter and/or rehousing experiences. This information will then be shared by the OHCD with the CoC.

4. The frequency with which feedback from those who have received assistance through CoC or ESG projects has not yet been determined but will be incorporated into the OHCD’s new standards and the CoC’s own policies.

5. The newly merged CoC looks forward to assessing and addressing feedback it receives going forward.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has been involved in zoning reform including attending and participating in zoning meetings to permit more housing developments in multiple ways: (a) Alongside the New Bedford Planning Dept and Mayor's Office, the CoC has been involved in crafting a package of zoning reforms to permit more housing devts (b) The CoC is active in implementing the area's first Housing Plan including a call for regionalism and regulatory reform to spur the development of new affordable housing. These zoning changes include new use tables, definitions, TOD overlay district regulations to spur hsg devt + accessory dwelling unit expansion. (c) In the past 12 months the CoC has been at the forefront of discussions around potential zoning/land use changes to permit more housing devt. (d) The Housing Options/Momentum/Equity Group (HOME) brings together CoC mbrs, residents, govt officials, landlords, developers, and community orgs. to advance conversation about the importance of affordable housing and advocate for new opportunities for those most vulnerable/experiencing homelessness. (e) The Collaborative Applicant is spearheaded by an AICP certified planner who previously served as City Planner and is well-suited to exacting clarity and progress on zoning/land use policies and regulatory barriers.

2. Actions by the CoC to reduce regulatory barriers to housing devt include: (a) Submitting comments and attending one-on-one conversations with City Councilors and Mayors and participating in public meetings before regulatory boards to discuss housing needs for those experiencing homelessness, barriers that exist and solutions to mitigate those barriers; (b) the CoC has active participation from Cong. Keating's Office (U.S. House 9th) and Cong. Auchincloss (U.S. House 4th), both of whom have addressed the CoC recently are actively engaged in the CoC. (c) Cong. Keating hosted an event featuring HUD officials and conversations with stakeholders from around the region. The event addressed the importance of enhancing housing devt and the community's role in pursuing funding and resources and breaking down barriers to such access and educating the community regarding affordable and low-income housing needs. The CoC continues to work to change the narrative regarding low income and affordable housing and works to encourage housing devt that will in fact, meet the needs of the residents of each of the towns served within the CoC's geographic area.

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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/10/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/10/2024

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 V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.	

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects 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.	Yes
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1E-2a.	<p>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.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.</p>	
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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?	10
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	<p>Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.d.</p>	
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Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC 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.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Thanks to CoC Planning dollars that allowed the MA-505 CoC to retain Simtech Solutions, the merged CoC Executive Board and entire CoC membership reviews data dashboards from HMIS every month during its regular meetings. Part of the analysis derived from these dashboards includes a data driven look at the successes (and shortcomings) of housing programs through multiple metrics including housing stability, income, access to mainstream resources, and occupancy. Frequent discussions beyond the monthly meeting coupled with ongoing monitoring of individual subrecipient programs by the Collaborative Applicant to mitigate barriers and provide TA to be successful in the programming compliment the CoC's approach.

2. The CoC retained additional assistance to access reports and dashboards that will more effectively allow the continuum to see data regarding the length of time a household is identified as unhoused through Coordinated Entry to the time they are able to access permanent housing. As MA-505 continues work through merging data from the two previous continuums this will become clearer as to how long it take to house someone in permanent housing. This new data pull will allow the CoC to analyze gaps in services and develop a plan to eliminate those gaps to move people from unhoused to permanent housing as quickly as possible.

3. The CoC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) interviewed each project through the process of rating and ranking. This allowed for each program to explain and discuss the severity of needs of those served in their program thus helping the PRC understand the specific challenges each program may face. The CoC is keenly aware of the presence and range of barriers throughout the community faced by unsheltered people. The programs that were willing to take those most vulnerable may not necessarily have the highest success rates, but the programs are seen as essential to the success of the CoC's efforts toward ending homelessness.

4. MA-505 CoC considered barriers that complicate the process of securing stable housing including serving individuals with co-occurring disorders (substance use + mental health) that require tailored support to address both needs simultaneously. Additionally, The CoC considered the currently tight housing market in locating units for supportive housing projects as well as the challenges with obtaining and maintaining housing at the current fair market rent amount.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects 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 steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MA-505 CoC has established a procedure for the review and ranking of project applications. This procedure was established by the Continuum which includes those of different races and ethnicities and housing/unhoused circumstances. The Performance Review Committee (PRC) which serves as the Rating and Ranking Committee, follows the procedures laid out in the Continuum’s current operational standards.

2. Given the CoC merger just a few months ago, there were some challenges in combining previously robust committees that existed in the individual continuums and reconstituting them into a single PRC in time for this CoC NOFO cycle. The CoC learned through the process this year there is continued need to reengage those previously involved with the initial PRC review, selection and ranking process. There appears to be a bit of fatigue in both CoC’s in engaging with subcommittees as there was significant work done throughout the year in the analyzing the potential merger. While the merged CoC is confident that an even stronger and more diverse committee will be established for the upcoming year, it did consider the detailed review and ranking of the total CoC membership prior to its own vote was rooted in equity and reflective of those with lived experience and those reflecting populations for whom disparities exist amongst those experiencing homelessness locally.

3. Throughout the process specific questions were asked regarding the proposed barriers to participation by those of different races and ethnicities. In particular, all applicants had to complete and submit a detailed application for the CoC’s review asking such questions (prior to any invitation to enter information into esnaps). The PRC discussed with the projects ways in which they mitigate those barriers including access to ongoing case management in ones preferred language, location of housing, and access to community. Additionally, given the collaborative applicant’s role as grantee for a majority of projects and their responsibilities related to monitoring, information from these efforts were shared quarterly with the PRC as part of their ongoing project review of successes/challenges.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.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 low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC’s 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. The Reallocation process and the CoC’s Reallocation Plan.2024 is a printed document posted on the continuum’s website and discussed with the continuum membership. The CoC’s written reallocation process is to determine whether an existing project has performed well and if it should be considered for reallocation. The MA-505 develops annual performance standards for all programs and the review of performance through quarterly and annual performance reports is integral to the evaluation process. Collaborative Applicant staff (who serves as grantee for almost all projects) monitors all programs and assists the CoC’s Performance Review Committee (PRC) comprehensively assess agency capacity and ability to meet performance measure goals and objectives. In particular, projects found to be poorly performing, unable to spend down their funding over multiple years and were duplicative of other projects performing to a higher degree scored the lowest given the established scoring criteria.
2. In this funding round, the MA-505 CoC did not identify any significantly low performing or less needed projects through this year’s review and ranking process.
3. The MA-505 CoC did not propose any reallocation of funding during this round. All programs were analyzed, and careful consideration given to current performance of existing projects. The demonstrated need for, and capacity of, several PSH projects conversely prompted expansion requests being ranked.
4. The recently merged MA-505 CoC brought together two CoCs who, independent of one another, did not have a substantive reallocation track record in years past. Because of this—and because there simply wasn’t enough time between merger and competition—the newly merged CoC commits to developing a more aggressive reallocation strategy featuring objective standards going forward that will modify existing ranking and review processes in advance of the next NOFO, particularly to consider the inclusion of percentage reallocation amounts correlating with underperformance.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No

3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	09/20/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	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.	10/23/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.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 was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	10/23/2024
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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:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/03/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.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 HMIS comparable databases; and	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MA-505’s Collaborative Applicant is the HMIS Lead whose responsibilities include ensuring successful integration of HMIS-comparable data from the two domestic violence housing/service providers (VSPs) located within the newly merged CoC. Both VSP’s use a platform called “EmpowerDB” which is a customizable database that provides reporting for HUD HMIS/CoC APRs and ESG CAPERs in an HMIS-comparable format. The HMIS’ lead has consistently served as the CoC’s liaison to The New Bedford Women’s Center (TWC) and has worked to ensure TWC’s de-identified data is integrated into all CoC data reporting. Because the CoC is the product of a very recent merger, the HMIS lead has not yet had an opportunity to formally connect with the second of the two VSPs now located within the CoC, that being, New Hope. It is anticipated that this transition and the inclusion of New Hope’s EmpowerDB data will similarly be incorporated in the coming months as they had been doing with the previous CoC prior to the merger.

2. As noted, both of the VSPs within MA-505 CoC already use a HUD-compliant comparable database that is compliant with the FY2024 HMIS Data Standards. Both VSP’s use a platform called “EmpowerDB” which is a customizable database that provides reporting for HUD HMIS/CoC APRs and ESG CAPERs in an HMIS-comparable format. This system is compliant with FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards and is able to produce a CSV file for reporting purposes. All clients served at this VSP’s two domestic violence shelters are entered into the EmpowerDB system used by each VSP to maintain client confidentiality while complying with HUD guidelines. At this time, the NBWC enters client data into the EmpowerDB on a real-time basis and provides a HUD CSV excel file monthly (without any personally identifying information (PII)). Once a formal connection between the HMIS Lead and New Hope is made it is anticipated that similarly, they, too will be providing their EmpowerDB data on a monthly basis to the CoC.

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

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	1,062	29	0	0.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	108	42	0	0.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	97	0	0	93.80%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	350	0	0	92.90%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	148	0	0	0.00%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.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)

All project types achieved greater than 85% for bed coverage; as such, this question is not applicable.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the recent CoC merger there was no HDX Competition report available for the CoC. As such, and at the suggestion of the CoCNOFO@hud.gov helpdesk, the MA-519 and MA-505 reports were "merged" into a single document upon which these figures are based. (The required attachment includes this combined report along with the two separate versions).

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	No
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	04/26/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process;	
2.	worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process; and	
3.	included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC’s most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. One of the largest non-profits working in services for those experiencing homelessness in the area is also the contracted provider for services for unaccompanied youth throughout the Southcoast of Massachusetts which includes all of the MA-505 CoC. This provider, Catholic Charities of the Fall River Diocese (CCFR), provides shelter for families with minor children and works with unaccompanied youth throughout the CoC. Additionally, on the night of the Point in Time count and as is always the case, youth currently served in this network were offered an opportunity to participate in the annual count. The MA-505 CoC also engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in the CoC's PIT count planning process when the count methodology was last revised. The CoC did so by building consensus among unaccompanied youth and CoC organizations serving youth. The decision to continue utilizing the adopted/revised methodology was by a vote of the entire CoC at the recommendation of the Executive Board whose membership includes the CEO of CCFR.

2. The CoC worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where unsheltered youth would be most likely to be identified prior to executing the 2024 PIT Count. The PIT Count team, in collaboration with local liaisons and/or other school officials, notified families and homeless youth about the scheduled PIT Count/survey and the potential benefits of participation and provided a transparent process for obtaining parental consent for students facing homelessness. This was undertaken in the days leading up to the event, when outreach held pop-ups to provide youth and family-friendly information about how/where/when to participate in the count, and incentives were given out for participation. Additionally, local colleges within the MA-505 CoC were notified of the count and unaccompanied youth attending college were invited into the process to help identify targeted locations.

3. Given the absence of any willing unaccompanied youth (very small group from which to solicit interest), no youth experiencing homelessness were used as counters during the CoC's 2024 unsheltered PIT count which was conducted by an ESG funded Street Outreach Team and the Coordinated Entry Team countywide.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.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 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and	
4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Jan 2024 sheltered Point In Time (PIT) Count took place prior to the merger of MA-519 into MA-505. Neither CoC made changes to the sheltered count methodology, implementation or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024. In both CoCs, the sheltered PIT Count was conducted on January 24, 2024 and was undertaken in a manner consistent with each respective CoC's previous year as both 2023 counts were deemed successful in quality and validity of data. All sheltered info was collected via the CoC's HMIS and, in the case of the state's family shelter system, collected from the state agency, itself. (MA is a right to shelter state). Given this and the fact that data collection was/is anticipated to remain a perfunctory process, no accommodations were necessary.

2. Similarly, the annual unsheltered PIT count occurred prior to the merger of MA-519 into MA-505; how they were conducted did not change from the 2023 PIT count. The chosen methodologies of both CoCs, originally adopted at the outset of the public health crisis, were deemed to be quite successful. As such, the CoCs relied on the leadership from the existing Street Outreach Team (in the case of MA-505) and the Coordinated Entry Team (in the case of the pre-merger MA-519) in conducting its unsheltered count rather than the use of all volunteers. Additionally, it's been found that incentivized participation, free fully stocked backpacks and bus passes all to honor the time of those being counted worked well as part of the PIT in 2024 and is anticipated to continue going forward in the 2025 count. Finally, given the use of Simtech's mobile data collection system and the merged CoC's prospective use of that product next year and overall "success" of the PIT Count, itself over the past few years, neither methodology nor data quality changes were/are felt necessary.

3. As a "right to shelter" state for families, the MA-505 CoC's PIT count was significantly affected by families seeking short-term shelter/housing assistance who recently arrived in the CoC.

4. Families were placed in hotels by the state resulting in radically higher numbers in the 2024 count compared with past counts. This was attributable to the MA right to shelter law and the state's family shelter overflow discussed at state and national levels. Whereas the family emergency shelter count for this CoC (prior to the merger but combined nonetheless) was 295 last year, this year's figure of 856 was significantly higher.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MA-505 CoC’s process in identifying risk factors begins with Coordinated Entry and its existing Street Outreach team; each are charged with reviewing actual circumstances individuals/families are experiencing prior to and when becoming homeless for the first time. The process includes evaluating PIT risk factors that have historically revealed a prevalence of mental health and/or substance use disorders among those becoming homeless for the first time. The CoC also uses ongoing monitoring of ESG/CoC projects by the entitlement cities for important insight into trending of personal challenges (mental health, substance use, etc.) and systemic issues like those resulting from barriers to housing (landlords not allowing those with poor credit, the number of rentals now over FMR, the impact of immigration/migration within the city and the low inventory of vacant housing). Additionally, the CoC’s HMIS and its newly piloted assessment tool for Coord Entry has improved the ability to gather data including demographics and vulnerability information. This reveals greater detail as to what folks are experiencing, the nature of their crisis and what they need to prevent their homelessness. Additionally, if someone has experienced homelessness elsewhere in the county, data from one of two other CoC’s sharing the HMIS database with this CoC can provide important information about how and why people are becoming homeless locally.

2. The CoC’s strategy begins with dynamic targeting of prevention efforts that more often than not falls to the Coordinated Entry System. Other strategies include a Homeless Emergency Assistance Response Team (HEART) that provides immediate response/innovation in addressing encampments, a community hospital Account Care Org (ACO) team of health workers engaging/supporting “high utilizers” of hospital ER services, most often those at risk of homelessness, active participation in the City’s Community Crisis Intervention Team and the CoC’s annual NB Connect resource event, providing housing, services, etc.

3. The CoC’s HMIS lead, collaborative applicant and grantee for almost all CoC projects is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time homeless for all.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

Was your CoC’s Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoC’s geographic area?	Yes

(limit 2,500 characters)

Massachusetts is a right to shelter state for families experiencing homelessness and has, over the past year, seen a tremendous influx of migrant families in need of housing. The state’s system, over-burdened with the sheer number of people entering the family system, began placing families in motels and hotels across the state. As a result, as of September 30, 2024, the newly merged MA-505 CoC had 856 family shelter beds across eight facilities/hotels, an almost 300% increase over the 295 persons in families counted in 2023 within the CoC.

2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless—CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to reduce the LOT individs/persons in families remain homeless is rooted in the CoC's understanding that barriers presented by a stagnant shelter/housing pipeline result in longer experiences of homelessness. The current strategy includes:
 - (a) Twice monthly By-Name List Meetings facilitated by the Coord Entry Team to quickly triage people, identify any personal barriers precluding them from housing stability and providing targeted supports and housing options to quickly and efficiently move them out of homelessness and rapidly into housing;
 - (b) Focus on prevention-HP assistance offered via several ESG projects and diversion through the CoC's CES;
 - (c) Adherence to the CoC's Move On Strategy + reliance upon the CoC's ESG RRH projects to mobilize individs/families interested in moving/requiring less supports to get into PH
 - (d) Address system barriers including the recognition of institutionalized/systemic racism, honing of equity-based opportunities and by-law adoption of a new "Leadership Council" providing a standing opportunity for a Lived Experience council to guide CoC policy and decision-making;
 - (e) Inventory expansion that increases the #units in private housing dedicated to persons transitioning from homelessness;
 - (f) PSH project support for those actively working with private landlords + exploring devt of a property owner engagement initiative and a possible property owner mitigation fund;
 - (g) Enhanced outreach efforts to provide services in their environment(coord entry at soup kitchens etc);
 - (i) Ongoing guidance/training to ensure the continuation of successful program efficiencies.

2. The CoC relies on its Street Outreach, Coord Entry Team and HMIS data to identify those experiencing homelessness for the longest lengths of time. Use of the CES' prioritization assessment and careful review of chronicity are two ways the CoC ensures those with the longest periods in crisis are prioritized for housing. The lack of readily available housing stock and longer tenancies for those in PSH programs have challenged the CoC in keeping pace with increasing demand. The reconstituted By-Name group also helps ID and work with those experiencing homelessness to more rapidly stabilize and rehouse them.

3. The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) is responsible for this strategy's oversight.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC strategy to increase the rate at which individuals/families exit to PH destinations focuses on:

- (a) effective use of the CoC’s coordinated entry system—the CoC will continue to ensure all projects have staff fully trained on undertaking its prioritization assessment/referring participants to coordinated entry to gain entry to permanent housing
- (b) leveraging mainstream supportive services for those exiting to independent permanent housing
- (c) providing tech support to review data and examine trends/patterns including quarterly reporting to detect issues as they arise
- (d) helping individs reconnect with their extended family for additional support
- (e) increasing the number of PSH units to fill the needs of homeless individs/families including use of reallocation that added new PSH units allowing for quicker shelter exits and
- (f) increased reliance on CSP-HI, Flex Services and other non-HUD resources for additional supportive services as folks transition to PH.

2. The CoC has had success w/the extent to which PSH individs/families attain/retain PH. PSH projects are monitored by the CoC to ensure services provided focus on stability, retention and self-sufficiency in multiple ways:

- (a) by seeking out more funds to increase staff + services in their programs to better serve participants allowing for more focused attention on services (eg job search/training) and stabilization (to increase likelihood of maintaining PH),
- (b) partnering w/local educational/vocational resources providing participants with long term strategies for success in PH,
- (c) cultivating employment opportunities to ensure sustainable earned income,
- (d) pursuing trainings like SOAR to assist participants with increasing cash benefit income,
- (e) providing solutions/mediating landlord/tenant disputes to ensure tenants remain in their unit and focusing on landlord relationships to enhance communication/increase retention and prevent eviction,
- (f) engaging partnerships with local agencies provide community case mgt. & recovery coaching to support participants exiting to PH and
- (g) increasing reliance on CSP-HI, Flex Services and other non-HUD resources for additional supportive services as folks transition to PH. PSH encourages social and recreational activities that help participants build connection within their community increasing access to supports and resources.

3. The CoC’s Exec Board oversees these strategies.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.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 that individuals and families return to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC’s strategy to identify individuals/persons in families who return to homelessness begins with
 (a) the CoC’s historic emphasis on stability in permanent housing and
 (b) its identification of those returning to homelessness as documented in its coordinated entry and its Simtech generated dashboards pulling in information from the HMIS system for individuals and families. The strategy includes
 (c) an updated assessment of those returning to homelessness,
 (d) placement in housing as rapidly as possible, and
 (e) supports/resources to ensure that conditions precipitating the return to homelessness are mitigated to the greatest extent possible. Following these strategies the CoC works to quickly identify those who are returning to homelessness while quickly ensuring long term, sustainable success in their permanent housing tenancy going forward.

2. To proactively reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness, the CoC strategically:
 (a) works to increase focus on/resources for prevention,
 (b) ensures training opportunities to reinforce Housing First and the need for supports to compliment housing,
 (c) relies on its dashboards and data to quickly drill down and identify trends/patterns
 (d) prospectively identifies barriers that prevents success,
 (e) embraces additional services available through Medicaid including Community Support Programming and specialized community Support Programs (CSP-JI Justice Involved, and CSP-HI Homeless Individuals) which alone or with Behavioral Health Community Partners available through MassHealth has allowed for vital ongoing services and case management once an unoused household becomes housed,
 (f) supports a robust Street Outreach effort that includes case management and comprehensive service provision and
 (g) undertakes outreach and engagement efforts to draw people to community education sessions, RAFT and other funding opportunities to reinforce existing community resources. A final piece of its strategic approach is the CoC’s recent restructuring of its coordinated entry system and initiation of By Name List meetings providing for more intensive diversionary efforts and new relationship-building opportunities between stakeholders and providers.

3. With ongoing administrative support of the Collab Applicant, the CoC’s Executive Board is responsible for overseeing the way in which the CoC reduces the rate of individuals’ and families’ returns to homelessness.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.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 employment 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. The CoC’s strategy to access employment cash sources includes:
 (a) providing training to the CoC membership about employment resources within the CoC,
 (b) reinforcing direct connectivity between housing staff in PSH projects with the local Workforce Investment Board (WIB),
 (c) providing guidance to CoC programs to instill the value that communicating the importance of increasing employment income in order to sustain housing and stability over the long term (to program participants),
 (d) offering technical assistance to case managers to help them reinforce job skills, employment acumen and their program participant’s value as an employee, and
 (e) providing clarity/connection to local educational/training resources such as SerJobs, MassHire and MassRehab (including disability/vocational assistance) to help improve worker skills. Complimenting this strategy has been the significant development of increased accessibility to Community College for all Massachusetts’ residents thereby allowing households to secure free education needed for meaningful work in the future.

2. The New Bedford CoC recognizes the value of collaboration between itself and local workforce systems and maintains a well-established relationship with the local WIB (MassHire) whose Asst Director is a member of the CoC’s Executive Board and who actively participates in the CoC including participation in the CoC’s Performance Review Committee. Within the past 12 months the CoC convened a meeting featuring a MassHire staff presentation on employment in the current environment. Such relationships are valued as an important aspect of the CoC’s ability to connect those experiencing homelessness with the local employment network. Additionally, the CoC recognizes and reinforces the values that referrals made to mainstream employment organizations within the CoC individual case management services have for those within the CoC system. Such warm handoffs allow for those who are able to work establish a relationship with the employment organizations to find the best match for themselves and their household. Households identified in the Coordinated Entry system are, as appropriate, referred to mainstream resources for employment.

