

Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application, and
2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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

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

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MO-604 - Kansas City (MO&KS), Independence, Lee's Summit/Jackson, Wyandotte Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness

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

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

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

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

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

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/14/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/18/2022

2A. System Performance

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- Medical fragility, senior status, and large or untraditional household size are all risk factors our CoC has identified as pre-determinants to a person/household becoming homeless for the first time. Those seeking assistance are evaluated for those risk factors, among other vulnerabilities. MO-604 has utilized this evaluation to influence changes needed in our prioritization policy. Lessons learned during COVID-19 and through the implementation of two assessment tools and various prioritization schemes have prompted the COC to explore how best to prioritize households seeking assistance by looking at strengths, resiliencies, and protective factors. While this work is in its infancy, some promising approaches have emerged. At the outset of the pandemic, a small group of service providers began to convene to first identify what the needs on the ground would look like, taking into consideration the immediate concerns around unsheltered homelessness while looking further upstream to the needs of those at imminent the Emergency Rental Assistance.

2- As a result of the pandemic, our community has seen a large influx in emergency assistance dollars, primarily from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). This gave MO-604 a unique opportunity to focus collaborative efforts on those at risk of homelessness. A designated taskforce developed a resource database, and regular meetings occur in an effort to stay on top of community need. Special attention was paid to the eviction process and resources available to households at risk of eviction. Several agencies receiving ERAP funds place staff at eviction dockets in order to intervene before the eviction occurs. In addition, Kansas City residents now have the right to a free attorney who will represent them upon eviction appeal.

3- Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, CoC Lead Agency is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless—Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- GKCCEH funds two Coordinated Entry Navigators at partner agencies who actively move clients quickly through the system. Throughout CoC agencies there are 5 additional navigators assisting with connecting clients to permanent placements. Each CEN engages with clients daily to assist in procuring IDs, processing application paperwork, and finding affordable housing options, etc. GKCCEH also employees the Coordinated Entry Manager position that provides additional capacity by facilitating daily management of the BNL to strategically minimize lengths of time homeless. Our community is also part of the Built for Zero Community Solutions initiative where a primary focus has been analyzing and studying the flow of individuals and families entering the CE system and how to effectively engage long-stayers or those who have been experiencing homelessness for the longest periods of time.

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3- Entities responsible for oversight of this metric include: 1) Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, CoC Lead Agency, 2) COC Performance and Evaluation Committee tasked with review and oversight of system performance and programmatic outcomes; and 3) COC Coordinated Entry Governance Committee..

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:		
1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COC utilizes Housing First and housing focused strategies to ensure successful placement in permanent housing from emergency shelter and interim housing as follows:
 Client-focused with an emphasis on client choice. The COC Lead Agency and most funded service providers have dedicated housing navigators on staff. Assistance with housing search and resource navigation has been identified by program participants and those who continue to seek services as a critical need. For this reason, client intake and onboarding processing COC projects, from the street level to the point of referral through the Coordinated Entry process, are designed to ensure a warm handoff to housing navigation services. The onboarding process for each agency includes client education on tenant rights and responsibilities to foster long-term stability in housing. Landlord relationships are regarded as a critical need and important consideration in all aspects of programming. The COC Lead Agency and individual provider agencies prioritizes these relationships, with a focus on landlord engagement and education. Future plans include identifying resources to both incentivize landlord/agency/tenant partnerships and to minimize risks incurred by landlords who are otherwise willing to work alongside homeless service providers, but averse to doing so due to past experience or issues that have the potential to negatively impact their bottom line.

2- Despite lengthy wait times, PH programs are highly effective at keeping individuals housed once enrolled in a program. Stability is achieved by offering program participants the following: 1) flexibility on rent payments when clients are unable to pay, 2) recruitment of property managers with social work/human services backgrounds/expertise, 3) problem-solving and advocacy opportunities by way of the housing stabilization work group, 4) SOAR certified housing specialists focused on income and employment, 5) mediation/negotiation with and on behalf of clients, 6) opportunities for meaningful connections in the community through volunteerism and relationship-building, 7) close working relationships between housing case managers and behavioral health/medical case management; and 8) Housing retention efforts including housing liaison referral when client is having difficulty in their new housing situation or when long-term stability is in jeopardy.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- The HMIS staff regularly pull data for review by the COC Lead and the Performance and Evaluation Committee. System performance data is disaggregated so that unsuccessful housing exits can be viewed at the client level. On a quarterly basis, housing programs are furnished with a performance scorecard which reflects all performance outcomes, giving the agency a reference point for identifying the number of individuals who exited directly from their program to homelessness or temporary housing. HMIS staff review this information with programs prior to their annual monitoring visit to identify which clients exited and what their situation was like at the point of exit to problem-solve and identify what could have been done differently, if anything to better serve the client in question or tailor the program to better suit their needs.