3. The CoC’s Supportive Services Committee has responsibility for ensuring the CoC’s strategy for increasing jobs and income from employment.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC’s Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC’s strategy to access non-employment cash income is based on its understanding of three primary barriers, consistent with HUD’s “Strategies for Improving Homeless People’s Access to Mainstream Benefits and Services” publication:

(a) Mainstream structural barriers like the absence of private transportation and limited public transit within the area and in response holds the “NB Connect” event each year, a large one-day resource-based event that connects sheltered/unsheltered persons directly with multiple, mainstream resources under one roof and includes distribution of free bus passes along with other practical resources;

(b) Capacity barriers arising because of inadequate local resources which the CoC actively works to address with local and state agencies (such as the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs) to provide education and training about access to mainstream resources (such as recent training sessions explaining access to health care options such as MassHealth and Medicare); and

(c) Eligibility barriers that have given rise to a third strategy, that being, challenges faced by many experiencing homelessness who have no ID and are therefore precluded from some mainstream services/benefits. Securing IDs, working with the MA Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), raising funds to pay for the IDs and provide connective access to the RMV so that IDs can be obtained has become an important strategy that paves the way for someone to successfully access/increase their non-employment cash income.

These CoC strategies to increase access to non-employment cash sources is part of each PSH’s onboarding process and woven into case management efforts to assist project participants increase income. Increasing access through the establishment of successful events, education, communication, connection with outside resources, fundraising for a broader reach and direct services on a client-by-client basis all play an important role in the overall CoC strategy to access such resources. These strategies rely on the capacity of case managers, outreach workers and the CoC’s Coord Entry Team, the availability of regular training to assist, especially new workers, in understanding how to access and obtain assistance for those they serve or through SOAR can assist with applications for Social Security.

2. The CoC’s Supportive Services Committee is responsible for ensuring the CoC’s strategy for increasing non-employment cash-income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.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?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.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
WELCOME HOME EXPA...	PH-PSH	5	Both
HOMES WITH HEART ...	PH-PSH	13	Both
HOUSING STABILITY DV	PH-RRH	15	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? WELCOME HOME EXPANSION
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): MUQVPRRNQM94
3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 5
5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? HOMES WITH HEART EXPANSION
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): SFK3BEGX2W89
3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 13
5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? HOUSING STABILITY DV
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): MUQVPRRNQM94

3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your 15
CoC's Priority Listing:

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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)

Given our response to 3B-1, this question is not applicable.

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

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

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

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

	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.	Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

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)

Given our response to 3-1, this question is not applicable.

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants for New DV Bonus Funding

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

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

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applicants.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?		Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2024 Priority Listing.

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

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

4A-3.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	1,024
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	76
3.	Unmet Need:	948

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The calculation of need was based on Internal tracking of content of phone requests to headquarters and DV hotline.

2. In September 2023, the National Network to End Domestic Violence gathered data from domestic violence programs across the Commonwealth. In a 24-hour period, 1,895 victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing provided by local programs. Victims made 463 requests for services that programs could not provide because they lacked sufficient resources. Approximately 49% of these unmet requests were for emergency shelter, hotels, motels, transitional housing, and other housing. (Cited Source: Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J., & Stevens, M.R. (2011). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Summary Report. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.)

3. Several key barriers: (a) Densely populated areas of the MA-505 CoC (Bristol County) face specific economic challenges including high poverty rates and unemployment which can lead to increased stress and conflict within households, and high levels of substance misuse which contribute to higher domestic and sexual violence rates. A poverty rate of almost 11% and high cost of living exacerbates housing instability for those with economic hardships and/or lower incomes including many survivors. In New Bedford, alone, the reported cases of domestic violence is 1,068.per 100,000 residents, making it the city with the 5th highest number of cases in Massachusetts. (b)The Women’s Center faces a high demand for emergency and transitional housing. When a bed opens in emergency shelter, it's always filled in less than 24 hours. A limited number of transitional housing units provide the next step to security and stability for those exiting shelter. The lack of available re-housing options means that many survivors are left in temporary or unsafe situations. (c) There are only 6 apartments funded for DV survivors within the MA-505 CoC; rental costs in Bristol County are 40% beyond what many survivors can afford, especially those who have experienced financial abuse and/or whose abuser has prevented from accessing their own funds; and, the remaining limited number of affordable units (MA-505 has a 4.4% vacancy rate) creates lack of opportunity and lengthy wait lists.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

Applicant Name
THE NEW BEDFORD W...

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	THE NEW BEDFORD WOMEN'S CENTER (TWC)
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	10%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	64%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

- 1) The Women’s Center (TWC), through the use of its secured database EmpowerDB and with its project participant files, has determined during the FY2024 year confirmed 104 individuals and families obtained permanent safe housing. During the same time frame, TWC received inquiries or active participants of 1024 individuals and families in need of housing.
- 2) Permanent safe housing for TWC's individuals and families included placements with Section 8 vouchers, New Bedford Housing Authority, Fall River Housing Authority, families, and out of state or country with families; in multiple circumstances, they've assisted clients move into their own (new) apartments. In all circumstances, TWC staff has worked with clients and participants to get project participants into a housing situation that works best for themselves (survivors) and their families. TWC provides its clients with the security needs they need to continue living in a safe environment in which they are safe and comfortable.
- 3) Some TWC project participants obtaining safe permanent housing still receive services through counseling and or group therapy through the TWC. In this way, TWC staff has the ability to remain in touch with its housed clients. Also, TWC periodically reaches out to past clients to check in on them or clients will take initiative and check back in with the TWC.
- 4) The data sources used in the retention rate was both secured database and project participant files.

4A-3c.	Applicant’s Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below how the project applicant:	
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;	
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan;	
3.	determined survivors’ supportive services needs;	
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and	
5.	moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The New Bedford Women's Center (TWC) ensured survivors were quickly placed into one of its three emergency shelter programs by collaborating with landlords, property managers, and housing authorities to secure safe, affordable housing options. TWC provided short-term rental assistance to facilitate swift transitions from homelessness to stable housing. Trauma-informed case management ensured that housing placements were secure, with confidential locations.
2. TWC prioritized survivors from its emergency hotline, walk-in services, and shelter participants. Survivors were placed on a prioritization list based on their vulnerability and safety risks. The program prioritized internal housing transfers for survivors facing continued threats or unsafe conditions in their current housing.
3. TWC conducted trauma-informed, survivor-centered needs assessments to determine the necessary supportive services for each survivor. Assessments evaluated mental and physical health, legal support, financial assistance, childcare, and employment and were conducted in a confidential and non-judgmental manner, allowing survivors to voice their needs. Services were tailored to meet both immediate safety concerns and longer-term needs, including counseling, legal aid, and financial planning.
4. After determining survivors' needs, TWC connected them to community resources. This included partnerships with healthcare providers, mental health services, and legal aid organizations. TWC offered services directly or created referral pathways to external agencies. Survivors were connected to essential supports such as safety planning, counseling, job training, and financial literacy programs. The program also provided access to transportation, childcare, and health care services, ensuring survivors could fully participate in the supportive services they needed.
5. TWC focused on helping survivors transition from assisted housing to sustainable, long-term housing by gradually reducing housing subsidies while providing financial coaching, employment support, and budget management to help survivors build financial independence. Survivors were also connected to affordable housing options, such as Section 8 vouchers. In some cases, survivors were referred to homeownership programs or long-term rental solutions. Ongoing case management and follow-up support ensured that survivors maintained housing stability even after financial assistance ended.

4A-3d.	Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
	1. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
	2. making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
	3. keeping survivors' information and locations confidential;	
	4. training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
	5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To minimize the potential for coercion during intake and interviews, the Women's Center (TWC) used trauma-informed practices, ensuring all interactions took place in private intake rooms. This protected survivors from being overheard or pressured by others. Staff were trained to create a safe environment where survivors could share information without fear of exposure. Confidentiality was emphasized, with strict policies on how and when sensitive information could be disclosed, ensuring survivors had control over their own narratives.

2 & 3. Survivors were placed into safe housing through a meticulous process that considered their specific safety needs. This included immediate access to secure shelters or confidentially located housing units (e.g., scattered-site housing) away from known threats. All housing placements were handled with strict confidentiality; only essential personnel had access to survivors' locations.

4. TWC ensured that staff received regular clinical supervision and ongoing training in trauma-informed care, confidentiality laws (e.g., VAWA, HIPAA), and safety protocols. This training included handling sensitive survivor information and implementing best practices for safety planning. To safeguard survivors' data, TWC utilized EmpowerDB, an encrypted database, ensuring that personal details, case notes, and housing information were protected against unauthorized access.

5. Staff were continuously trained on safety protocols and confidentiality policies, including how to protect survivors' identities and locations. Additionally, units were equipped with security measures such as controlled access, and surveillance systems. These steps ensured both physical safety and location confidentiality, reducing the risk of further harm.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Women's Center (TWC) evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors in its transitional housing project through ongoing assessments, feedback mechanisms, and program reviews. The evaluation process was rooted in regular safety audits, client feedback, and staff input, all focused on identifying both strengths and areas for improvement in the project's safety protocols.

TWC conducted routine safety audits of its housing units to assess physical security measures, such as door locks, security cameras, and controlled access systems. Staff members were trained regularly on best practices for safety planning, crisis intervention, and confidentiality protocols. These audits and trainings were key in maintaining a secure environment for survivors. However, through these evaluations, TWC identified the need for improved communication with law enforcement and emergency services, as well as more advanced safety technology, such as additional surveillance in high-risk areas.

TWC placed great importance on survivor feedback, conducting anonymous surveys and exit interviews to gauge how safe clients felt during their stay. Survivors were asked to evaluate the effectiveness of safety planning, staff support, and the confidentiality of their location. Feedback indicated that while survivors generally felt safe, some expressed a need for clearer communication regarding the limits of confidentiality, especially in shared spaces like congregate housing. TWC responded by enhancing staff training on confidentiality and increasing survivor education on privacy policies.

Throughout the project's operation, TWC identified areas for improvement, including the need for increased staff coverage during late-night hours to enhance security and quicker responses to maintenance requests involving safety equipment. Additionally, survivors suggested more robust personal safety plans upon exit, prompting TWC to strengthen its post-transition safety planning process.

By continuously evaluating and responding to feedback, TWC remained committed to improving the safety and security of DV survivors in its transitional housing project.

4A-3e.	Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:	
	1. prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;	
	2. placing survivors in permanent housing;	
	3. placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and	
	4. placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Women's Center (TWC) effectively used trauma-informed, survivor-centered approaches to meet the needs of DV survivors in its transitional housing program by focusing on individualized care and survivor empowerment.

1. TWC prioritized the immediate placement and stabilization of survivors by offering rapid entry into transitional housing, recognizing that safety and shelter were critical first steps. The intake process was designed to minimize trauma, ensuring that survivors were placed quickly into safe, confidential locations. TWC also provided comprehensive support services from the start, including counseling, legal aid, and financial coaching, English language skills, to stabilize survivors both emotionally and materially.

2. TWC worked diligently to transition survivors from temporary to permanent housing. The program's approach included individualized housing plans, which were co-created with survivors to align with their goals and timelines. By partnering with affordable housing providers and leveraging housing vouchers, TWC facilitated permanent housing placements that ensured long-term stability. The program also provided continued support after housing placement to reduce the risk of returning to homelessness or unsafe situations.

3. A key aspect of TWC's trauma-informed approach was honoring survivors' preferences in housing placement. Survivors were empowered to choose between various housing options, based on their comfort and safety preferences and needs. TWC's staff worked closely with survivors to ensure these choices were respected, avoiding placements that might retraumatize or conflict with their sense of security.

4. TWC's survivor-centered approach involved conducting thorough needs assessments that allowed survivors to articulate their unique requirements, such as proximity to schools, access to public transportation, or specialized health services. Housing placements were then tailored to address these needs, ensuring survivors were not only safe but also set up for long-term success and stability.

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. The Women's Center (TWC) creates an environment that fosters mutual respect and equality between survivors and staff. It avoids punitive interventions, recognizing that punishment can further traumatize individuals who have already experienced control and abuse. Instead, TWC focuses on collaboration and empowerment, ensuring that survivors have autonomy in decision-making processes related to their housing, services, and case management. Staff members are trained to approach their interactions with survivors as equals, working in partnership rather than from a position of authority. This minimizes power differentials and creates an environment where survivors feel heard, valued, and supported. Survivors are encouraged to take ownership of their recovery journey, knowing that their choices will be respected and their voices will be central to the decision-making process.

2. TWC is committed to ensuring that survivors have access to information about trauma and its effects. TWC regularly trains staff on trauma-informed care, equipping them with the skills to educate survivors on how trauma impacts their mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Survivors are given resources and explanations about trauma responses such as anxiety, hypervigilance, and emotional numbing, helping them understand their own reactions and experiences. TWC also provides workshops and informational sessions that cover topics like coping strategies, self-care, and the long-term effects of trauma on relationships and health. This educational approach empowers survivors by giving them the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their healing process.

3. TWC adopts a strengths-based approach in all aspects of its service delivery. Rather than focusing solely on the challenges survivors face, staff highlights inherent strengths, resilience, and capabilities. Case managers use strength-based coaching techniques to help survivors identify their skills, talents, and personal resources that can aid in their recovery. Intake assessments and questionnaires include strength-based measures, allowing survivors to reflect on their own abilities and past successes. Case plans are developed around survivor-defined goals and aspirations, ensuring that the focus is on what the survivor wants to achieve rather than what the service provider deems necessary. This approach fosters a sense of empowerment, as survivors are recognized as capable individuals who can actively shape their futures.

4. TWC is deeply committed to cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, ensuring that its services are accessible and respectful to survivors of all backgrounds. Staff receive training on cultural competence, nondiscrimination, and equal access to services. This training includes awareness of how cultural factors, such as race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, and sexual orientation, impact a survivor's experience of violence and their healing process. TWC provides services in over 6 languages, to ensure that non-English-speaking survivors can fully participate in programs. The organization continuously evaluates its services to improve cultural responsiveness, seeking feedback from survivors on how to better meet their unique needs. TWC's commitment to inclusivity ensures that all survivors feel welcome, respected, and understood, regardless of their background.

5. Recognizing the importance of community and connection in the healing process, TWC provides a variety of opportunities for survivors to connect with others and offers support groups where survivors can share their experiences, build relationships, and find mutual support. These groups are often led by peer

mentors—survivors who have successfully navigated their own recovery journeys—providing a powerful source of inspiration and guidance. For survivors who identify with specific spiritual traditions, TWC offers connections to spiritual resources, including religious leaders, faith-based support groups, and spaces for spiritual practice. By providing diverse avenues for connection, TWC ensures that survivors can find the community and support that best meets their individual needs.

6. Many survivors of domestic violence are also parents, and TWC offers specialized support to help them navigate the challenges of parenting while healing from trauma. TWC provides trauma-informed parenting classes that teach survivors how to support their children’s emotional and behavioral needs, while also addressing their own trauma. These classes help parents understand the impact of domestic violence on children and equip them with strategies to foster healing and resilience within their families. TWC also offers on-site childcare during program sessions, ensuring that parents can fully participate in their own recovery. Additionally, survivors are connected to legal services to assist with custody issues, child support, and protection orders, helping to stabilize their families in t

4A-3g.	Applicant’s Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors. NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
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Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

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The Women's Center (TWC) provides a comprehensive array of supportive services designed to meet the immediate and long-term needs of DV survivors while facilitating quick transitions into permanent housing. These services are rooted in trauma-informed, survivor-centered approaches that prioritize both safety and stability, ensuring that survivors can rebuild their lives with confidence.

1. TWC offers immediate crisis intervention services as the first step in supporting DV survivors. Upon contact, survivors receive a comprehensive safety plan tailored to their individual risks and needs. Safety planning includes assessing the immediate threat, identifying safe places, securing emergency protective orders, and offering temporary shelter if necessary. These actions are taken in conjunction with survivors' preferences to ensure they feel empowered in the process. Staff trained in trauma-informed care conduct these assessments, ensuring that survivors' emotional safety and autonomy are prioritized.

2. A key component of TWC's approach is rapid rehousing, which aims to move survivors into permanent housing as quickly as possible. TWC partners with landlords and housing providers to secure safe, affordable housing for survivors. Survivors are provided with short-term rental assistance and support in securing long-term housing options through housing vouchers or affordable housing programs. In addition to securing housing, TWC's housing navigation services guide survivors through the complexities of finding and applying for housing. Survivors receive help with filling out applications, understanding leases, and advocating for themselves in the housing market. These navigation services are critical in ensuring that survivors, especially those with limited financial resources or a history of disrupted housing, can quickly transition into a stable living situation.

3. Many DV survivors require legal assistance to ensure their safety, particularly in situations involving protection orders, custody arrangements, and immigration issues. TWC provides survivors with access to legal advocacy and representation through an on-site clinic provided by South Coastal County Legal Services. Survivors receive help filing restraining orders, navigating family court, and securing legal rights related to their housing. In cases where a survivor's legal status may complicate housing access—such as immigration or financial issues—TWC's legal advocates work to remove these barriers.

4. In addition to addressing survivors' housing and legal needs, TWC provides emotional support services to help survivors process the trauma of abuse. Individual counseling sessions are available, offering survivors a safe space to discuss their experiences, fears, and goals. Group counseling sessions and peer support groups are also provided, allowing survivors to connect with others who have experienced similar challenges. These emotional support services are critical for survivors as they transition to new housing, helping them build resilience and cope with the emotional aftermath of domestic violence.

5. Financial insecurity is a major barrier for many DV survivors in securing and maintaining permanent housing. To address this, TWC provides financial assistance in the form of rental subsidies, utility payments, and emergency financial aid. These resources help survivors cover immediate housing costs while they work towards financial independence. Additionally, in partnership with Bristol County Savings Bank, TWC offers a financial literacy class to help survivors build long-term financial stability. Survivors are connected to local

employment programs and job placement services to increase their chances of securing stable income.

6. For survivors with children, TWC offers a variety of parenting support services to ensure that families can transition into permanent housing together. On-site childcare is provided during counseling sessions and program activities, enabling parents to focus on their own healing. TWC also offers parenting classes that address the specific challenges of raising children in the aftermath of domestic violence. These classes cover trauma-informed parenting techniques, helping parents understand the impact of DV on their children and providing strategies for fostering emotional healing and resilience within the family.

7. After survivors are placed in housing, TWC provides ongoing case management to ensure continued safety and stability. Case managers regularly check in with survivors to address any emerging challenges, such as maintaining rent payments, securing employment, or addressing ongoing safety concerns. This long-term support is crucial for survivors transitioning from temporary to permanent housing, ensuring they remain housed and supported as they work towards independent living.

4A-3h.	Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Women's Center's (TWC's) innovative plan for its new DV Bonus Housing Project integrates trauma-informed, survivor-centered approaches to effectively place and stabilize DV survivors in permanent housing, focusing on four key areas:

1. **Prioritizing Placement and Stabilization** - TWC will prioritize the immediate placement and stabilization of survivors by utilizing rapid rehousing strategies. Survivors will be fast-tracked into housing through partnerships with landlords and housing providers, ensuring that those facing immediate danger or homelessness are housed quickly. TWC will provide rental assistance and wraparound services to stabilize survivors, reducing the risk of returning to unsafe environments.

2. **Placing Program Participants in Permanent Housing** - TWC will work closely with survivors to transition them into permanent housing options that best meet their long-term needs. Survivors will be connected to housing vouchers, affordable housing units, and long-term rental assistance programs. By collaborating with local housing authorities and leveraging resources such as the Continuum of Care, TWC will ensure that survivors have access to safe, sustainable housing solutions.

3. **Placing and Stabilizing Participants Consistent with Their Preferences** - A core part of TWC's approach is empowering survivors to make choices about their housing based on their personal preferences. Survivors will be offered various housing options, including scattered-site housing and apartment units, allowing them to select the environment that makes them feel most safe and comfortable. Survivor autonomy will be emphasized throughout the process.

4. **Placing and Stabilizing Participants Consistent with Their Stated Needs** - TWC will conduct personalized needs assessments for each survivor, ensuring that housing placements align with their specific requirements, such as proximity to schools, employment, healthcare, or support networks. The program will provide tailored case management and services, addressing each survivor's unique needs to support long-term housing stability and emotional recovery.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)		
Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:		
1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
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	6. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.
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1. The Women's Center (TWC) will foster an environment of agency and mutual respect by ensuring that all interactions between survivors and staff are based on equality and collaboration. The project will avoid punitive interventions, recognizing that such measures can retraumatize survivors who have experienced control and coercion. Instead, staff will adopt a strengths-based approach, working alongside survivors to empower them in their decision-making. Survivors will be encouraged to participate actively in their case plans, and staff will minimize power differentials by treating survivors as partners in their recovery process. This survivor-centered approach creates a respectful and supportive environment where survivors feel heard, valued, and in control of their own lives.

2. Understanding the effects of trauma is crucial for survivors as they navigate their healing journey. TWC will ensure that all program participants have access to information about trauma, its impact, and how it may influence their responses and behaviors. Staff will receive extensive training on trauma-informed care, learning how to explain the effects of trauma to survivors in a compassionate, clear, and accessible way. Survivors will be provided with educational resources, workshops, and one-on-one discussions on topics like trauma responses, coping strategies, and self-care. By providing this information, TWC empowers survivors with the knowledge they need to understand their experiences and make informed decisions about their recovery.

3. A key principle of TWC's approach is emphasizing the strengths of survivors rather than focusing solely on their trauma or challenges. The project will integrate the Wellbeing Approach from the Full Frame Initiative's training into case management services, helping survivors identify their unique skills, abilities, and resilience. Questionnaires and assessment tools will include strength-based measures, encouraging survivors to recognize their own achievements and resources. Case plans will be developed in partnership with survivors, focusing on survivor-defined goals and aspirations. This approach ensures that survivors are seen as capable individuals who have the power to shape their future, rather than as victims of their past experiences. By focusing on strengths, TWC helps survivors build confidence and self-efficacy.

4. TWC is committed to providing services that are culturally responsive and inclusive. All staff will receive training on cultural competence, nondiscrimination, and equal access to services. This training will cover how cultural factors such as race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and religion influence a survivor's experience of domestic violence and their healing process. TWC will ensure that language access services, such as interpretation and translation, are available so that non-English-speaking survivors can fully participate in the program. The project will continuously evaluate its services to ensure they are accessible and inclusive, seeking feedback from survivors on how to improve cultural responsiveness. By centering cultural inclusivity, TWC will ensure that all survivors feel welcome, respected, and understood.

5. Building connections is an essential part of healing from trauma, and TWC will provide multiple opportunities for survivors to connect with others. The project will offer peer support groups where survivors can share their experiences, build relationships, and find mutual support. Survivors will also have access to mentorship programs, where they can connect with peers or mentors who have successfully navigated similar experiences. For survivors

who have spiritual needs, TWC will offer connections to spiritual resources, including faith-based support groups or religious leaders. These opportunities for connection foster a sense of community and belonging, helping survivors heal in the company of others who understand their experiences.

6. Many survivors of domestic violence are also parents, and TWC will provide specialized support to help them navigate the challenges of parenting while recovering from trauma. The project will offer trauma-informed parenting classes that teach survivors how to support their children’s emotional and behavioral needs while also addressing their own trauma. These classes will help survivors understand the impact of domestic violence on children and provide strategies for fostering healing and resilience within the family. On-site childcare will be provided during program activities, allowing parents to focus on their own recovery. TWC will also connect survivors to legal services related to parenting, such as custody and child support, helping to stabilize families in the long term.

4A-3j.	Applicant’s Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	
	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and	
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project’s operation.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Involving Survivors with a Range of Lived Experiences: The Women’s Center (TWC) will actively engage survivors with varied backgrounds, including differences in age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and family composition, to ensure inclusivity in program development. TWC will conduct regular focus groups, listening sessions, and surveys to gather feedback from survivors with diverse experiences. These sessions will create a safe, supportive space where survivors can share their perspectives on housing, safety, and service needs, ensuring the program addresses the unique challenges faced by different communities. Survivors’ insights will directly inform service delivery, ensuring that housing options, support services, and outreach are tailored to meet diverse needs.

2. Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development: TWC will integrate survivors into decision-making processes by establishing a Survivor Advisory Council. This council will consist of survivors who have previously participated in TWC programs or other housing services and will meet regularly with program leadership to provide feedback and recommendations on policies, practices, and service delivery. Additionally, TWC will invite survivors to participate in program evaluation, helping shape future improvements. This collaborative approach ensures that survivors’ voices are not only heard but actively shape program design and policies, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment among participants.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7 PHA HOMELESS...	10/21/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7 PHA MOVING O...	10/21/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a NOTIFICATIO...	10/21/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5c WEB POSTING...	10/21/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	3A-1 HOUSING LEVE...	10/21/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2a HEALTHCARE ...	10/21/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No	3C-2 PROJECT LIST...	10/21/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2 LOCAL COMPET...	10/21/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a SCORED FORM...	10/21/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b LOCAL COMPE...	10/21/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5 NOTIFICATION...	10/21/2024

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5d NOTIFICATIO...	10/21/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a HOUSING FIR...	10/21/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	1D-10a LIVED EXPE...	10/21/2024
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6 HUD'S HOMELE...	10/21/2024
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(HDX) COMPETITION REPORT

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Submission Summary

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

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Attachment 1C-7

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
Attleboro/Taunton Continuum of Care
MA-505

PHA Homeless Preference

NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

- The **New Bedford PHA Homeless Preference Document** in the form of a letter explaining its preferences for those experiencing homelessness.
- The **Taunton PHA Homeless Preference Document** in the form of a letter explaining its preferences for those experiencing homelessness.

1. New Bedford PHA Homeless Preference Document.

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October 2, 2024

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Re: Continuum of Care

Dear Ms. Clarke,

The New Bedford Housing Authority (NBHA) is pleased to assist the MA-505 Continuum of Care (COC) in the development of its Collaborative Application for COC funding and offers this letter as a means of memorializing both the preferences employed by the NBHA and its effect in ensuring housing for the homeless over the past fiscal year, as well as the ongoing relationship between our two entities.

The NBHA is committed to providing the highest quality service in order to ensure safe, stable housing for those coming out of homelessness. Annually NBHA places many individuals and families coming out of homelessness into housing though its general preferences as follows:

*Family Preferences for the Section 8 Voucher Choice Program vouchers:

- Priority 1 =

- (a) Displacement due to disaster such as flood, fire or natural disaster.
- (b) Court ordered no-fault eviction
- (c) Displacement by Domestic Violence
- (d) Avoidance of reprisal/witness protection
- (e) Victim of hate crime
- (f) Condemnation of Home
- (g) Inaccessibility of dwelling unit (Disabled ONLY)
- (h) Homelessness
- (i) Paying over 50% of gross income for rent and utilities

During the past year one hundred twenty-nine (129) vouchers were issued to homeless individuals or families that were verified to be Priority 1, which included 14 VASH vouchers for Homeless veterans. Out of those, 51.2% were verified Homeless ; one hundred eight (108) applicants have leased up, nineteen (19) applicants have allowed their voucher to expire, and two (2) took their vouchers elsewhere. There are currently 7,308 applicants waiting for a voucher as of this writing.

For State-aided public housing the following priorities and preferences have remained the same:

- 1) Homeless and displaced by natural forces such as fire, flood, hurricane.
- 2) Homeless and displaced by public action, such as urban renewal or eminent domain.
- 3) Homeless and displaced by enforcement of Minimum Housing Standards

New Bedford PHA Homeless Preference Document, *Continued*

- 4) Emergency Case plan which includes domestic violence, medical emergencies and those without housing due to no fault of their own.
 - a) Local Preference
 - b) Veteran Preference

Within our State portfolio, the NBHA is required to place residents using the state's CHAMP system. Due to the pandemic and the use of the mandatory CHAMP system, the waitlist has grown from 5,551 applicants in 2019 to 35,638 applicants today from all over the area. Out of the sixty-three (63) State housing placements that NBHA made in FY 2023, 93.7% were for homeless individuals/families due to one of the above conditions, including two (2) homeless veterans. These priorities and preferences help those in greatest need first.

The NBHA has a General Preference for both Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers. The combined percentage of homeless at admission is 72.45%.

Finally, the NBHA celebrates the long history of collaboration between NBHA and the City's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) in its role as Collaborative Applicant for the MA-505 COC. The NBHA continues to commit to this relationship in order to ensure a strong relationship with shared goals which actively ensure consistency, transparency and success in housing the homeless.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

-S-

Cheryl Souza

Policy Administrator

New Bedford Housing Authority

2. Taunton PHA Homeless Preference Document.

FINAL SUBMISSION TO INCLUDE TAUNTON PHA LETTER.

Attachment 1C-7

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
Attleboro/Taunton Continuum of Care
MA-505

PHA Moving On Preference

NOTES:

- The former New Bedford CoC (MA-505 which recently merged with MA-519) has memorialized those elements of its own **Moving On Strategy** germane to its work and strategic vision. The resulting document, approved by a vote of the CoC membership, remains in effect and is provided here. Please note that the Vice-Chair of the CoC at the time of adoption was a member of the New Bedford Housing Authority's senior leadership team.
- Separate from this Moving On document is the priority list developed in concert with the roll out of Emergency Housing Vouchers. The resulting **prioritization list for EHV's** further reinforces the CoC's continued coordinated work with the local Housing Authority in moving people on. That document is similarly included within this attachment.



Bristol County CoC :: BC³
MA-505 Continuum of Care
Moving On Strategy

The MA-505 Continuum of Care (CoC), acting through the Bristol County CoC (BC³), hereby establishes and memorializes its Moving On Strategy.

Purpose.

Affordability, availability of suitable housing and a combination thereof have been identified by the CoC as a primary issue preventing current supportive housing tenants who are no longer in need of intensive services from moving out of their permanent supportive housing units (PSH) and into either a public housing authority (PHA) unit or other affordable housing unit independent of supportive services.

This strategy exists for the purpose of providing guidance as to how CoC projects can move current CoC Program participants who no longer require intensive services, from CoC Program funded-PSH beds to other housing assistance programs (including, but not limited to, Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing) in order to free up CoC Program funded-PSH beds to be used for persons experiencing homelessness.

Public Housing Authorities

As described by the Corporation for Supportive Housing’s CSH Moving On Toolkit, “Under PIH Notice 2013-15 (HA), PHAs may create set-asides of units and/or vouchers for either people exiting homelessness or people referred by providers as being ready to move on from supportive housing. Through this mechanism, the CoC and its supportive housing providers may partner with the New Bedford Public Housing Authority (NBHA) to make public housing units and tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV, or Section 8) available through the use of preferences in their local administrative plans for people who have achieved stability in supportive housing and no longer require the same level of support.

Affordable Housing Owners

In addition to the NBHA, “HUD also funds a variety of deeply subsidized units through the Multi-family division, which can be owned and operated by either PHAs or private owners. These include primarily the Project Based Section 8 (general population), Section 202 (elderly—such as the Coastline project, “Carriage House at Acushnet Heights”), and Section 811 (persons with disabilities) programs and combinations of Sections 202/811 projects (as is the case with Melville Towers). Such units frequently offer some level of services and are experienced in dealing with special needs tenants. Multifamily owners can create set-asides of units for either people exiting homelessness or people referred by providers as being ready to move on from supportive housing. As vouchers and public housing units are usually a scarce resource, programs may also look to the largest current production program for new affordable units - Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) – to create Moving On units. LIHTC developments must typically meet stringent quality and location requirements to obtain competitive funding, so they may be appealing from a tenant choice perspective. Prioritization of LIHTC resources is accomplished through the state Qualified Allocation plan, which accepts public comment on a regular basis.

In order to ensure that those individuals and families who previously experienced homelessness and who have successfully lived in CoC PSH projects but no longer require intensive supportive services have viable

alternatives to where they can move on from PSH into permanent housing, the HSPN seeks to actively collaborate with housing providers so noted here.

Strategic Steps

In its efforts to enact its CoC-wide Move On Strategy, the CoC will, to the best of its ability through its PSH programs:

- Identify households in permanent supportive housing (PSH) that no longer require intensive supportive services and demonstrate the ability to live stably and maintain housing.
- Ask such households if they are willing to move on (the household must retain choice and must be willing to move on; this is voluntary).
- Confirm that willing households meet any housing screening criteria in order to move on.
- Ensure that willing households in need rental subsidies move into housing with a rental subsidy available to them.
- Continue supporting the New Bedford Housing Authority's homeless preference for households to increase the possibility of willing households receiving a rental subsidy through housing choice vouchers;
- Work collaboratively with mainstream affordable housing resources including those financed with LIHTC.
- Provide flexible financial assistance to cover costs related to moving expenses, security deposits, first/last month's rent, etc. as may be needed to ensure tenancy.
- Work to develop a source of landlord mitigation funds (by individual agency and/or collaboratively as a CoC) to offset potential problems including excessive damage to units or unpaid rent.
- Provide case management to assist clients who have moved on with income re-certifications and/or application paperwork to support continued housing stability.
- Offer home-based case management for three months to help ensure a successful transition out of PSH into permanent housing.

This strategy may be amended or revised at any time by a vote of the HSPN Executive Committee. This document was reviewed and accepted by a vote of the HSPN Executive Committee on September 19, 2019.

MA-505 Emergency Housing Voucher Prioritization Plan

(Originally Adopted as the New Bedford EHV Prioritization Plan)
July 26, 2021

The MA-505 Continuum of Care is a U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) recognized Continuum of Care (CoC) that reflects a merger between the former MA-519 CoC and MA-505 (New Bedford) CoC. Within this CoC exists 7 Emergency Solutions Grant projects as well as multiple CoC-funded programs that include permanent supportive housing projects, rapid re-housing projects, and coordinated entry. Combined, these programs provide critical housing and supportive services for MA-505 families and individuals experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.

Although these programs continued operations throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for housing and support for the most vulnerable, whether for rental subsidies alone or combined with supportive services, continued to increase, not unlike the increasing demand seen across the nation. Concurrent with this has been a renewed recognition of the persistent disparities that exist across the country in providing such resources to marginalized people including black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) populations, those who are of Hispanic descent and those within the LGBTQ+ community. As a result of the confluence of these factors, the federal American Rescue Plan of 2021 included funding and provisions for an Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program that necessitates the collaborative efforts and operation of the local housing authorities and continuums of care.

An allocation of 25 EHV's was made to the New Bedford Housing Authority as part of this action and an additional 34 vouchers has been awarded through the MA Department of Housing & Community Development (MA DHCD) for a total of 59 EHV's in New Bedford. Having received vouchers through both a local and state housing authority, the MA-505 CoC is positioned to prioritize both sets of vouchers in order to reflect the unique needs of the Bristol County CoC, specifically.

Prior to developing its prioritization strategy, the MA-505 CoC first considered factors explicitly affecting the movement of persons in crisis through its continuum and beyond. Although its permanent supportive housing (PSH) units provide hundreds of units of

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housing for individuals and families, the continuum recognized that the high utilization rate of 104%¹--one which reveals a system exceeding its capacity--means that there is little to no opportunity to move others in crisis into permanent stable housing. Moreover the continuum acknowledged that in moving increasingly stable persons out of PSH program units and into other subsidized housing, the CoC potentially increases its supply of available PSH units for others with heightened vulnerabilities and needs.

Because PSH units are intended to serve those most vulnerable, it is considered beneficial to the CoC system to assist in creating opportunities for clients to move on to less "supportive" housing as they are willing and able. Likewise, as it was anecdotally understood that many of those in PSH programs struggle with stable income to sustain a market rate unit they effectively remain in PSH only for the benefit of the rental subsidy, the availability of a housing voucher could provide the impetus needed to "unclog" the CoC housing pipeline and free up additional units for occupancy.

Given this, the continuum acknowledged that whenever the opportunity presents itself for a PSH household to "move on" to other stable permanent housing thereby freeing up the unit for a new household coming out of crisis, this opportunity should be acted upon as appropriate and possible. In so doing, the household moving out of PSH can benefit from a rental subsidy and a more vulnerable household with higher needs can benefit from the PSH unit. EHV's have been embraced as an important tool toward this end.

Adjacent to the need for increased housing and rental assistance and arising from a national reawakening as to disparities experienced by historically marginalized populations, the MA-505 CoC examined its own data to better understand the presence of racial disparities in its homeless housing and support system.

Using the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool² it becomes clear that there may be an unconscious bias in serving Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) households experiencing homelessness as well and those identifying as LGBTQ+. By way of example, although just 6% of those in the general New Bedford population identify as Black, those identifying as Black experience homelessness at a rate of 27% (individuals) and 35% (families). Similarly, while just 20% of the general population in the city is represented by those who are Hispanic, 40% of families

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¹ The 104% utilization rate was measured during the 2021 Point In Time Count in January 2021 at which time 241 persons were counted in housing that typically provides 231 beds.

² Version 2.1 downloadable spreadsheet for MA-505 (New Bedford CoC) at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5787/coc-analysis-tool-race-and-ethnicity/>.

experiencing homelessness in the city are Hispanic. These simple statistics immediately reveal a significant and disproportionate ratio between general population and those experiencing homelessness by race and ethnicity in New Bedford.³

From this data, the CoC is concerned with the extent to which it is disproportionately housing those who identify as white over those who identify as BIPOC and/or Hispanic as well as those identifying as LGBTQ+. While this is not seen as intentional it necessitates action to ensure the disparity is diminished and eliminated.

In light of its finding as to the need for additional housing and mitigation of any systemic or institutionalized barriers in serving marginalized populations, and given the availability of new Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs), the New Bedford CoC will prioritize the following households (providing they otherwise meet qualifying eligibility) for use of the EHVs:

Priority	Cohort
1	Those CoC residents identifying as part of a BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+ community who are ready/willing/able to successfully move on from PSH or HomeBASE (exiting the program) but who continue to need a housing subsidy to remain stably housed.
2	Those CoC residents who are ready/willing/able to successfully move on from PSH or HomeBASE (by exiting the program) but who continue to need a housing subsidy to remain stably housed.
3	Those CoC residents identifying as part of a BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+ community and currently receiving Rapid Rehousing funds (either through ESG or CoC sources) and can show they need a voucher to maintain housing.
4	Those CoC residents who are receiving Rapid Rehousing funds (either through ESG or CoC sources) and can show they need a voucher to maintain housing.
5	Those CoC residents who identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+ in the community, are currently in a housing crisis and can show they need a voucher to maintain housing.

Priority list continues on the following page.

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³ While national statistics show that over 5% of the population identifies as LGBTQ+ and .6% of the population identifies as transgender, the CoC has not asked this question throughout any measurable intake either in outreach or placement. Both of these populations are underserved throughout the continuum and are significantly more affected by housing crisis, which, during the recent pandemic, has been magnified as these households are at greater risk and therefore at a heightened risk of COVID-19.

Priority	Cohort
6	Those either recently released from a correctional institution or who have a history of incarceration and only need a voucher to maintain housing.
7	Those CoC residents on the existing Coordinated Entry waiting list.
8	All other qualifying and eligible households.



Prepared by the City of New Bedford's
Office of Housing & Community Development,
CoC Collaborative Applicant
on behalf of the
MA-505 CoC

Attachment 1E-5a

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Notification of Projects Accepted

NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

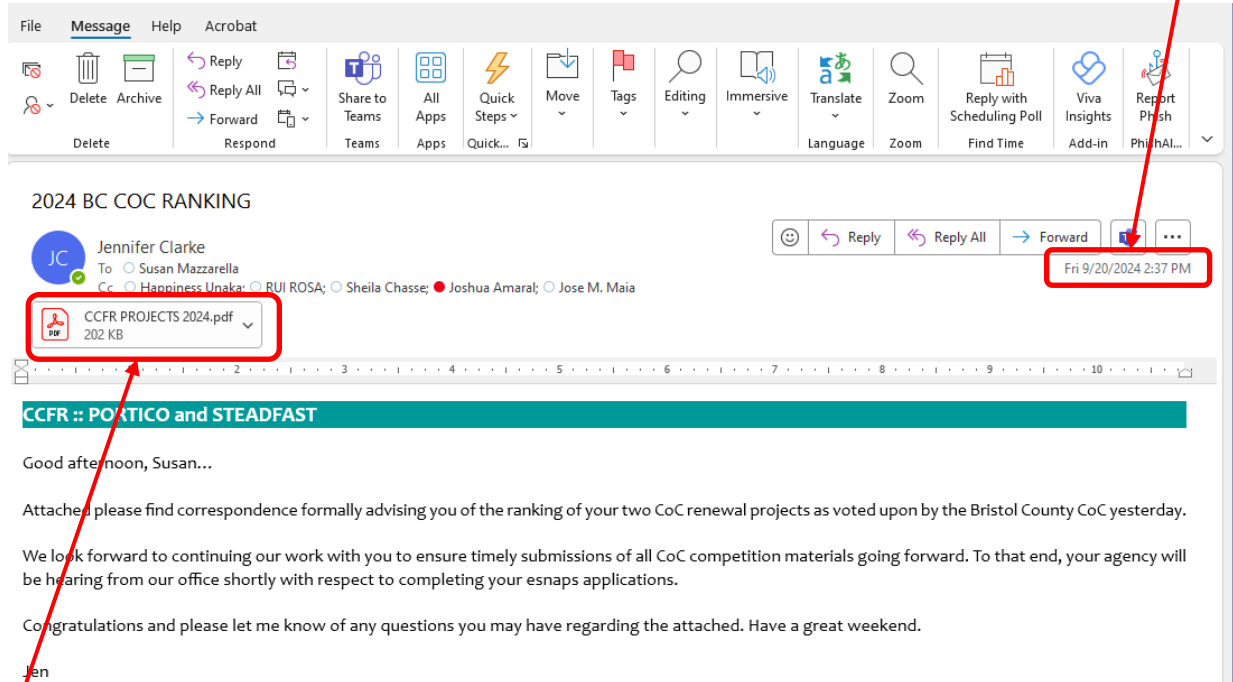
- Evidence of Notifications made for Projects Accepted prior to October 15, 2024** (*Greater than 15 days prior to October 30, 2024 NOFO application deadline*).

Email/Correspondence. The MA-505 CoC notified all accepted projects of their acceptance, ranking and scoring on September 20, 2024. It did so by sending a letter to each project applicant attached to an email on that date.

Email/Correspondence.

Email and attached letters for each accepted project evidencing notification:

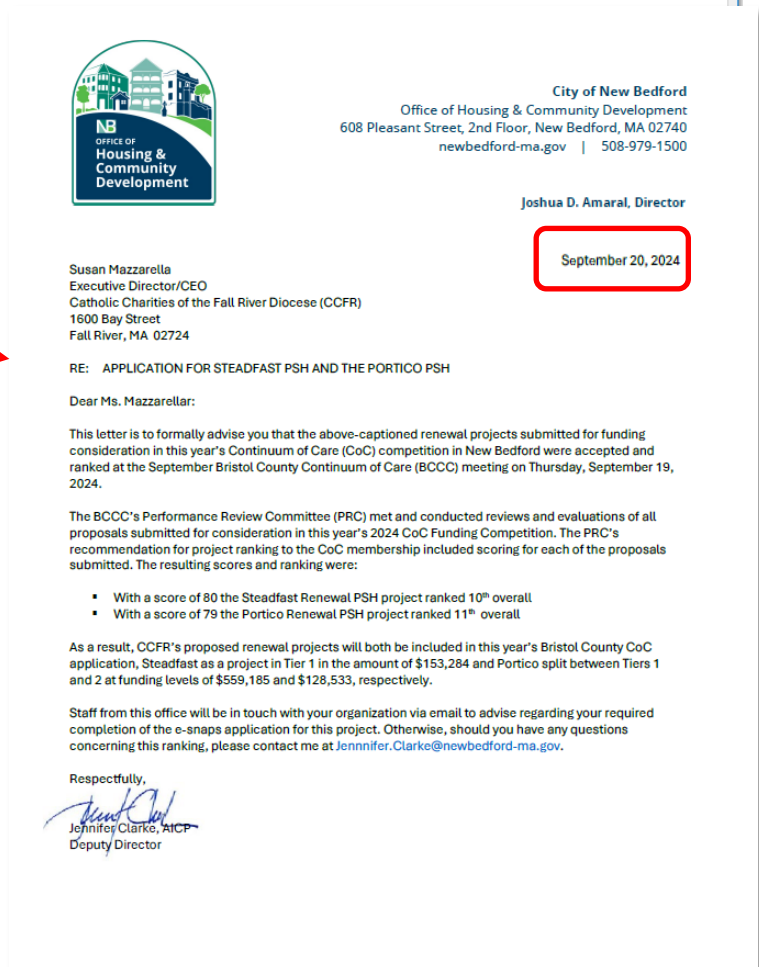
Evidence of email and letter being sent on September 20, 2024



Correspondence attached to email.

NOTE: This project applicant submitted two applications in the local competition, both of which are PSH projects.

PLEASE NOTE:
Each of the following pages provides the same pattern of documentation for all accepted projects.

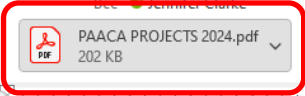


ACCEPTED PROJECTS: PORTICO and STEADFAST

2024 BC COC RANKING

Jennifer Clarke
 To: calves@paaca.org
 Cc: Joshua Amaral; Jose M. Maia
 Bcc: Jennifer Clarke

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CCBC :: STEP UP RENEWAL, STEP UP EXPANSION and STEP UP RAPID REHOUSING

Good afternoon, Carl...

Attached please find correspondence formally advising you of the ranking of your CoC new and renewal projects as voted upon by the Bristol County CoC yesterday.

We look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure timely submissions of all CoC competition materials going forward. To that end, your agency will be hearing from our office shortly with respect to completing your esnaps applications.

Congratulations and please let me know of any questions you may have regarding the attached. Have a great weekend.

Jen

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Joshua D. Amaral, Director

September 20, 2024

Carl J. Alves, Executive Director
 PAACA, Inc.
 360 Coggeshall Street
 New Bedford, MA 02746

RE: APPLICATION FOR COC NEW PROJECT STEP UP RAPID REHOUSING, STEP UP RENEWAL PSH PROJECT and STEP UP EXPANSION

Dear Mr. Alves:

This letter is to formally advise you that the above-captioned new project, renewal project and expansion project submitted for funding consideration in this year's Continuum of Care (CoC) competition in MA-505 were all accepted and ranked at the September Bristol County Continuum of Care (BCCC) meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

The BCCC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) met and conducted reviews and evaluations of all proposals submitted for consideration in this year's 2024 CoC Funding Competition. The PRC's recommendation for project ranking to the CoC membership included scoring for each of the proposals submitted. The resulting scores and ranking were:

- With a score of 80 the Step Up RRH project ranked 9th overall
- With a score of 78 the Step Up Renewal PSH project ranked 12th overall
- With a score of 76 the Step Up Expansion ranked 14th overall

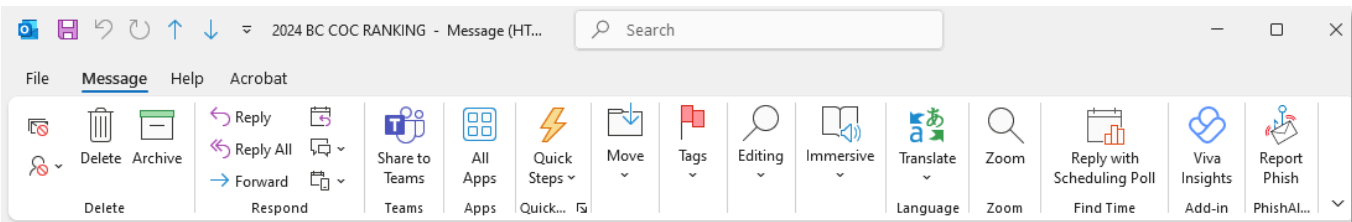
As a result, PAACA's proposed new and renewal projects will each be included in this year's Bristol County CoC application, Step Up RRH as a project in Tier 1 in the amount of \$96,000 and the Step Up Renewal and Step Up Expansion projects will be included in Tier 2 in the amount of \$342,068 and \$77,970, respectively.

Staff from this office will be in touch with your organization later today via email to advise regarding your required completion of the e-snaps application for this project. Otherwise, should you have any questions concerning this ranking, please contact me at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

Respectfully,

 Jennifer Clarke, AICP
 Deputy Director

ACCEPTED PROJECT: STEP UP



2024 BC COC RANKING

Jennifer Clarke
To: WENDY BLUIS
Cc: KATHY SPEAR; Joshua Amaral; Jose M. Maia
Bcc: Jennifer Clarke

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SEMCOA :: FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Good afternoon, Wendy...

Attached please find correspondence formally advising you of the ranking of your CoC renewal project as voted upon by the Bristol County CoC yesterday.

We look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure timely submission of all CoC competition materials going forward. To that end, your agency will be hearing from our office shortly with respect to completing your e-snaps applications.

Congratulations and please let me know of any questions you may have regarding the attached. Have a great weekend.

Jen

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Joshua D. Amaral, Director

September 20, 2024

Wendy Bluis, Program Director
SEMCOA, Inc.
72 Kilburn Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: APPLICATION FOR COC FAMILY PRESERVATION PROJECT RENEWAL

Dear Ms. Bluis:


This letter is to formally advise you that the above-captioned Family Preservation Project renewal submitted for funding consideration in this year's Continuum of Care (CoC) competition in MA-505 was accepted and ranked at the September Bristol County Continuum of Care (BCCC) meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

The BCCC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) met and conducted reviews and evaluations of all proposals submitted for consideration in this year's 2024 CoC Funding Competition. The PRC's recommendation for project ranking to the CoC membership included scoring for each of the proposals submitted. The resulting score of 85 for Family Preservation Program and was such that the Family Preservation Program project ranked as 6th overall in the CoC's ranking vote.

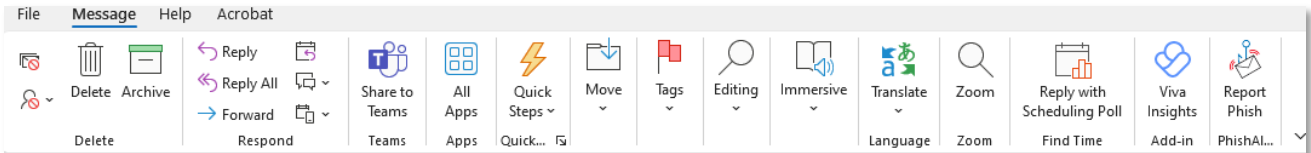
As a result, SEMCOA's proposed renewal project will be included in this year's Bristol County CoC application as a project in Tier 1 in the amount of \$459,487.

Staff from this office will be in touch with your organization via email to advise regarding your required completion of the e-snaps application for this project. Otherwise, should you have any questions concerning this ranking, please contact me at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

Respectfully,


Jennifer Clarke, AICP
Deputy Director

ACCEPTED PROJECT: FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM



2024 BC COC RANKING

Jennifer Clarke
To: ELLEN BRUDER-MOORE ABRAMOWITZ; Angela Clarke
Cc: Joshua Amaral; Jose M. Maia
Bcc: Jennifer Clarke

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CCBC :: COORDINATED ENTRY, HOMES WITH HEART and HOMES WITH HEART EXPANSION

Good afternoon, Ellen...

Attached please find correspondence formally advising you of the ranking of your CoC new and renewal projects as voted upon by the Bristol County CoC yesterday.

We look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure timely submissions of all CoC competition materials going forward. To that end, your agency will be hearing from our office shortly with respect to completing your expansion applications.

Congratulations and please let me know how you do.

Jen



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Joshua D. Amaral, Director

September 20, 2024

Ellen Bruder-Moore Abramowitz
Community Counseling of Bristol County
1 Washington Street
Taunton, MA 02780

RE: APPLICATION FOR COC NEW EXPANSION PROJECT, COC RENEWAL PROJECT, and TWO COC SSO COORDINATED ENTRY RENEWALS TO BE COMBINED

Dear Ms. Abramowitz:

This letter is to formally advise you that the above-captioned new and renewal projects submitted for funding consideration in this year's Continuum of Care (CoC) competition in MA-505 were all accepted and ranked at the September Bristol County Continuum of Care (BCCC) meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

The BCCC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) met and conducted reviews and evaluations of all proposals submitted for consideration in this year's 2024 CoC Funding Competition. The PRC's recommendation for project ranking to the CoC membership included scoring for each of the proposals submitted. The resulting scores and ranking were:

- With a score of 82 the Homes with Heart Renewal PSH project ranked 7th overall
- With a score of 78 the Homes with Heart New Expansion PSH project ranked 13th overall
- With a score of 93 and 02, respectively, the Call combined and Call Expansion projects both ranked in 2nd place (projects to be combined) overall

As a result, the aforementioned projects will be included in this year's Bristol County CoC application as projects in Tier 1 (Homes with Heart Renewal at \$726,924 and both Call Coordinated Entry projects totaling \$196,926) and in Tier 2 (Homes with Heart Expansion in the amount of \$290,153).

Staff from this office will be in touch with your organization via email to advise regarding your required completion of the e-snaps application for this project. Otherwise, should you have any questions concerning this ranking, please contact me at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Clarke, AICP
Deputy Director

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JC Jennifer Clarke
 To Kathleen Schedler-Clark
 Cc DANIELLE BROWN; Susan Bennett; Joshua Amaral; Jose M. Maia

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STEPPIESTONE :: WELCOME HOME and WELCOME HOME EXPANSION

Good afternoon, Kathy...

Attached please find correspondence formally advising you of the ranking of your CoC renewal project and CoC new expansion project as voted upon by the Bristol County CoC yesterday.

We look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure timely submissions of all CoC competition materials going forward. To that end, your agency will be hearing from our office shortly with respect to completing your esnaps applications.

Congratulations and please let me know of any questions you may have regarding the attached. Have a great weekend.

Jen

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Joshua D. Amaral, Director

September 20, 2024

Kathleen Schedler-Clark, Executive Director
 Steppingstone, Inc.
 522 North Main Street
 Fall River, MA 02720-3509

RE: APPLICATION FOR NEW EXPANSION PROJECT and COC RENEWAL PROJECT

Dear Ms. Clark:

This letter is to formally advise you that the above-captioned new and renewal projects submitted for funding consideration in this year's Continuum of Care (CoC) competition in MA-505 were all accepted and ranked at the September Bristol County Continuum of Care (BCCC) meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

The BCCC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) met and conducted reviews and evaluations of all proposals submitted for consideration in this year's 2024 CoC Funding Competition. The PRC's recommendation for project ranking to the CoC membership included scoring for each of the proposals submitted. The resulting scores and ranking were:

- With a score of 87 the Homes with Heart Renewal PSH project ranked 3rd overall
- With a score of 87 the Homes with Heart New Expansion PSH project ranked 4th overall

As a result, both projects will be included in this year's Bristol County CoC application in Tier 1 (Welcome Home renewal at \$338,272 and Welcome Home Expansion at \$63,624).

Staff from this office will be in touch with your organization via email to advise regarding your required completion of the e-snaps application for this project. Otherwise, should you have any questions concerning this ranking, please contact me at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

Respectfully,

 Jennifer Clarke, AICP
 Deputy Director

ACCEPTED PROJECT: WELCOME HOME

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2024 BC COC RANKING

Jennifer Clarke
 To: PAM KUECHLER (PAMKUECHLER@PACEINFO.ORG); CMEJIL@PACEINFO.ORG
 Cc: Joshua Amaral; Jose M. Maia

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PACE :: GREEN LIGHT PROJECT

Good afternoon, Pam and Carmen...

Attached please find correspondence formally advising you of the ranking of your new CoC project as voted upon by the Bristol County CoC yesterday.

We look forward to continuing our work with you in this new capacity to ensure timely submission of all CoC competition materials going forward. To that end, your agency will be hearing from our office shortly with respect to completing your esnaps application.

Congratulations and please let me know of any questions you may have regarding the attached. Have a great weekend.

Jen

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Joshua D. Amaral, Director

September 20, 2024

Pam Kuechler, Executive Director
 PACE
 166 William Street
 New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: APPLICATION FOR COC RENEWAL PROJECT
 GREEN LIGHT


Dear Ms. Kuechler:

This letter is to formally advise you that the above-captioned renewal project submitted for funding consideration in this year's Continuum of Care (CoC) competition in MA-505 was accepted and ranked at the September Bristol County Continuum of Care (BCCC) meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

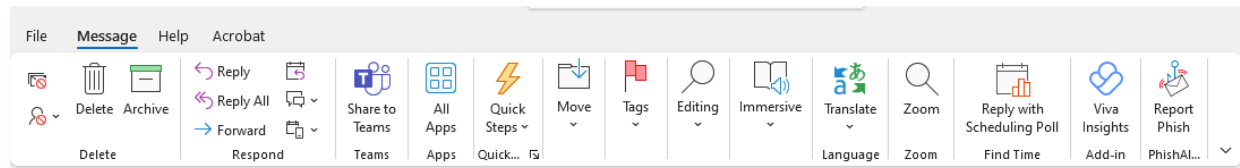
The BCCC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) met and conducted reviews and evaluations of all proposals submitted for consideration in this year's 2024 CoC Funding Competition. The PRC's recommendation for project ranking to the CoC membership included scoring for each of the proposals submitted. The resulting score of 81 was such that the Green Light project ranked as eighth overall in the CoC's ranking vote.

As a result, PACE's proposed renewal project will be included in this year's Bristol County CoC application as a project in Tier 1 in the amount of \$145,045.

Staff from this office will be in touch with your organization via email to advise regarding your required completion of the e-snaps application for this project. Otherwise, should you have any questions concerning this ranking, please contact me at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

Respectfully,

 Jennifer Clarke, AICP
 Deputy Director

ACCEPTED PROJECT: GREEN LIGHT



2024 BC COC RANKING

Jennifer Clarke
To: KBATSTONE@THEWOMENSCLARKE.COM
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Bcc: Jennifer Clarke

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WOMEN'S CENTER :: DV BONUS PROJECT

Good afternoon, Kristin...

Attached please find correspondence formally advising you of the ranking of your CoC new DV Bonus projects as voted upon by the Bristol County CoC yesterday.

We look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure timely submissions of all CoC competition materials going forward. To that end, your agency will be hearing from our office shortly with respect to completing your esnaps applications.

Congratulations and please let me know of any questions you may have regarding the attached. Have a great weekend.

Jen

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Joshua D. Amaral, Director

September 20, 2024

Kristin Batstone
Executive Director
Women's Center
174 Union Street 4th Floor
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: APPLICATION FOR DV BONUS FUNDING – HOUSING STABILITY DV PROJECT

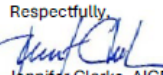
Dear Ms. Batstone:

This letter is to formally advise you that the above-captioned DV Bonus project submitted for funding consideration in this year's Continuum of Care (CoC) competition in MA-505 was accepted and ranked at the September Bristol County Continuum of Care (BCCC) meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

The BCCC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) met and conducted reviews and evaluations of all proposals submitted for consideration in this year's 2024 CoC Funding Competition. The PRC's recommendation for project ranking to the CoC membership included scoring for each of the proposals submitted. The resulting score of 75 was such that the Housing Stability DV project ranked as 15th overall in the CoC's ranking vote.

As a result, PACE's proposed renewal project will be included in this year's Bristol County CoC application as a project in Tier 2 in the amount of \$702,889.

Staff from this office will be in touch with your organization via email to advise regarding your required completion of the e-snaps application for this project. Otherwise, should you have any questions concerning this ranking, please contact me at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Clarke, AICP
Deputy Director

ACCEPTED DV BONUS PROJECT: WOMEN'S CENTER PROJECT

Attachment 1E-5c

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Web Posting – CoC Approved Consolidated Application

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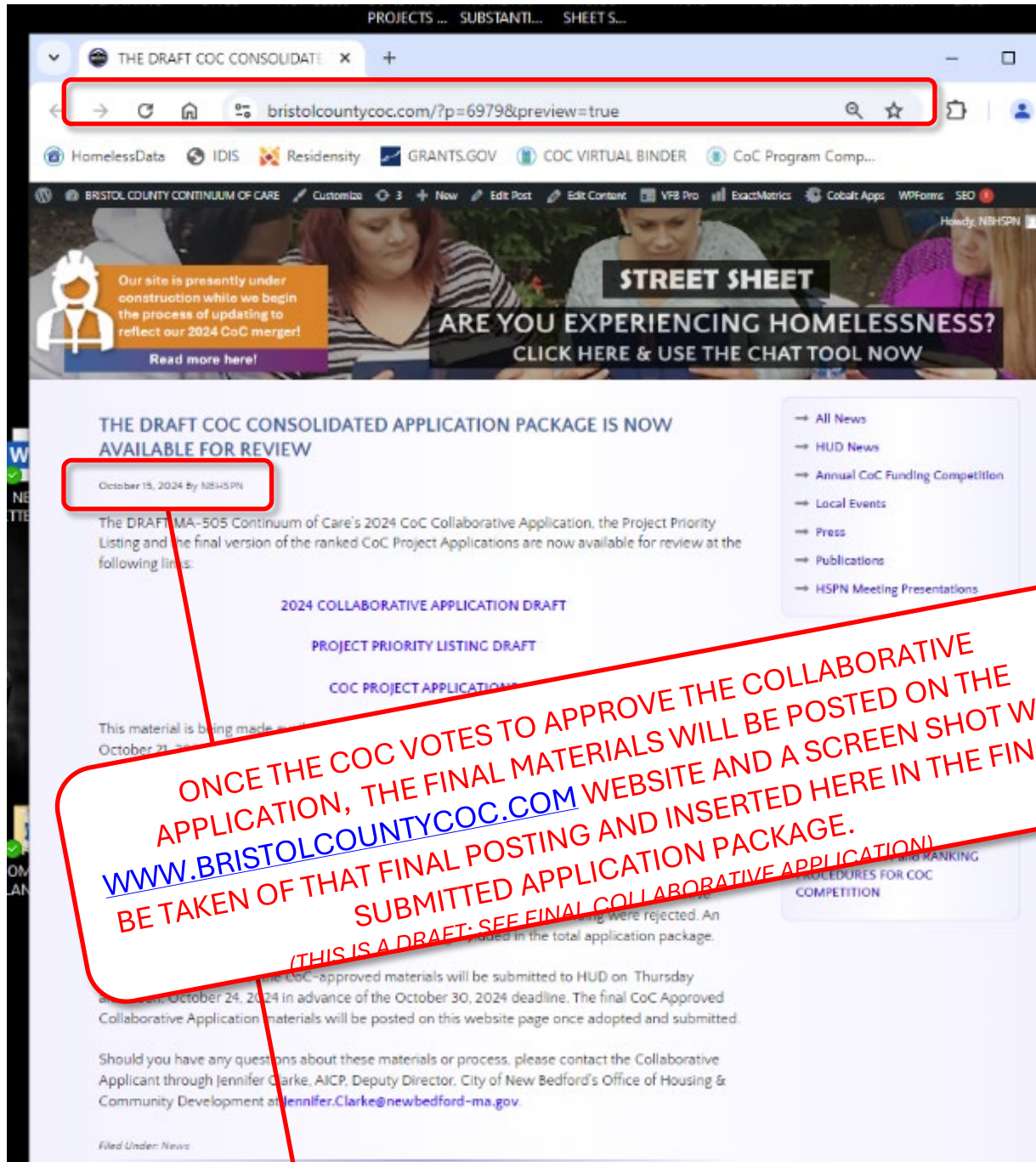
In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

- The Web Posting.** The MA-505 CoC initially posted its CoC approved DRAFT Consolidated Application and Priority Listing on October 23, 2024 on its www.bristolcountycoc.com website as evidenced by the attached within the DRAFT version. *Once the CoC votes to accept the material for submission to HUD, the FINAL version of the CoC Approved Consolidated Application will constitute this exhibit.*

NOTE: Because this is a DRAFT version of the CoC Application, the referenced evidence is not yet available as it has not yet been voted upon and finalized. Once the CoC votes on the material and assuming it is approved, this attachment will be updated to reflect the final version.

The CoC's Website: The following is a screenshot of the website posting of the DRAFT CoC Approved Consolidated Application and Priority Listing.

AS THIS IS A DRAFT AND NOT THE FINAL, PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW.



CoC APPROVED MATERIALS POSTED on the COC WEBSITE

A copy of the FINAL CoC approved Consolidated Application (along with the application attachments, the project priority listing and projects, themselves) will be posted to the continuum's website at **WEB ADDRESS TO BE INSERTED HERE ONCE PLAN IS APPROVED** On Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

Attachment 3A-1a

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
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MA-505

Housing Leveraging Commitments

NOTE:

One new expansion project that was proposed/ranked
provided a Housing Leveraging Commitment letter:

- [Welcome Home Expansion](#)

New Expansion Project: Welcome Home Expansion – Housing Leveraging Commitment

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Leader in Behavioral Health and Homeless Services

October 16th, 2024

Steppingstone Incorporated is committed to providing leveraged services to the residents of the new BCCC CoC PSH project, Welcome Home Expansion. Steppingstone, Inc. is a Massachusetts Department of Public Health-licensed behavioral health provider that has been operating in Southeastern Massachusetts since 1972.

The value of the services provided directly by Steppingstone, Inc. to all Welcome Home Expansion residents who qualify for and choose these services is \$14,500 for the performance period of 8/1/2025–7/31/2026.

Services include:

- Integrated Care Facilitator Workers (Housing search)
- Outpatient Behavioral Health Services (MAT, assessment, counseling, diagnostic evaluation, group therapy, psychiatric care)
- Outreach (Locating individuals and building community partnerships with stakeholders.)

These services are funded through a SAMHSA grant and Steppingstone, Inc.'s contracts with third-party insurance companies (MassHealth Managed Care Organizations).

Project eligibility of Welcome Home expansion will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements for 4 additional units to our Welcome Home Program and will not be restricted by Steppingstone, Inc.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Schedler-Clark
Executive Director

DocuSigned by:
Kathleen Schedler-Clark
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Attachment 3A-2a

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Healthcare Formal Agreements

NOTE:

Two new expansion projects that were proposed/ranked provided agreements:

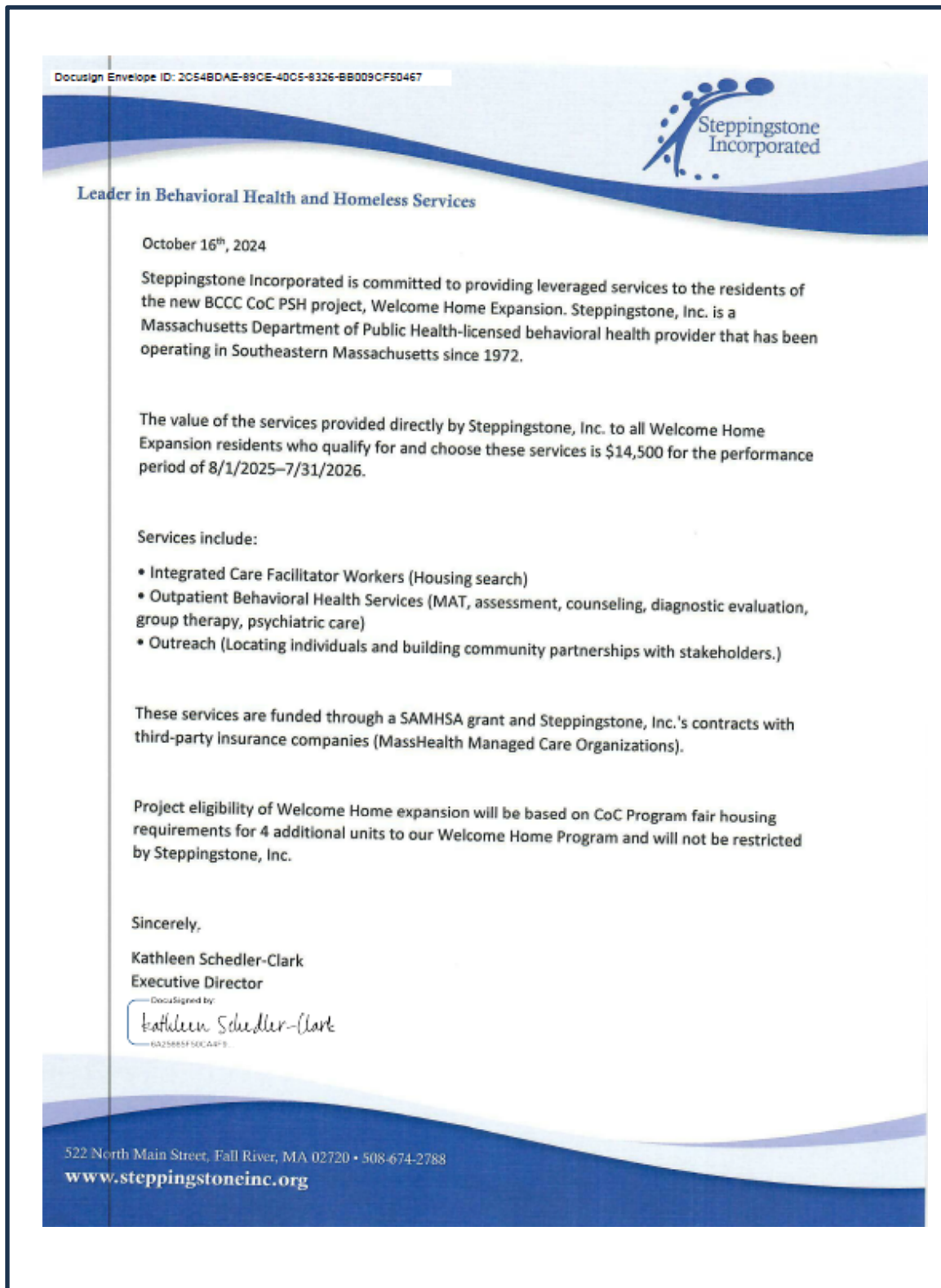
- [Welcome Home Expansion](#)
- [Homes with Heart Expansion](#)

One new DV-RRH DV Bonus project that was proposed/ranked provided an agreement:

- [Housing Stability DV](#)

Healthcare Formal Agreements for each constitute this attachment.

1. New Expansion Project: Welcome Home Expansion – Housing Leveraging Commitment
Letter from Steppingstone, Inc. (\$14,500)



2. New Expansion Project: Homes with Heart Expansion – Housing Leveraging Commitment

Letter from the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (\$80,942) and

Letter from Community Counseling of Bristol County (\$84,130)

MBHP

Massachusetts Behavioral
Health Partnership

A Carelon Behavioral Health Company

Letter of Commitment to Provide Healthcare Services

October 10, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP) supports the MA-505 Continuum of Care request for the Homes With Heart Expansion PSH using bonus funds. Should the proposal for Homes With Heart Expansion PSH be funded, MBHP will support enrollment into the Community Support Program for Homeless Individuals (CSP-HI) for all eligible project participants.

Behavioral healthcare services will be provided through the CSP-HI program available through MBHP's Medicaid insurance coverage, and have been shown to effectively assist in sustaining tenancies for this population. The project subrecipient, *Community Counseling of Bristol County, Inc.*, is currently a CSP-HI approved provider.

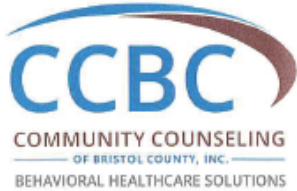
CSP-HI healthcare services will be made available to eligible project participants at the start of the grant and will be available for twelve (12) months. The annual value of this service is estimated to be \$80,942 based on the current allowable daily rate of \$27.72 per person served and the expectation that 8 chronically homeless project participants will be enrolled.

If I may be of further assistance in the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sharon Hanson
Vice President of Client Partnerships and CEO



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October 9, 2024

HUD CoC PSH Application

RE: Homes With Heart Expansion Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Community Counseling of Bristol County, Inc. (CCBC) has provided behavioral health services for children, adults, families and older adults for southeastern Massachusetts communities for over fifty years. CCBC is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation with offices located in Taunton, Attleboro, Brockton, Fall River, and New Bedford. With a staff of over 750, and an annual budget of over \$60 Million, CCBC serves over 15,000 individuals and their families annually.

CCBC is licensed to provide the mental health and substance use services that will offered to the clients served by the proposed Homes With Heart Expansion Project in the New Bedford/Attleboro/Taunton Continuum of Care. CCBC also operates the Taunton Peer Recovery Support Center, the Silver City Clubhouse, and the Client Health Services program which provides case management to those with HIV. These mental health, substance use, and healthcare services will be offered to the individuals to be served by the expansion project. The value of the substance use disorder and recovery services offered will be for the 16 individuals in the Homes With Heart Expansion project may who choose to use the services below:

Behavioral Health Treatment Clinical Services \$37,000.00
Recovery Coach Services- \$15,130.00
Taunton Peer Recovery Support Center Services-\$32,000.00

These services will be available immediately to those individuals upon award of the project who will be supported by the project staff to connect to these resources. Project eligibility for program participants in the new project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by CCBC as the provider of behavioral health services.

Sincerely,

Andrew Dawley
President/CEO

SERVING COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

TAUNTON

ATTLEBORO

BROCKTON

PLYMOUTH

NEW BEDFORD

FALL RIVER



3. New DV RRH Bonus Project: Housing Stability DV – Housing Leveraging Commitment

Letter from Oliver Group, P.C. (\$175,722 for first year + renewal yr)

Letter from Child and Family Services (\$175,722 for first year + renewal yr)

**Olivier Group, P.C.
88 Faunce Corner Road, Suite 220
Dartmouth, MA 02747
P: 508-593-9770
F: 508-258-3106**

October 16, 2024

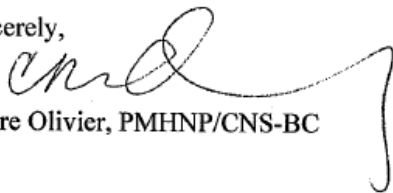
To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that Claire Olivier, PMHNP/CNS-BC is committed to provided healthcare services to The Women's Center participants of their Housing Stability for Domestic Violence project at a value of \$175,722 over 24 months beginning August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2027.

TWC's retains a psychiatric nurse practitioner available on call for *psychiatric evaluation and prescriptive medication assessment* for clients and participants in shelter, transitional housing, and in the community. Services include psychiatric evaluations, medication management and psychotherapy.

Eligibility for services will be based on CoC fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by Claire Olivier, PMHNP/CNS-BC

Sincerely,



Claire Olivier, PMHNP/CNS-BC



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10/17/2024

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that Child and Family Services is committed to providing healthcare services to The Women's Center families in their Housing Stability for Domestic Violence project at a value, with other providers, of approximately \$175,722 over 24 months beginning August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2027.

Services include crisis and mental health services for youth.

Eligibility for services will be based on CoC fair housing requirements and will not be restricted Child and Family Services.

Sincerely,

Pam Bolarinho, MSW/ LICSW VP Acute Care Services

Child and Family Services

Attachment 3C-2

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
Attleboro/Taunton Continuum of Care
MA-505

Project List for Other Federal Statutes

NOTE:

This attachment is not applicable.

Attachment 1E-2

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
Attleboro/Taunton Continuum of Care
MA-505

Local Competition Scoring Tool

NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

- Scoring Tool Overview**
- Threshold Criteria Scoring Tool.** This tool was included in the CoC's RFP and was noted as being relevant to all applications being submitted (CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, New and Renewal projects).
- Renewal Scoring Tool.** This tool was included in the CoC's RFP and was noted as being relevant to all projects (all component types) seeking to renew.
- New Project Scoring Tool.** This tool was included in the CoC's RFP and was noted as being relevant to all projects (all component types) proposed as new including expansion projects, CoC Bonus projects and DV Bonus projects.

Scoring Tool Overview

All project applications included a question relative to the extent to which the proposed project (all project types) would improve the CoC's system performance. (Specifically all projects were scored on the extent to which they demonstrated that “the proposed project fills an existing gap within the CoC and/or that it propels the CoC forward toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness.” Responses to those questions were included as part of the scoring metric for renewal and new projects and was a criterion under threshold expectations for all projects.

All component types use the same scoring tool (that include maximum points) depending on new vs. renewal, only. The new and renewal projects for all components (PSH, RRH, TH, SSO, Joint TH-RRH) included:

- Maximum points that were available for each project (all were 100 points)
- Maximum points available for objective criteria (*housing stability, returns to homelessness, earned income for stayers, non-employment cash income for stayers, earned income for leavers, non-employment cash income for leavers, project utilization rate, data quality, population served-chronically homeless persons and fiscal management-timely draws, etc.*).
- Maximum points available for system performance criteria (*earned income for stayers, non-employment cash income for stayers, earned income for leavers, non-employment cash income for leavers, project utilization rate, data quality, etc.*).
- Maximum points available for projects addressing specific severe barriers to housing/services



CoC FY24 Application Threshold Review

AGENCY NAME:	
PROJECT NAME:	

Threshold Requirements. To be eligible for consideration as an applicant for funding described in the NOFO and this year's RFP, all projects must first successfully pass a review of threshold requirements. The OHCD will perform a threshold review of all submitted projects, both new and renewals.

Threshold Criteria	
For <u>new</u> projects:	Criteria met?
Evidence that the project will improve the CoC's system performance.	
Demonstrated financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project including documentation of having served HUD-eligible individuals/families experiencing homelessness during the previous calendar year.	
Proposal is for an eligible activity for eligible homeless population pursuant to HUD requirements	
Eligibility as contractor for federal funds per https://www.sam.gov/ , UEI, current tax-exempt status as verified by IRS 501(c)3 designation letter and must not owe overdue tax debts as documented on IRS 990 submission to the IRS.	
Must not propose to use HUD funds to supplant current funding	
Must identify matching funds prior to application submission	
Must agree to participate in the CoCs HMIS (or comparable data base if DV project) and coordinated entry	
Must provide copy of Code of Conduct (or confirmed submission per NOFO)	
Must provide a complete application by the deadline including submission of all required certifications specified	

For <u>renewal</u> projects:	Criteria met?
Must be meeting plans and goals established in the initial application,	
Must demonstrate all timeliness standards, including standards for the expenditure of grant funds,	
Demonstration of positive performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living and records of success.	
Must be a current and active participant in the CoC's HMIS and its coordinated entry system	
Must provide a complete application by the deadline including submission of all required certifications specified	

For <u>all</u> projects:	Criteria met?
Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project fills an existing gap within the CoC and/or that it propels the CoC forward toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness.	
If for housing, project proposes to serve 100% Chronically Homeless individuals and families;	

Application demonstrates a plan for rapid implementation/seamless continuation of the program.	
Evidence of coordination with housing and healthcare consistent with the NOFO (see NOFO for details)	
Evidence of racial equity and the promotion of meaningful involvement of those with lived experience in program administration.	

IMPORTANT! When considering renewal projects for award, HUD—and by extension the Bristol County CoC through both the OHCD and the PRC--will review information in the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS), Annual Performance Reports (APRs), information provided from/for the local HUD/CPD Field Office that includes monitoring reports and audit reports as applicable, performance achievements on prior grants, and will also assess projects on the following criteria using a pass/fail basis:

HUD/Bristol County CoC reserves the right to reduce or reject a funding request from the project applicant for the areas where subrecipient has failed to meet the following criteria:

YES	NO	PASS/FAIL	
			Applicants demonstrate that the proposed project fills an existing gap within the CoC and/or that it propels the CoC forward toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness.
			The project applicant's performance is consistent with plans and goals established in the initial application as amended;
			Project applicants demonstrates all timeliness standards for grants being renewed, including that the standards for the expenditure of grant funds have been met;
			The project applicant's performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living and record of success, (HMIS dedicated projects are not required to meet this standard)
			There is evidence that a project applicant has been unwilling to accept technical assistance, has a history of inadequate financial accounting practices,
			Evidence project mismanagement, has a drastic reduction in the population served,
			Has made program changes without prior OHCD/HUD approval or has lost a project site.
			Outstanding obligation to HUD in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon
			Audit finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory;
			History of inadequate financial management accounting practices;
			Evidence of untimely expenditures on prior award;
			History of other major capacity issues that have significantly impacted the operation of the project and its performance
			Timeliness in seeking reimbursements for eligible costs (a project applicant as meeting this standard if it has drawn down grant funds at least once per month).
			History of serving ineligible persons, expending funds on ineligible costs, or <u>failing to expend funds</u> within statutorily established timeframes.

HUD requires the CoC to rank all projects applying for grant funds. To ensure that the CoC has the opportunity to prioritize its projects locally in the event that HUD is not able to fund all renewals, HUD requires CoCs to rank projects within 2 tiers, similar to NOFOs issued over the past several years.

See Appendix B of the RFP for the scoring criteria used for the competitive review of new and renewal projects.



CoC FY24 PROJECT SCORE SHEET

Renewals

AGENCY NAME:	
PROJECT NAME:	

BED / UNIT COMPOSITION

Program Year	Program Type	Beds	Units	Families	Individuals

BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Fund Requested	Leasing	Supportive Services	Operations	Admin	Match

CLIENTS SERVED PROFILE

Total Persons	Total Adults	Total Children	Total Households	Total Leavers	Total Stayers	Total Chronic Homeless

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - Also note if transition/expansion/consolidated proposal

DATA STANDARDS/NARRATIVES

GOALS	PERFORMANCE STANDARD	% ACHIEVED	COMMENTS	POINTS AWARDED ¹
<p>1. Housing Stability Persons residing in permanent housing exited to another form of a permanent housing destination. Goal 85% 10 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q1 & Q23c</u> The % of persons who exited to permanent housing destinations as of the end of the operating year.</p>			
<p>2. Returns to Homelessness Persons exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including Transitional Housing) Goal <10% 10 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q1 & Q23c</u> The % of persons in the PSH program returning to homelessness shall be less than 10%.</p>			
<p>3. Earned Income– Stayers Adult stayers will increase earned income (employment income). Goal 10% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a1</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older staying in the program who increased their income (employment income) as of the latest annual assessment.</p>			
<p>4. Non-Employment Cash Income- Stayers Adult stayers will increase non-employment cash income (mainstream resources). Goal 40% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a1</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older staying in the program who increased their non-employment cash income (mainstream resources) as of the latest annual assessment.</p>			
<p>5. Earned Income- Leavers- Adult leavers will increase earned income (employment income). Goal: 20% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a2</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older leaving the program who increased their income (employment income) by program exit.</p>			
<p>6. Non-Employment Cash Income-Leavers- Adult leavers will increase non-employment cash income (mainstream resources). Goal: 50% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a2</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older leaving the program who increased their non-employment cash income (mainstream resources) by program exit.</p>			

¹ NOTE: Point values for individual questions are presented in Appendix B of the RFP, “Scoring Criteria” for Renewal Projects.

GOALS	PERFORMANCE STANDARD	% ACHIEVED	COMMENTS	POINTS AWARDED
7. Utilization Rate - Beds Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fill vacancies. Goal: 90% 15 Max Points	<u>Based on Q8b</u> Average quarterly utilization rate during the operating year.			
8. Data Quality - Agency's thoroughness in ensuring all data is collected and entered into HMIS. Goal = No Omissions 10 Max Points	<u>Based on Data Quality Report</u> (Q2, 3, 4, 5)			
9. Chronic Homeless Persons - Persons who are chronically homeless by household Goal = 100% 10 Max Points	<u>Based on APR Q26b</u> The # of chronically homeless persons divided by the total number of persons served.			
10. Fiscal Management - Complete and timely drawdown of funds. Goal = 100% Drawdown 10 Max Points	<u>Based on HUD LOCS FY21 Allocation Amount</u>			
TOTAL DATA POINTS AWARDED			90 Max Points Possible:	

NARRATIVE REVIEW

Annual Performance Report Analysis

Financial Analysis (10 Points Max-enter points above under #10)

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION NARATIVE CRITERIA QUESTIONS	COMMENTS
<p>Agency Experience and Capacity. Applicants demonstrating extensive experience in administering HUD or other federal funds and providing the proposed service and/or serving the proposed population and demonstrating that the project will fill an existing gap within the CoC and/or propels it toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness. 2.5 Max Points</p>	
<p>Fiscal Management. Applicants must demonstrate history of financial stability, including prompt expenditure of program funds, and no outstanding audit or HUD monitoring findings. 2.5 Max Points</p>	
<p>Threshold for All Projects. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project fills an existing gap within the CoC and/or that it propels the CoC forward toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness. 2.5 Max Points</p>	
Project Quality.	
<p><u>Housing First:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project will follow a Housing First model/low barrier approach. 1 Max Point</p>	
<p><u>Mainstream Services:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the project is fully leveraging mainstream resources for supportive services. .5 Max Points</p>	
<p><u>Low Barrier:</u> Projects must demonstrate low barriers to program admission and flexible participation policies designed to retain program participants. .5 Max Points</p>	
<p><u>Consistency of Program:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the project's performance is consistent against plans and goals established in the application. .5 Max Points</p>	

TOTAL ADDITIONAL EVALUATION POINTS AWARDED	10 Max Points Possible:	
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GRAND TOTAL POINTS AWARDED	100 Max Points Possible:	
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CoC FY24 PROJECT SCORE SHEET

New/DV Bonus

AGENCY NAME:	
PROJECT NAME:	

BED / UNIT COMPOSITION

Program Year	Program Type	Beds	Units	Families	Individuals

BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Fund Requested	Leasing	Supportive Services	Operations	Admin	Match

CLIENTS SERVED PROFILE

Total Persons	Total Adults	Total Children	Total Households	Total Leavers	Total Stayers	Total Chronic Homeless

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION NARATIVE CRITERIA QUESTIONS	COMMENTS/ POINTS AWARDED ²
<p>Agency Experience and Capacity. Applicants demonstrating extensive experience in administering HUD or other federal funds and providing the proposed service and/or serving the proposed population and demonstrating that the project will fill an existing gap within the CoC and/or propels it toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(20 points max)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Threshold for All Projects. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project fills an existing gap within the CoC and/or that it propels the CoC forward toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Threshold Requirement)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project Quality.	
<p><u>Housing First (9 points):</u> Applicants may receive up to 9 points based on the extent to which the new Bonus project will follow a Housing First model/low barrier approach.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Chronic Homeless (5 points)</u> Projects serving at least 100% of beds dedicated to chronic homeless will receive 5 points.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Severity of Barriers (3 points):</u> New Projects where at least 70% of its participants are identified as having substance use disorders and/or mental health issues will receive up to 3 points. DV Bonus Projects will receive up to 3 points when demonstrating project participants will meet DV Bonus participant eligibility.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Health Care Coordination/Partnerships (10 points):</u> Applicants may receive up to 10 points based on the extent to which the project is fully connected with public/private healthcare organizations to assist program participants receive primary care, housing related services and obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>LGBTQ+ (3 points):</u> Projects demonstrating authentic outreach to the LGBTQ+ community and/or ensured that LGBTQ+ individuals and/or families receive supportive services and housing free from discrimination will receive up to 3 points.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Lived Experience & Expertise (5 points):</u> New Projects demonstrating agency authentically incorporates those currently experiencing homelessness or with lived experience into decision-making will receive up to 5 points. DV Bonus Projects will receive up to 5 points based on extent to which the agency authentically incorporates survivors of domestic violence, sexual predation, etc. into its decision-making.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Racial Equity (5 points):</u> Projects demonstrating initiatives consistent with racial equity and the equity of those historically marginalized may receive up to 5 points.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

² NOTE: Point values for individual questions are presented in Appendix B of the RFP, “Standards and Scoring” for New Projects.

<p>Match Resources. Projects must demonstrate the ability to match the required HUD funding at 25%. (20 points max)</p>	<input data-bbox="1409 226 1490 300" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Fiscal Management. To receive maximum points, applicants must demonstrate history of financial stability, including prompt expenditure of program funds, and no outstanding audit or HUD monitoring findings. (20 points max)</p>	<input data-bbox="1409 394 1490 468" type="checkbox"/>

<p>TOTAL POINTS AWARDED</p>	<p>100 Points Max</p>
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Attachment 1E-2a

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
Attleboro/Taunton Continuum of Care
MA-505

Scored Forms for One Project

NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

- Scored Forms for One Project.** Attached is a copy of the score sheets for the CoC's renewal PSH project, "Welcome Home." The initial scoring is a threshold review while the second part is the project score sheet. Together they constituted the scored form for one project.

The attached, typed version (*for legibility*) reflects scoring for this project that resulted in a total score of 87 (*see last page*) reflecting both data points (77) and additional evaluation criteria (10). The result for this project was a ranking as fourth by the MA-505 CoC and the highest PSH project.



CoC FY24 PROJECT SCORE SHEET

Renewals

AGENCY NAME:	Steppingstone, Inc.
PROJECT NAME:	Welcome Home Program

BED / UNIT COMPOSITION

Program Year	Program Type	Beds	Units	Families	Individuals
August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2026	PSH	20	17	X	X

BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Fund Requested	Leasing	Supportive Services	Operations	Admin	Match
\$338,272	\$234,740	\$75,458	\$0	\$28,074	\$26,285

CLIENTS SERVED PROFILE

Total Persons	Total Adults	Total Children	Total Households	Total Leavers	Total Stayers	Total Chronic Homeless
19	15	4	15	0	19	13

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - Also note if transition/expansion/consolidated proposal

The Welcome Home program is a scattered site Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program that serves both individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness who have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis. All clients served must also have a cooccurring substance use and mental health disorder to qualify for the program. The program receives referrals through coordinated entry and all clients are scored using the SPDAT. The program does not have any barriers to entry and uses a Housing First Model. All clients receive supportive services through comprehensive case management. Each client is assisted in developing an Individual Service Plan with specific, client-centered goals such as employment, education, life skills and community connectedness, as well as assistance with applying for mainstream resource benefits, health insurance, and transportation vouchers. Clients also receive supported referrals to HIV/AIDS Medical Case Management services through MOAs with providers such as Greater New Bedford Health Center.

DATA STANDARDS/NARRATIVES

GOALS	PERFORMANCE STANDARD	% ACHIEVED	COMMENTS	POINTS AWARDED ¹
<p>1. Housing Stability Persons residing in permanent housing exited to another form of a permanent housing destination. Goal 85% 15 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q1 & Q23c</u> The % of persons who exited to permanent housing destinations as of the end of the operating year.</p>	N/A	N/A - 0 persons exited program during the operating year.	15
<p>2. Returns to Homelessness Persons exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including Transitional Housing) Goal <10% 10 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q1 & Q23c</u> The % of persons in the PSH program returning to homelessness shall be less than 10%.</p>	0%	Goal Achieved - 0 persons exited program to homelessness.	10
<p>3. Earned Income– Stayers Adult stayers will increase earned income (employment income). Goal 10% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a1</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older staying in the program who increased their income (employment income) as of the latest annual assessment.</p>	0%	Goal Not Achieved - 0 out of 12 persons failed to gain or increase earned income for adult stayers.	0
<p>4. Non-Employment Cash Income- Stayers Adult stayers will increase non-employment cash income (mainstream resources). Goal 40% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a1</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older staying in the program who increased their non-employment cash income (mainstream resources) as of the latest annual assessment.</p>	75%	Goal Achieved - 9 out of 12 persons gained or increased non-employment cash income for adult stayers.	5
<p>5. Earned Income- Leavers- Adult leavers will increase earned income (employment income). Goal: 20% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a2</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older leaving the program who increased their income (employment income) by program exit.</p>	N/A	N/A - 0 persons exited the program	5
<p>6. Non-Employment Cash Income-Leavers- Adult leavers will increase non-employment cash income (mainstream resources). Goal: 50% 5 Max Points</p>	<p><u>Based on Q19a2</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older leaving the program who increased their non-employment cash income (mainstream resources) by program exit.</p>	N/A	N/A - 0 persons exited the program	5

¹ NOTE: Point values for individual questions are presented in Appendix B of the RFP, “Scoring Criteria” for Renewal Projects.

GOALS	PERFORMANCE STANDARD	% ACHIEVED	COMMENTS	POINTS AWARDED
7. Utilization Rate - Beds Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fill vacancies. Goal: 90% 15 Max Points	<u>Based on Q8b</u> Average quarterly utilization rate during the operating year.	90%	Goal Achieved - Program operates at full capacity with low vacancy rates.	15
8. Data Quality - Agency's thoroughness in ensuring all data is collected and entered into HMIS. Goal = No Omissions 10 Max Points	<u>Based on Data Quality Report</u> (Q2, 3, 4, 5)	0%	Goal Achieved - No Data Quality Omissions (0%).	10
9. Chronic Homeless Persons - Persons who are chronically homeless by household Goal = 100% 10 Max Points	<u>Based on APR Q26b</u> The # of chronically homeless persons divided by the total number of persons served.	72%	Goal Not Achieved - Out of 18 household, only 13 were chronically homeless.	7
10. Fiscal Management - Complete and timely drawdown of funds. Goal = 100% Drawdown 10 Max Points	<u>Based on HUD LOCS FY21 Allocation Amount</u>	93%	Goal Not Achieved - Allocation \$308,815. Program returned \$21,999: \$21,933 (Leasing). 7% Returned	5
TOTAL DATA POINTS AWARDED			90 Max Points Possible:	77

NARRATIVE REVIEW

Annual Performance Report Analysis

- Program met anticipated outputs relative to numbers served.
- Submission: In FY21, the APR was submitted on time and within the 90-day HUD requirement.
- In FY21, they had a balance of funds remaining (i.e. \$21,933 leasing). This was due to their expansion grant and not being able to find units in a timely manner.
- Of the 8 performance standards for PSH projects—the subrecipient achieved 7 of 8 goals. Only goal not achieved was Earned Income for Stayers. From year to year, the program has failed to meet this difficult goal due to its challenging population.

Financial Analysis (10 Points Max-enter points above under #10)

- In FY22, all reimbursement requests were submitted in a timely manner but was delayed for a short amount of time due to a HUD amendment request.
- The subrecipient submitted an amendment request on 12/8/23. Moved \$70,678 from operations to supportive services (\$26,019), leasing (\$39,758) and admin (\$4,901). Amendment approved by HUD.

- NOTE - The program received an expansion grant last program year. When completing the expansion grant, the program incorrectly allocated funds to operations instead of supportive services. Further, they needed additional funds for leasing increases and 10% admin. This amendment request was to correct this error.
- Based on current OHCD financial projections, the program is expected to expend all funds by the end of the program year 2024.
- Prior to FY21, program has not returned any funds to HUD in the last 4 years but due to the FY21 expansion, they returned \$21,933. Again, these returned funds represent the majority of the expansion grant funds.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION NARATIVE CRITERIA QUESTIONS	COMMENTS
<p>Agency Experience and Capacity. Applicants demonstrating extensive experience in administering HUD or other federal funds and providing the proposed service and/or serving the proposed population and demonstrating that the project will fill an existing gap within the CoC and/or propels it toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness. 2.5 Max Points</p>	<p>Agency has extensive and excellent history administering HUD based programs. (2.5)</p>
<p>Fiscal Management. Applicants must demonstrate history of financial stability, including prompt expenditure of program funds, and no outstanding audit or HUD monitoring findings. 2.5 Max Points</p>	<p>Applicant has history of overall financial stability. No concerns noted in either audit or HUD monitoring. (2.5)</p>
<p>Threshold for All Projects. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project fills an existing gap within the CoC and/or that it propels the CoC forward toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness. 2.5 Max Points</p>	<p>Applicant met threshold requirements. (2.5)</p>
<p>Project Quality.</p>	
<p><u>Housing First:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project will follow a Housing First model/low barrier approach. 1 Max Point</p>	<p>Applicant described how they would follow the Housing First model and how to address any barriers. (1)</p>
<p><u>Mainstream Services:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the project is fully leveraging mainstream resources for supportive services. .5 Max Points</p>	<p>Applicant demonstrated history and extent of obtaining mainstream resources to clients. (.5)</p>
<p><u>Low Barrier:</u> Projects must demonstrate low barriers to program admission and flexible participation policies designed to retain program participants. .5 Max Points</p>	<p>All Applicants are required to follow HUD's low barrier for entry requirement. (.5)</p>
<p><u>Consistency of Program:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the project's performance is consistent against plans and goals established in the application. .5 Max Points</p>	<p>Applicants project performance is consistent with plans and goals established in the previous renewal applications. (.5)</p>

TOTAL ADDITIONAL EVALUATION POINTS AWARDED	10 Max Points Possible: 10
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GRAND TOTAL POINTS AWARDED	100 Max Points Possible: 87
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Attachment 1E-5b

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MA-505

Local Competition Selection Results

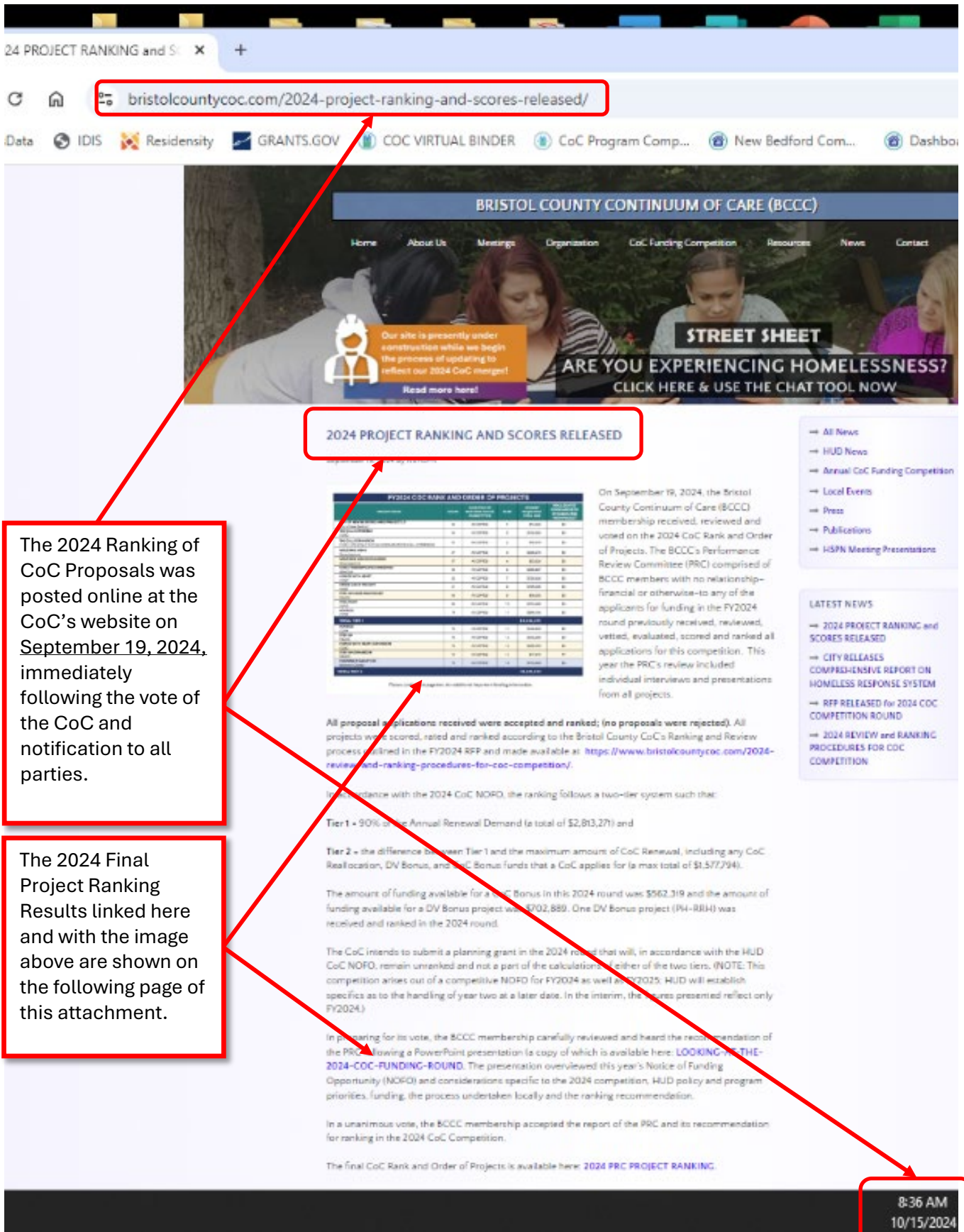
NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

- Evidence of Postings of Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.** Screenshot of website posting of the results of the New Bedford CoC's voted rank and funding of project selection at its September 19, 2024 meeting. Results were posted online immediately following the meeting/vote.
- Close up screenshot of the published ranking results sheet, itself.** The attachment includes project names, project scores, project accepted or rejected status (no projects were rejected), project ranking, requested/awarded funding amounts and reallocated funds.

1. A screenshot of the ranking results posted on the CoC's website

Located at: <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/2024-project-ranking-and-scores-released/>



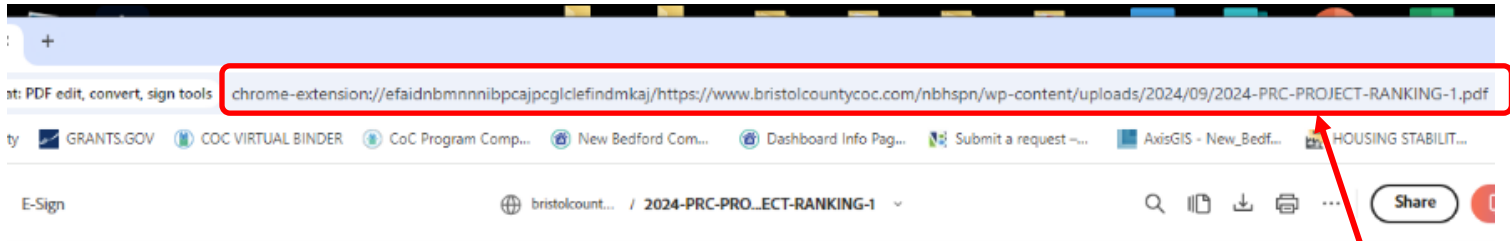
The 2024 Ranking of CoC Proposals was posted online at the CoC's website on September 19, 2024, immediately following the vote of the CoC and notification to all parties.

The 2024 Final Project Ranking Results linked here and with the image above are shown on the following page of this attachment.

Screenshot of the published Final Project Ranking results

Posted September 19, 2024 at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/nbhspn/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-PRC-PROJECT-RANKING-1.pdf>

(Note: this was posted as an Adobe Acrobat extension page).



FY2024 COC RANK AND ORDER OF PROJECTS					
PROJECT NAME	SCORE	ACCEPTED OR REJECTED STATUS PROJECT TYPE	RANK	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM HUD	REALLOCATED FUNDS ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM PROJECT
CITY OF NEW BEDFORD HMIS PROJECT 2.0 <i>City of New Bedford</i>	95	ACCEPTED	1	\$74,524	\$0
THE CALL COMBINED <i>CCBC</i>	93	ACCEPTED	2	\$120,352	\$0
THE CALL EXPANSION <i>CCBC (This project is to be combined with the CALL COMBINED)</i>	92	ACCEPTED	2	\$76,574	\$0
WELCOME HOME <i>Steppingstone</i>	87	ACCEPTED	3	\$338,272	\$0
WELCOME HOME EXPANSION <i>Steppingstone</i>	87	ACCEPTED	4	\$63,624	\$0
FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM <i>SEMCOA</i>	85	ACCEPTED	6	\$459,487	\$0
HOMES WITH HEART <i>CCBC</i>	82	ACCEPTED	7	\$726,924	\$0
GREEN LIGHT PROJECT <i>PACE</i>	81	ACCEPTED	8	\$145,045	\$0
STEP UP RAPID REHOUSING <i>PAACA</i>	80	ACCEPTED	9	\$96,000	\$0
STEADFAST <i>CCFR</i>	80	ACCEPTED	10	\$153,284	\$0
PORTICO <i>CCFR</i>	79	ACCEPTED	11	\$559,185	\$0
TOTAL TIER 1				\$ 2,813,271	
PORTICO <i>CCFR</i>	79	ACCEPTED	11	\$128,533	\$0
STEP UP <i>PAACA</i>	78	ACCEPTED	12	\$342,068	\$0
HOMES WITH HEART EXPANSION <i>CCBC</i>	78	ACCEPTED	13	\$290,153	\$0
STEP UP EXPANSION <i>PAACA</i>	76	ACCEPTED	14	\$77,970	\$0
HOUSING STABILITY DV <i>Women's Center</i>	75	ACCEPTED	15	\$702,889	\$0
TOTAL TIER 2				\$1,541,613	

RANKING RESULTS on the COC WEBSITE
Ranking results with scores, accepted status and requested funding were posted on the CoC's website as a link (as noted on the preceding page) on **September 19, 2024.**

Please continue to page two for additional important funding information.

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REFERENCE TO PAGE TWO
The 2024 CoC Rank and Order of Projects was presented on two pages, the first, shown above, included the entire rank of projects. The second page which follows highlighted the funding and notes. (See following page).

2. Screenshot of the published Final Project Ranking results, Continued

Page 2 of the linked attachment

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Bristol County CoC Preliminary Pro Rata Need	\$4,685,992
Bristol County CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$3,125,857
Amount Available for Tier 1	\$2,813,271
Total Amount Being Requested for Tier 1	\$2,813,271
Difference Between ARD and Tier 1	\$ 312,586
Amount Available for CoC Bonus	\$ 562,319
Amount Available for DV Bonus	\$ 702,889
Amount Available for Tier 2	\$1,577,794
Total Amount Being Requested for Tier 2	\$1,541,613
Unranked: Planning Grant	\$ 234,300
Total Amount Being Requested by MA-505	\$ 4,589,184

NOTES:

- **All proposal applications received were accepted and ranked; (no proposals were rejected).** All projects were scored, rated and ranked according to the Bristol County CoC's Ranking and Review process outlined in the FY2024 RFP and made available at www.bristolcountycoc.com.
- In accordance with the 2024 CoC NOFO, the ranking follows a two-tier system such that:
 - **Tier 1** = 90% of the Annual Renewal Demand (a total of \$2,813,271) and
 - **Tier 2** = the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of CoC Renewal, including any CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC applies for (a max total of \$1,577,794).
- The amount of funding available for a CoC Bonus in this 2024 round was \$562,319.
- The amount of funding available for a DV Bonus project in this 2024 round was \$702,889. One DV Bonus project (PH-RRH) was received and ranked in the 2024 round.
- The CoC intends to submit a planning grant in the 2024 round that will, in accordance with the HUD CoC NOFO, remain unranked and not a part of the calculations of either of the two tiers.
- This competition arises out of a competitive NOFO for FY2024 as well as FY2025; HUD will establish specifics as to the handling of year two at a later date. In the interim, the figures presented reflect only FY2024.

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Attachment 1E-5

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
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MA-505

Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment addresses:

- Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced.** The New Bedford CoC did not reject any projects in the 2024 Competition nor did it reduce the funding of any projects.

As such, this Attachment is Not Applicable.

Attachment 1E-5d

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MA-505

Notification of CoC Approved Consolidated Application

NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

- Evidence of Notification of Posting of the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.** Attached are screenshots demonstrating the notification of posting via multiple sources via:
 1. Listserve Emailing sent to all project applicants and key stakeholders along with the broader CoC membership and community leaders.
 2. Facebook Posting on the CoC's Facebook page.

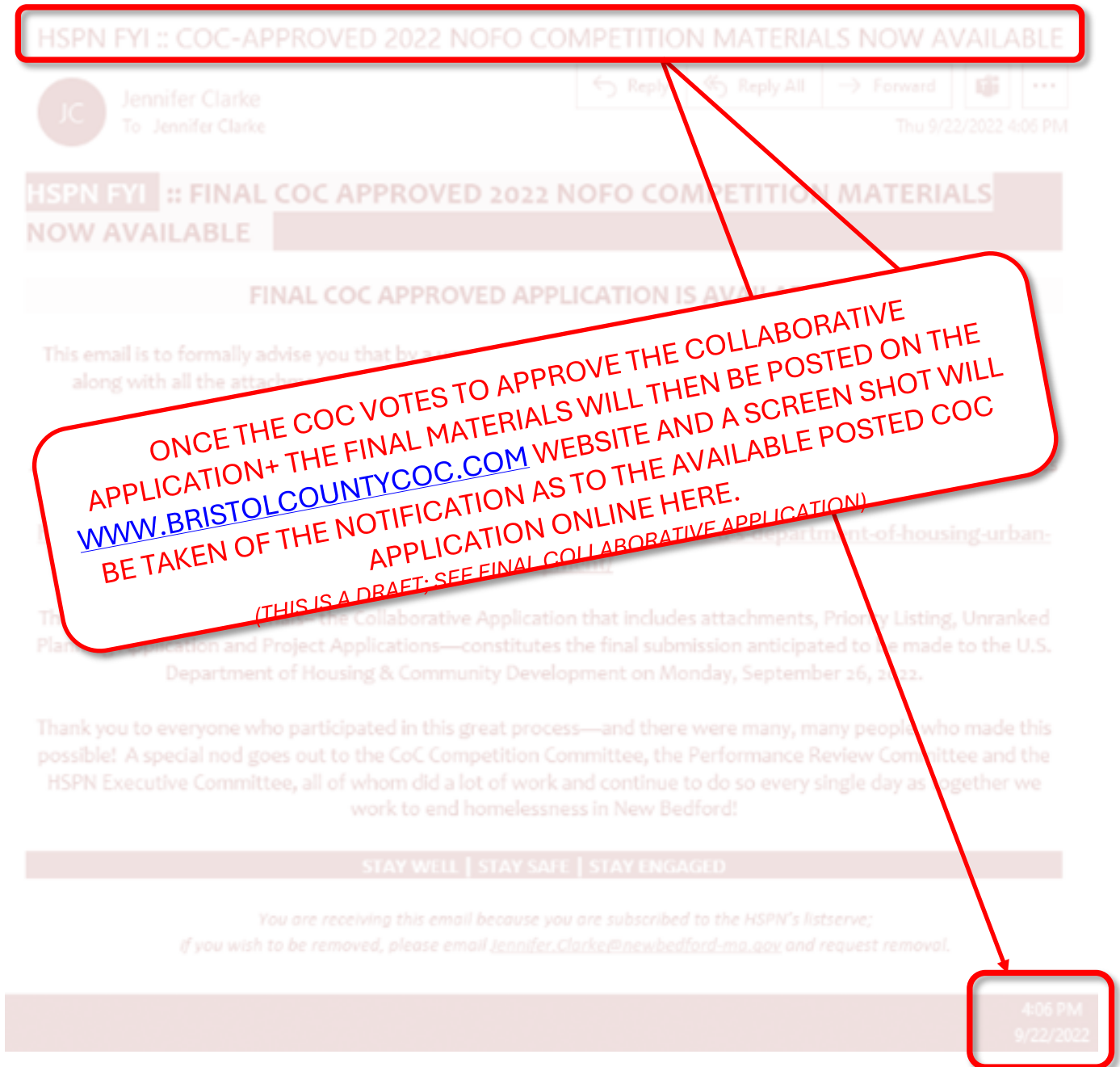
All postings of this notification were made on October 24, 2024 and included confirmation that the CoC had approved of the Consolidated Application. (This date follows NOFO requirements that all application materials to be submitted to HUD no later than October 30, 2024).

NOTE: The DRAFT version of this CoC Application will not have the referenced evidence as it has not yet been voted upon and finalized. Once the CoC votes on the material and assuming it is approved, this attachment will be updated to reflect the final version.

1. Evidence of a Listserve email

This screenshot demonstrates that all project applicants and key stakeholders along with the broader CoC membership and community stakeholders were alerted as to the availability of the FINAL CoC Approved version of the Consolidated Application and Priority Listing posted on the CoC’s website.

The email was sent on Thursday, October 24, 2024 to the CoC’s listserv. The mailing list was blind copied for privacy and was distributed widely reaching an estimated 600 people, a significant number given the small CoC size, overall.



2. A Facebook Posting on the CoC's Facebook Page.

Notice as to the availability of the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application and materials was made on the CoC's (Bristol County CoC) Facebook page on October 24, 2024 at 4:29 EST.



**ONCE THE COC VOTES TO APPROVE THE COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION+ THE FINAL MATERIALS WILL THEN BE POSTED ON THE HSPN'S FACEBOOK PAGE, A SCREEN SHOT WILL BE TAKEN OF THE FACEBOOK POST INDICATING THE AVAILABLE POSTED COC APPLICATION ONLINE.
(THIS IS A DRAFT; SEE FINAL COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION)**

Attachment 1D-2a

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
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MA-505

Housing First Evaluation

NOTE:

The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD), Collaborative Applicant for the MA-505 CoC, is the grantee responsible for monitoring most of the CoC's projects. In its capacity both as grantee and on behalf of the CoC, it developed and uses the Housing First Evaluation that constitutes this attachment.

Please note that this Housing First Evaluation form has been provided to every CoC PSH project as well as the ESG projects funded within the CoC. In this way projects are encouraged to ensure that their respective teams are reviewing and evaluating the efficacy of their housing first efforts on an ongoing basis in addition to the City's OHCD using it for its own monitoring purposes.

Checklist for Adherence to Housing First Approach

This checklist is intended to ensure all CoC Projects adhere to a Housing First approach in its provision of housing and supportive services.



Project: SEMCOA-FPP Date: 7/1/2024 Reviewer: Joseph Maia

YES	NO	Checklist Questions:	Notes
X		Does your CoC project adhere to a Housing First Approach?	Project adheres to HUD's Housing First Approach. No deviations.
	X	Is eligibility for the housing project contingent in any way on one's sobriety or minimum income requirements?	Program eligibility and entry is not contingent upon one's sobriety or income requirements. No barriers to entry observed.
	X	Does the project reject any individuals or households on the basis of any financial status or history?	Project does not screen out or reject participants based on financial status or prior history.
	X	Does the project's admissions/eligibility criteria include any criteria that would be considered unneeded within a housing first approach?	Project does not have any admission/eligibility policies and procedures that are counter to HUD's Housing First Model.
	X	Does the project reject any individuals or households on the basis of any behaviors that are interpreted as an absence of housing readiness?	Project does not reject participants based on past behavior. Project works w/ participants on challenges.
X		Are program goals authentically tenant driven?	Program includes formally homeless person w/ lived experience on board. All programs: serves tenant driven.
	X	Is participation in services a requirement of the program?	Participation in programs: services not required. Participant driven. All have ISP w/ unique needs.
X		Do case notes reinforce the program as supporting the client in the context of the housing first approach?	Case notes: ISP records support HUD's Housing First Approach.
X		Do transfer requests and/or exits out of the program reflect precipitating reasons/handling of same consistent with housing first?	According to HMIS and participant records, no participants were exited due to precipitating reasons. All exited to housing destination.
X		Does the project's required quarterly reporting include any performance data or narrative documentation where the subrecipient has demonstrated/discussed the extent to which they work to prioritize client stabilization and rapid movement into permanent housing?	Project submits required quarterly reports that include HMIS performance data and narrative responses. Performance is measured according to HUD. HMIS criteria.

Attachment 1D-10a

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MA-505

Lived Experience Support Letters

NOTE:

The MA-505 CoC is committed to ensuring the voice of those with lived experience are central to the work it undertakes in its efforts to prevent and end homelessness. In so doing it is proud to provide several letters from members of the CoC who have each significantly contributed—and continue to contribute—to the CoC's success.

October 16, 2024

RE: NOFO Application

Hello,

I am writing this letter to describe my current involvement and connection with the BCCC (Bristol County Continuum of Care) and to express my support for the CoC and the methods used to complete the NOFO application.

I am a member of the MA-505 CoC (known locally as the Bristol County CoC) and I also sit on its executive board. I have been involved in various committees, including the working group that brainstormed improvements to the Coordinated Entry assessment tool. I am involved in the community and have direct contact with many of the homeless folks in the area. I was part of a strategic group who helped our CoC develop priorities for serving homeless individuals and families and I fully support those priorities as they represent the community and its needs.

I do have lived experience of homelessness and was able to find the services I needed in our CoC to move forward and create a better life for myself and my children. I now work in the addictions field and in my role, serve homeless families with children. As we strategize on how to better serve the homeless population, our CoC provides support and the opportunity to be involved with solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Bluis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy Bluis

October 16, 2024

Hello,

We are writing to give a lived experience statement. Each of us is a member of an organization that wishes to discuss our current relationship with the MA-505 CoC. We participate in a variety of ways and want to express our support for our CoC and the approach taken with the NOFO application, as well as how it reflects how we strategize and serve the community .

- Danielle, one of the members, has previous and current experience living without suitable housing and works in the homeless services profession. Having experienced firsthand how crucial the COC's services are. She leads the street outreach team and the annual PIT Count. She has served on various MA-505 CoC committees over the last ten years, attends community meetings, and helped draft the NOFO application.
- Matt is a MA-505 CoC member and service provider with previous experience. He has participated in the yearly PIT Count as well as various focus groups, providing feedback based on his lived experience and feedback on services from the perspective of a provider with experience.
- Sara is a woman with previous experiences who received services from the provider for which she currently works. Sara is a member of the MA-505 CoC and has participated in many focus groups to provide feedback on the needs and services.
- Naomi is a former homeless person who now lives in PSH thanks to COC funding, and she will serve as chair of the organization's new consumer advisory board. Naomi attended the HSPN mini retreat this year.

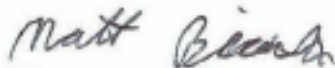
Thank you for allowing us to share our experiences; they instilled in each of us a profound empathy for others facing difficulties, and we are passionate about advocating for more awareness and accessible housing support.

Best,

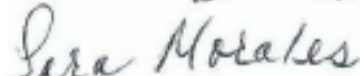
Danielle



Matt



Sara



Naomi



October 18, 2024

My name is Ceyra Padilla Coordinator entry specialist from coordinator entry department at CCBC. I will like to voice my support and give a brief explanation of my connection with CoC.

I am responsible and involve on about 50% of the calls that come thru our coordinator line as well as referrals, PSH and guidance thru our homeless population. I am responsible to fill out the PSH application including assessment tool, getting proof of disability and helping clients get proof of homelessness. Also, I make sure clients get in to a case management program, recovery coach or any other needs to be successful after placement. I am active in the By Name List meetings and a part of the Racial Equity Committee for the Continuum.

I am very passionate at my job and enjoy working with the community since I want them to feel someone care for them. I was also homeless with my 3 kids and a victim of DV. For that reason I like the community to feel we care about them. Together, we can find the end of homelessness.

Ceyra Padilla

October 18, 2024

Subject: NOFO Application

I have been actively involved with the Bristol County Continuum of Care (CoC) for the past six years, serving as the Resource Manager at Our Daily Bread Food and Resource Center (ODB).

Prior to my current role, I personally experienced homelessness in 2015. ODB provided me with the support and resources I needed to regain stability. My firsthand experience with homelessness has deeply informed my work and commitment to helping others overcome similar challenges.

As a member of the ODB management team, I actively participate in CoC meetings to address homelessness in the Taunton area. I share the concerns and experiences of local individuals experiencing homelessness, advocating for community-wide efforts to end this crisis.

Additionally, I serve on the Coordinated Entry Committee, leading the outreach team and contributing to the "By Names List." This initiative aims to identify and provide resources to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

I have also coordinated a community focus group facilitated by the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) to discuss and address affordable housing challenges and the needs of the local homeless population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Whittaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Glen Whittaker

Attachment 2A-6

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
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HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report

NOTE:

Although the NOFO requires a copy of our CoC's HDX Competition Report, given the recent merger of MA-519 into MA-505, no such report reflecting the merged CoC was made available from HUD.

An email inquiry made by the (merged) MA-505 CoC on September 9, 2024 to the CoCNOFO@hud.gov site questioning whether a new report reflecting the merged CoCs would be forthcoming resulted in a September 11, 2024 response noting that another report would not be issued for this year but that HUD would be "combining [your] data on the backend for scoring purposes. The response noted we could add up the data or submit the separate reports.

With that in mind, this attachment includes:

- A Merged HDX Report created by the Collaborative Applicant and reflecting the former MA-519 and MA-505.
- The MA-505 HDX Report
- The MA-519 HDX Report

2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

To Print this Workbook:

This document has been configured as printable with preset print areas of relevant sections. To print it, go to "File", then "Print", then select "Print Entire Workbook" or "Print Active Sheets" depending on your needs.

To Save This Workbook as a PDF:

Click the "File" Tab, then click "Save As" or "Save a Copy", then click "Browse" or "More Options" then select "PDF", click "Options", select "Entire Workbook", press "OK", and click "Save". These instructions may change depending on your version of Microsoft Excel.

On Accessibility, Navigability, and Printability:

This workbook attempts to maximize accessibility, navigability, printability, and ease of use. Merged cells have been avoided. All tables and text boxes have been given names. Extraneous rows and columns outside printed ranges have been hidden. Formulas may include references to hidden rows and columns or data tables. For ease of use, these referenced sources have been hidden but can be unhidden by any user at any time. Raw data sources contained in this workbook are named according to the module and fiscal year from which they originate - e.g. "HIC_2024" is the Housing Inventory Count raw data from Fiscal Year 2024.

For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

2024 Competition Report - Summary

MA-505 New Bedford, Attleboro, Taunton, Bristol County CoC (MERGED VERSION)

HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

MA-505 New Bedford, Attleboro, Taunton, Bristol County CoC (MERGED VERSION)

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partially Usable							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

NOTE: **Red** checked cells are from pre-merger MA-505;
blue checked cells are from pre-merger MA-519.

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	1,131	951	946
AO	595	420	327
AC	497	522	619
CO	41	11	0

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	149	97	85
AO	82	44	56
AC	54	49	26
CO	13	5	3

PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	323	300	336
AO	103	100	125
AC	209	188	199
CO	0	1	2

- 1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children
- 2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.
- 3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.
- 4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

MA-505 New Bedford, Attleboro, Taunton, Bristol County CoC (MERGED VERSION)

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	1,505	420.0	301.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	1,516	430.0	309.0

b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1,657	976.0	614.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	11,668	983.0	622.0

Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)	
Metric	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶
Exit was from SO	20	1	5.0%	1	0.0%	1	5.0%
Exit was from ES	289	1	0.3%	3	1.0%	2	0.7%
Exit was from TH	1	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	79	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.3%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	389	2	0.5%	4	1.0%	4	1.0%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	1,516
Emergency Shelter Total	1,505
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	24

Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	171
Number of adults with increased earned income	37

Percentage of adults who increased earned income	21.6%

Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	171
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	62
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	36.3%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	171
Number of adults with increased total income	87
Percentage of adults who increased total income	50.9%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	77
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	20
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	26.0%

Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	77
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	32
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	41.6%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value

Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	77
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	43
Percentage of adults who increased total income	55.8%

Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	959
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	224
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	735

Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	1,159
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	291

Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	868
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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD’s Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	129
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	43
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	53
% Successful exits	41.1%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1,095
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	306
% Successful exits	27.9%

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Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	503
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	431
% Successful exits/retention	85.7%

System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1,779	17	633	88	202
Total Leavers (HMIS)	1,026	6	120	62	134
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	14	0	3	1	1
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	1.4%	0.0%	2.5%	1.6%	0.0%

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Competition Report - SPM Notes

Bedford, Attleboro, Taunton, Bristol County CoC (MERGED VERSION)

Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

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Notes
The CoC continues to see significant bednights due to the ongoing housing crisis and the humanitarian sheltering of immigrants in Massachusetts as a right to shelter state.
The CoC shows successful exits and few returns to homelessness.
No notes.
The CoC continues to work to try to increase income, both earned and unearned income.
The majority of new clients coming into the system are placed by the Commonwealth of MA through the family shelter system. This significantly effects the number of new clients entering the system. The families are not from the Continuum but placed by the state where there is room for shelter.
No notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
A significant number of persons exited to permanent housing.
No significant issues with data quality.

2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MA-505 New Bedford, Attleboro, Taunton, Bristol County CoC (MERGED VERSION)

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV ¹ Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database
ES	1,062	1,024	1,033	0	1,033	99.1%	0
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0
TH	108	0	66	0	66	0.0%	0
RRH	97	91	97	0	97	93.8%	0
PSH	350	325	350	0	350	92.9%	0
OPH	148	0	148	107	41	0.0%	0
Total	1,765	1,440	1,694	107	1,587	90.7%	0

Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
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RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	172	115	79	126	97
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1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
29	0	29	0.00%	1,024	1,062	96.42%
0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
42	0	42	0.00%	0	108	0.00%
0	0	0	NA	91	97	93.81%
0	0	0	NA	325	350	92.86%
0	0	0	NA	0	41	0.00%
71	0	71	0.00%	1,440	1,658	86.85%

2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

MA-505 New Bedford, Attleboro, Taunton, Bristol County CoC (MERGED VERSION)

For PIT conducted in January/February 2024

Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/24/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and partial Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	501	465	462	431
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	101	107	83	123
Total Sheltered Count	602	572	545	554
Total Unsheltered Count	87	76	51	109
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	689	648	596	663

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsequently merged.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.

2023	2024
Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
494	938
0	0
105	82
599	1,020
96	159
695	1,179

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2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

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For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

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HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

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LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable									
Partially Usable							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	792	605	524
AO	501	324	239
AC	276	280	285
CO	17	4	0

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	149	97	85
AO	82	44	56
AC	54	49	26
CO	13	5	3

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PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	275	244	262
AO	68	64	67
AC	196	168	183
CO	0	1	2

1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children

2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.

3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.

4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	512	189.0	131.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	512	189.0	131.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client’s Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client’s entry date, effectively extending the client’s entry date backward in time. This “adjusted entry date” is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client’s actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	591	503.0	296.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	591	503.0	296.0

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	20	1	5.0%	1	5.0%	1	5.0%	3	15.0%
Exit was from ES	85	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	1	1.2%	2	2.4%
Exit was from TH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	43	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	148	1	0.7%	2	1.4%	2	1.4%	5	3.4%

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	512
Emergency Shelter Total	512
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	0

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	82
Number of adults with increased earned income	19
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	23.2%

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Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	82
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	31
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	37.8%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	82
Number of adults with increased total income	43
Percentage of adults who increased total income	52.4%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	29
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	7
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	24.1%

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Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	29
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	14
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	48.3%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	29
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	17
Percentage of adults who increased total income	58.6%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	324
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	84
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	240

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	428
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	115
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	313

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD’s Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	120
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	43
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	52
% Successful exits	79.2%

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	416
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	101
% Successful exits	24.3%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	232
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	195
% Successful exits/retention	84.1%

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	514	0	261	47	190
Total Leavers (HMIS)	374	0	52	44	134
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	5	0	0	1	1
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.8%

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

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Measure	Notes
Measure 1	No notes.
Measure 2	No notes.
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	No notes.
Measure 5	No notes.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	No notes.
Data Quality	No notes.

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	1,062	1,024	1,033	0	1,033	99.1%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	108	0	66	0	66	0.0%
RRH	97	91	97	0	97	93.8%
PSH	350	325	350	0	350	92.9%
OPH	148	0	148	107	41	0.0%
Total	1,765	1,440	1,694	107	1,587	90.7%

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MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	1,062	0	29	0	29	0.00%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	108	0	42	0	42	0.00%
RRH	97	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	350	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	148	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	1,765	0	71	0	71	0.00%

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2024 Competition Report

MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	1,062	1,024	1,062	96.42%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	108	0	108	0.00%
RRH	97	91	97	93.81%
PSH	350	325	350	92.86%
OPH	148	0	41	0.00%
Total	1,765	1,440	1,658	86.85%

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	172	115	79	88	97

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/24/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and full unsheltered count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	288	278	267	219	227	938
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	92	72	62	90	79	82
Total Sheltered Count	380	350	329	309	306	1,020
Total Unsheltered Count	53	48	43	61	67	159
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	433	398	372	370	373	1,179

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

MA-505 - New Bedford CoC

For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

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For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

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2024 Competition Report - Summary

MA-519 - Attleboro, Taunton/Bristol County CoC

HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Not Applicable	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Not Applicable	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partially Usable									
Not Usable									

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	339	346	422
AO	94	96	88
AC	221	242	334
CO	24	7	0

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	0	0	0
AO	0	0	0
AC	0	0	0
CO	0	0	0

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PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	48	56	74
AO	35	36	58
AC	13	20	16
CO	0	0	0

1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children

2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.

3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.

4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	993	231.0	170.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	1,004	241.0	178.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client’s Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client’s entry date, effectively extending the client’s entry date backward in time. This “adjusted entry date” is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client’s actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	1,066	473.0	318.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	1,077	480.0	326.0

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from ES	204	1	0.5%	2	1.0%	1	0.5%	4	2.0%
Exit was from TH	1	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	36	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.8%	1	2.8%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	241	1	0.4%	2	0.8%	2	0.8%	5	2.1%

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Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	1,004
Emergency Shelter Total	993
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	24

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Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	89
Number of adults with increased earned income	18
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	20.2%

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Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	89
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	31
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	34.8%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	89
Number of adults with increased total income	44
Percentage of adults who increased total income	49.4%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	48
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	13
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	27.1%

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Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	48
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	18
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	37.5%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	48
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	26
Percentage of adults who increased total income	54.2%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	635
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	140
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	495

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Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	731
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	176
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	555

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	9
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1
% Successful exits	11.1%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	679
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	205
% Successful exits	30.2%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	271
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	236
% Successful exits/retention	87.1%

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1,265	17	372	41	12
Total Leavers (HMIS)	652	6	68	18	0
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	9	0	3	0	0
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	1.4%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

MA-519 - Attleboro, Taunton/Bristol County CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

Measure	Notes
Measure 1	the CoC continues to see significant bednights due to the ongoing housing crisis and the humanitarian sheltering of immigrants in Massachusetts as a right to shelter state.
Measure 2	The CoC shows successful exits and few returns to homelessness
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	The CoC continues to work to try to increase income, both earned and unearned income.
Measure 5	The majority of new clients coming into the system are placed by the Commonwealth of MA through the family shelter system. This significantly effects the number of new clients entering the system. The families are not from the Continuum but placed by the state where there is room for shelter.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	A significant number of persons exited to permanent housing.
Data Quality	No significant issues with data quality

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

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For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	0	0	0	0	0	NA
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	0	0	0	0	0	NA

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	0	0	0	0	0	NA
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	0	0	0	0	0	NA

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For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	0	0	0	NA
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	0	0	0	NA
RRH	0	0	0	NA
PSH	0	0	0	NA
OPH	0	0	0	NA
Total	0	0	0	NA

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MA-519 - Attleboro, Taunton/Bristol County CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	0	0	0	38	0

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

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For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/24/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and partial unsheltered count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	213	187	195	212	267	0
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	9	35	21	33	26	0
Total Sheltered Count	222	222	216	245	293	0
Total Unsheltered Count	34	28	8	48	29	0
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	256	250	224	293	322	0

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

MA-519 - Attleboro, Taunton/Bristol County CoC

For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Attachment 1E-1

New Bedford/Greater Bristol County/
Attleboro/Taunton Continuum of Care
MA-505

Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline

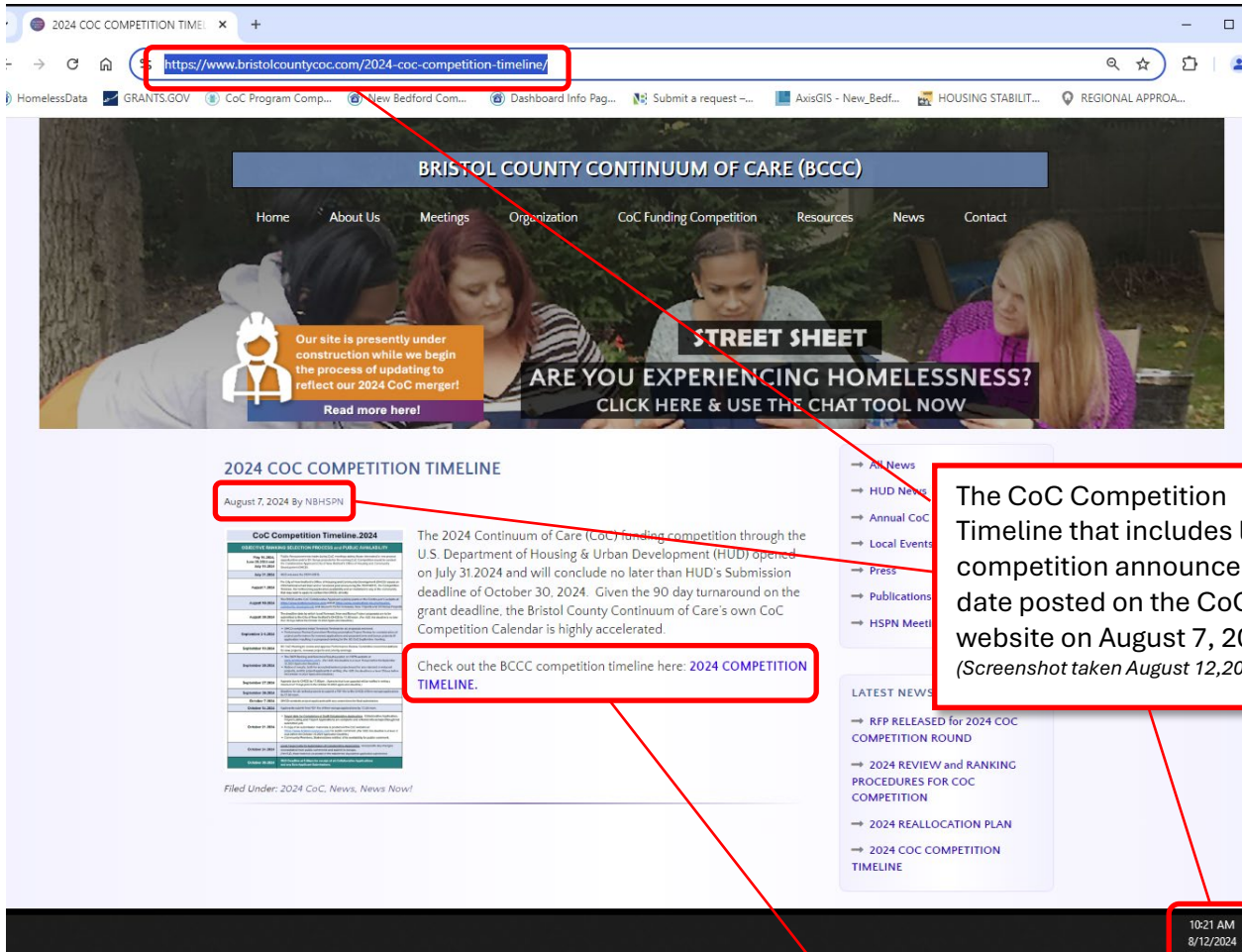
NOTE:

In accordance with the NOFO, this attachment includes:

- Evidence of Web Postings for Local Competition Deadline.** Screenshots of posting the RFP in multiple locations (*CoC website, Collaborative Applicant website, Facebook, Email listserve*). In all these locations, the complete RFP with due date for project applications is provided via link. All such postings were made on or before August 13, 2024 and noted the local competition deadline as being August 30, 2024. All deadlines followed NOFO timeliness requirements.

1. Website posting showing local competition timeframe with deadline

Posted August 7, 2024 at <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/2024-coc-competition-timeline/>



CoC Competition Timeline.2024	
OBJECTIVE RANKING SELECTION PROCESS and PUBLIC AVAILABILITY	
May 16, 2024, June 20, 2024 and July 18, 2024	Public Announcements made during CoC meetings asking those interested in new project opportunities and/or DV Bonus projects for the coming CoC Competition round to contact the Collaborative Applicant (City of New Bedford's Office of Housing and Community Development OHCD).
July 31, 2024	HUD releases the 2024 NOFO.
August 1, 2024	The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) issues an informational email blast and a Facebook post announcing the 2024 NOFO, the Competition Timeline, the forthcoming application availability and an invitation to any in the community that may wish to apply to contact the OHCD, directly.
August 10, 2024	The OHCD as the CoC Collaborative Applicant publicly posts on the Continuum's website at https://www.bristolcountycoc.com and at https://www.newbedford.ma.gov/housing , https://www.facebook.com/newbedfordma and https://www.instagram.com/newbedfordma .
August 30, 2024	The deadline date by which local Renewal, New and Bonus Project proposals are to be submitted to the City of New Bedford's OHCD by 12:00 noon. (Per HUD, this deadline is no later than 30 days before the October 30, 2024 Application Deadline.)
September 2-6, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHCD completes Initial Threshold Reviews for all proposals received. Performance Review Committee Meeting undertakes Project Review for consideration of project performance for renewal applications and proposed new and bonus projects (if applicable) resulting in a proposed ranking for the BC CoC September meeting.
September 19, 2024	BC CoC Meeting to review and approve Performance Review Committee recommendations for new projects, renewal projects and priority rankings.
September 20, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2024 Ranking and Selection Results posted on HSPN website at www.bristolcountycoc.com. (Per HUD, this deadline is at least 15 days before the September 30, 2024 Application Deadline.) Notice of results, both for accepted/ranked projects and for any rejected or reduced projects, sent to project applicants in writing. (Per HUD, this deadline is at least 15 days before the October 30, 2024 Application Deadline.)
September 27, 2024	Appeals due to OHCD by 12:00pm. (Agencies that have appealed will be notified in writing a minimum of 15 days prior to the October 30, 2024 application deadline.)
September 30, 2024	Deadline for all ranked projects to submit a PDF file to the OHCD of their esnap application by 12:00 noon.
October 7, 2024	OHCD contacts project applicants with any corrections for final submission.
October 14, 2024	Applicants submit final PDF file of their esnap applications by 12:00 noon.
October 21, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target date for Completion of Draft Collaborative Application: Collaborative Application, Project Listing and Project Applications are complete and entered into esnap (though not submitted yet). A copy of all submission materials is posted on the CoC website at https://www.bristolcountycoc.com for public comment. (Per HUD, this deadline is at least 2 days before the October 30, 2024 Application Deadline.) Community Members, Stakeholders notified of its availability for public comment.
October 24, 2024	Local Target Date for Submission of Collaborative Application: Incorporate any changes necessitated from public comments and submit in esnap. (Per HUD, these materials are posted on the website two days before application submission.)
October 30, 2024	HUD Deadline at 6:00pm for receipt of all Collaborative Applications and any Solo Applicant Submissions.

The embedded link leads to a larger version of the local competition timeline so that one can see the August 30, 2024 deadline for the receipt of renewal and new project proposals.

2. The CoC's Website (bristolcountycoc.com) posting showing release of local competition material (RFP)

Posted August 10, 2024 at <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp-released-for-2024-coc-competition-round/>

The screenshot shows the website [bristolcountycoc.com/rfp-released-for-2024-coc-competition-round/](https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp-released-for-2024-coc-competition-round/). The main heading is "RFP RELEASED FOR 2024 COC COMPETITION ROUND". The post is dated "August 10, 2024" by "NHRMSPH". The content includes a "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS" section with a "BCCC" logo and a "RFP 2024 Application deadline is Friday, August 30, 2024 at 12 noon as further detailed in the RFP." It also lists application instructions and contact information for Jennifer Clarke, AICP, Deputy Director, New Bedford Office of Housing & Community Development.

COC WEBSITE POST

[Bristol County CoC \(MA-505\) Website Post](#)

The local competition Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on August 10, 2024.

The RFP identified in multiple locations (including on the cover of the document, itself) that the local competition deadline was Friday, August 30, 2024 at 12.00PM as does the posting, itself.

NOTE:

Although this screen shot was taken Monday, August 12, 2024, the RFP, itself, was posted on Saturday, August 10th as noted on the website post time stamp.

10:35 AM
8/12/2024

3. City (Collaborative Applicant) Website posting showing release of local competition material (RFP)

Posted August 10, 2024 at <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/> on the City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (Collaborative Applicant) website.

CITY WEBSITE POST

City of New Bedford Website Post

In addition to being posted on the CoC's website, the local competition Request for Proposals (RFP) was also posted on the Collaborative Applicant's website (City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development) on August 10, 2024.

In addition to the RFP, the web posting also advertised that the local competition deadline was Friday, August 30, 2024 at 12.00PM.

Sat Aug 10 12:04 PM

[newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/](https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/)

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DEPARTMENT HEAD:
Joshua Amaral

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Located At:

OFFICE OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) is a resource for city-wide programs, plans and possibilities in New Bedford. Comprised of Housing and Community Development divisions, the OHCD's work focuses on a wide variety of federally-funded activities that strengthen the city and help develop strategies to increase the growth and prosperity of New Bedford's residents.

The Housing Division administers a range of programs geared towards assisting folks with homeownership, rehabilitation, accessibility, emergency repairs and lead paint. Funding for these programs comes from both the federal government and state-wide programs, all of which are intended for households in low-moderate income ranges.

The Community Development Division relies on federal dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in undertaking a wide range of community-based activities ranging from street improvements and demolitions to economical development and public services. Information specific to the City of New Bedford's efforts around ending homelessness may also be found at the City of New Bedford Homeless Service Provider's Network website at www.nbhspn.com.

This website is a great resource of community-based programs, plans and possibilities in New Bedford. Regardless of which division you begin exploring, you will find ideas, activities and accomplishments that are integral to downtown and neighborhood revitalization activities for the City of New Bedford.

Completed Projects Covid Funding

FY24 Action Plan HOME-ARP

First Time Homebuyer Education Enhanced First Time Homebuyer Program

COC COMPETITION NOW UNDERWAY!
<https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp-released-for-2024-coc-competition-round/>

OVERVIEW

The Bristol County Continuum of Care (BCCC) which is the MA-505 CoC, acting through its Collaborative Applicant, the City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) has released its 2024 Request for Proposals (RFP) that includes both instructions and applications for new and renewal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The link to the RFP as well as links to either the fillable format New/DV Bonus Application or fillable format Renewal Application is provided through the BCCC website at <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com> and is available here:

[RFP for New/DV Bonus and Renewal CoC Projects 2024](#)
[NEW and DV BONUS APPLICATION 2024](#)
[RENEWAL APPLICATION 2024](#)

Deadline for all proposals is Friday, August 30th at 12:00pm.

The CoC strongly encourages those from tribal organizations as well as those who work closely with historically marginalized communities to apply for this funding and/or participate in the competition process.

This competition is open to ALL eligible applicants; one need not have previously applied to have participated or applied.

FUNDING


The Bristol County CoC is eligible to apply for two tiers of funding as well as CoC Bonus funding (up to \$562,319) and DV Bonus funding (up to \$702,889). Total Preliminary Pro-Rata Need including a CoC Planning Grant is \$4,685,992.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Jennifer Clarke, AICP Deputy Director, OHCD via email at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

4. Facebook posting showing August 13, 2024 release of local competition material (RFP)

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COC COMPETITION NOW UNDERWAY!


OVERVIEW
The former New Bedford CoC (known as the HSPN) and the former Greater Bristol County Attleboro Taunton Coalition to end Homelessness (known as GBCATCH), having merged Continuums of Care and colloquially known as the Bristol County Continuum of Care (CoC)-MA-505 CoC-acting through its Collaborative Applicant, the City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) has released its 2024 Request for Proposals (RFP) that includes both instructions and applications for new/DV Bonus and renewal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The link to the RFP is provided here at <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp-released-for-2024-coc-competition-round/> and it can be accessed through the BCCC website at <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com>. Deadline for proposals is Friday, August 30, 2024 at noon.


This is an OPEN COMPETITION! The CoC strongly encourages those from tribal organizations as well as those who work closely with historically marginalized communities to apply for this funding. This competition is open to ALL eligible applicants; one need not have previously applied to participate and submit an application.

FUNDING
The BCCC expects to be awarded just over \$3 million in this funding round in addition to funding for new projects. Available funding anticipated consists of renewal projects, new projects through a permanent housing bonus and new projects through a Domestic Violence Bonus. Additional funds may also be available through the reallocation process as determined by the CoC's Performance Review Committee.

The RFP is now available online at <https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp-released-for-2024-coc-competition-round/>.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Jennifer Clarke, AICP, Deputy Director, OHCD, via email at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

 Bristol County Continuum of Care (MA-505)



Bristol County Continuum of Care (MA-505)

FACEBOOK POST

[BCCC Facebook Page](#)
The local competition Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on August 10, 2024 and was posted on social media on August 13, 2024. The post included the proposal deadline date of August 30, 2024.

The August 30, 2024 deadline information was also included throughout the RFP made available via this link.

PLEASE NOTE: The Collaborative Applicant understands that Facebook and other social media postings do not constitute appropriate evidence for posting in the CoC Competition but presents this page for the benefit of the communities served by the MA-505 CoC, only.

5. Public Posting of availability of the RFP via Direct Mailing through CoC Listserve (500+) on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

BCCC FYI :: 2024 COC COMPETITION NOW OPEN

Jennifer Clarke
To: Jennifer Clarke
Sat 8/10/2024 10:27 AM

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BCCC FYI :: 2024 COC COMPETITION NOW OPEN!



CoC OPEN COMPETITION :: 2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Please share with your contacts

This notice is to advise you that the Bristol County Continuum of Care (the MA-505 CoC), a merged CoC combining the New Bedford CoC and the Attleboro Taunton Bristol County CoC (known as the "BCCC"), acting through its collaborative applicant, the City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD), is now releasing its Request for Proposals (RFP) 2024 including applications for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The full RFP is attached to this email and further described here.

Proposal deadline is Friday, August 30 at 12 noon.

Big Picture. HUD released its FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funds. The NOFO is available online at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPI/Documents/FY2024_FY2025_CoC_and_YHDP_NOFO_FR-8800-N-25.pdf. The BCCC has now prepared its own RFP in accordance with the overall NOFO process and is releasing it today. It is attached to this email and also available online at the BCCC website at: <https://bristolcountycoc.com/fy-release-for-2024-coc-competition-round/>.

Every Continuum of Care (CoC) across the country including the BCCC has the opportunity to apply for funding through the CoC NOFO. Submitters must include a "consolidated application" - a detailed application concerning the entire governance, performance and strategic profile of the local CoC—that is completed by BCCC members and the New Bedford Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) as the CoC's Collaborative Applicant. Additionally, the full application to HUD under this NOFO includes individual project applications that may be renewals of existing CoC programs, as well as new programs altogether funded through available new funding and/or DV bonus allocations in accordance with the NOFO.

Based on the current needs and system gaps within the CoC, this year, **new applications will be accepted** for New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for Chronically Homeless Individuals, Permanent Housing-Rapid ReHousing (PH-RRH) and Joint Transitional - Permanent Housing/Rapid ReHousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) using the CoC Bonus and/or reallocated funding. Additional funding through the DV Bonus will provide an opportunity to accept applications for New DV Permanent Housing/Rapid-ReHousing (PH-RRH), DV Joint Transitional - Permanent Housing/Rapid ReHousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH), and BCCC Coordinated Entry projects providing eligible activities to assist persons fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking as further defined within the RFP and NOFO.

This is an OPEN competition.
This funding is available to both new (eligible) applicants who have not previously received CoC funding and those seeking to renew a project.
Details as to eligibility is available within the HUD NOFO at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPI/Documents/FY2024_FY2025_CoC_and_YHDP_NOFO_FR-8800-N-25.pdf

THE COC STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THOSE FROM TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WORK CLOSELY WITH HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES TO APPLY FOR THIS FUNDING.

THIS COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS. YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY APPLIED OR PARTICIPATED IN THE COC TO PARTICIPATE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION!

RFP Process This Year This year, though there is only one RFP it is comprised of two different applications, one for renewal projects and one for new and DV bonus projects. The BCCC, acting through its Collaborative Applicant (Office of Housing & Community Development) hereby issues the attached Request for Proposals (RFP) that includes instructions as well as the two different application types that may be used for proposed CoC Renewal Projects (for currently existing projects) and New/DV Bonus Application Projects for allowed new/bonus projects as described within the RFP.

Application Deadline. Although the deadline for the BCCC's submission of its consolidated application and individual applications to HUD for this competition is October 30, 2024, the deadline for the attached RFP and submission of renewal applications or new/DV bonus project applications through the Bristol County Continuum of Care is Friday, August 30, 2024 at 12:00 noon.

The complete timeline for the entire process through the New Bedford CoC is posted on the www.bristolcountycoc.com site and is, as follows:

CoC Competition Timeline .2024	
OBJECTIVE RANKING SELECTION PROCESS and PUBLIC AVAILABILITY	
May 18, 2024, June 20, 2024 and July 18, 2024	Public Announcements made during CoC meetings using those interested in new project applications and/or DV Bonus projects for the competition. Competitive rounds contact the Collaborative Applicant City of New Bedford's Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD).
July 21, 2024	HUD releases the 2024 NOFO.
August 1, 2024	The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) issues an informational email blast and a webinar post announcing the 2024 NOFO, the Competition Timeline, the following application availability and an invitation to any in the community that may wish to apply to contact the OHCD, directly.
August 18, 2024	The OHCD posts the CoC Collaborative Applicant public notice to the Continuum's website at https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp and the Continuum's website at https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp for Renewal, New, Project and DV Bonus Projects.
August 30, 2024	The deadline date by which final Renewal, New and Bonus Project proposals are to be submitted to the City of New Bedford's OHCD by 12:00 noon. (Per HUD, this deadline is a hard deadline and cannot be extended.)
September 2-4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHCD completes initial Technical Review for all proposals received. Performance Review Committee Meeting undertakes a Program Review for consideration of project performance for renewal applications and project cost and bonus grants of eligible projects. (A comprehensive list of project applications will be provided to the OHCD by September 10, 2024.)
September 19, 2024	BC CoC Meeting to review and approve Performance Review Committee recommendations for new projects, renewal projects and priority rankings.
September 20, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUD NOFO Ranking and Selection Review posted on HUD website at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPI/Documents/FY2024_FY2025_CoC_and_YHDP_NOFO_FR-8800-N-25.pdf (Per HUD, this deadline is at least 15 days before the September 20, 2024 deadline.) HUD NOFO Ranking and Selection Review posted on HUD website at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPI/Documents/FY2024_FY2025_CoC_and_YHDP_NOFO_FR-8800-N-25.pdf (Per HUD, this deadline is at least 15 days before the October 10, 2024 deadline.)
September 27, 2024	Applicants due to OHCD by 12:00pm. (Agencies that have applied will be notified in writing a minimum of 7 days and in the October 22nd application meeting.)
September 30, 2024	Deadline for all ranked projects to submit a PDF file to the OHCD of their exact application by 12:00 noon.
October 7, 2024	OHCD contacts project applicants with any corrections for final submission.
October 14, 2024	Applicants submit final PDF file of their exact applications by 12:00 noon.
October 21, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Review for Completion of Draft Collaborative Application. Collaborative Applicant, project leads, or Tribal Applicant are complete and final. (This cannot be changed.) A copy of all submission materials is posted on the CoC website at https://www.bristolcountycoc.com/rfp for public comment. (Per HUD, this deadline is at least 2 days after the final submission.) Community Members, Stakeholders notified of the availability for public comment.
October 24, 2024	Final Review Date for Submission of Collaborative Application. (Per HUD, this deadline is at least 15 days before the October 30, 2024 deadline.)
October 30, 2024	HUD releases a public record of all Collaborative Applicant and DV Bonus Applications.

Application Process All applications for funding will be vetted, evaluated, and ranked by the BCCC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) then voted upon by the BCCC membership and eventually submitted to HUD via the E-SNAPS system. Any new/bonus projects selected for inclusion in the BCCC's application will be given the opportunity to develop and complete an application for funding based on guidance provided by the OHCD and HUD.

Agencies who wish to participate in the FY2024 Bristol County Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance application to HUD will need to respond to the attached RFP using the application provided within the RFP in order to be eligible and prepared for this year's application submission. The complete RFP with application is also available at the BCCC website at: <https://bristolcountycoc.com/fy-release-for-2024-coc-competition-round/>

Funding. Although HUD has not yet released 2024 competition funding amounts, the Bristol County CoC offers the following estimates relative to available funding (available through HUD award and/or reallocation process):

ARD	Renewal Tier 1	Renewal Tier 2	New/DV Bonus Tier 1	New/DV Bonus Tier 2
\$3,124,248	\$2,811,825	\$312,425	\$182,196	\$260,280

Although the available amount of total funding is expected to be sufficient to fund anticipated eligible renewal projects in 2024, HUD is continuing to require all projects (except CoC planning projects) be ranked by the CoC into two tiers. The purpose of the two-tier approach for CoCs is clearly indicate to HUD which projects are prioritized for funding (those within Tier 1 are considered highest priority; those within Tier 2 are at greater risk of being cut). Ranking is based on multiple factors outlined within the RFP and NOFO itself including, in the case of renewals, performance.

As noted in the chart, in addition to the Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) funding, both a CoC Bonus and a DV Bonus are also being made available in this competition. The OHCD reserves the right to adjust funding amounts based on final funding notifications/adjustments issued by HUD.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Jennifer Clarke, AICP, Deputy Director, OHCD by email at Jennifer.Clarke@newbedford.ma.gov.

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You are receiving this email because you are subscribed to the Bristol County CoC's listserv. If you wish to be removed, please email unsubscribe@bristolcountycoc.com and request removal.

PUBLIC EMAIL

A detailed email was sent Saturday, August 10, 2024, announcing the local competition and release of the Request for Proposals (RFP). This was distributed to the more than 500 persons and organizations on the MA-505's (CoC) listserv. Included were additional community listserves that also sent out the RFP to their networks.

The mailing discussed the RFP's deadline, CoC Competition timeline and that this was an OPEN competition and emphasized new participation.

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