2- During program monitoring, agency staff are asked to indicate what policies are in place to continue to engage with clients post-exit. Most programs do not have specific policies in place and while they do maintain contact with clients post-exit, the majority do so for approximately six months or less. GKCEEH has compiled this information and is using this to inform system-wide strategies, being created by the Progress and Evaluation committee, for increased long-term engagement with clients.

3- The following entities are responsible for this metric: Program Director and Coordinated Entry Program Manager at the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness (COC Lead Agency), and the COC Performance and Evaluation Committee tasked with review and oversight of system performance and programmatic outcomes.

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—Strategy. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;	
2.	how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- A strategy that is used to measure our COC's success at increasing employment cash sources is through our HMIS. HMIS data is collected on adults' and/or heads of households' income when they enter projects. This data is then compared to their income at annual assessments, or when they exit the project. This allows the COC to see how well projects do at helping individuals increase their employment cash sources. An important strategy for the COC is to address wage disparities in our community by advocating for fair wages and a raise in minimum wage with city officials. A focus is on creating specialized training in SOAR and referring clients to external programs that focus on vocational rehabilitation.

2- Great emphasis is placed on collaboration within the COC agencies to share resources and coordinate care for individuals who need and want employment services. They link individuals to the appropriate agencies to ensure that individuals have the support and resources needed to be successful with their employment related goals.

3- Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, the COC Lead Agency is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income-Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
	2. your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
	3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.COC funded agencies focused on improving wages for participants system wide by participating in a quality improvement project with their staff focused on improving income for the clients served. Additional efforts included a partnership with a construction company, the State of MO, and the Full Employment Council. This partnership allowed participants the opportunity to gain trade skills leading to careers. Other new partnerships included an IT training company that offered scholarships to clients. Both resulting in jobs with a starting wage of over \$50,000 a year.

2,Additional partnerships include Magic Kitchen and other employment placement agencies. GKCCEH works with a HUD-funded housing provider, that offers job training services in the fields of obtaining Certified Nursing Assistant certificates, as well as Welding certificates. These certification programs work to increase the wages of individuals from minimum to well over \$15/hour. Both programs involve an application process with prioritization of homeless clients, whether they have been homeless in the past or are currently homeless. Two COC funded agencies are certified Financial Opportunity Centers (FOC), part of a national model of LISC which provides a continuum of coaching services designed to assist participants in increase financial and employment stability. Participants of CoC funded programs may easily refer clients to an FOC program for services. GKCCEH partners with Workforce Partnership (WP), an entity that operates throughout the state of KS. WP's offices each contain computer labs, classes on building resumes and interview skills, and other opportunities for job seekers who wish to increase their income. WP and GKCCEH signed an MOA in 2019 to help connect RRH and PSH clients to their workforce services. Also, employment specialists are embedded into most member agencies' programs. GKCCEH is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

3.Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, the COC Lead Agency is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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

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

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

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- GKCCEH openly invites new members to join the CoC through various means and GKCCEH staff conduct semi- annual training and recruitment sessions and always make themselves available to answer questions individuals may have regarding CoC membership and participation. All pertinent information is widely communicated by electronic means including email and posts on the GKCCEH website. Information is also presented at monthly COC membership meetings which are open to all who wish to attend. The GKCCEH website contains calls to action and ways to engage as well as general information about the CoC, and the funding competition. GKCCEH staff are available to answer questions individuals may have regarding CoC membership and conduct semiannual training and recruitment sessions.

2- Information is shared in a formal presentation designed to be accessible to various learning styles and easy to follow along with.

3- The MO-604 Continuum of Care regularly participates in outreach efforts for soliciting involvement of individuals with current, or previous homeless experiences. Individuals with lived experience are treated as the experts in their own lives and are regularly consulted in making community decisions. GKCCEH utilizes community partner relationships to identify individuals who are interested in participating in CoC activities and expertise of all kinds is welcome.

4- The MO-604 CoC prides itself on inclusivity, inviting stakeholders to engage in conversations about equity. The CoC is committed to supporting diverse organizations whose staff resemble those seeking services. This is done with tools such as newsletters, social media, events, and other vehicles for sharing research data, stories, and analysis that highlight racial disparities, discuss root causes of homelessness, and explore strategies to address them and minimize the harm inflicted upon those who experience it.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-The CoC and its partners value insights and opinions on homeless issues from community agencies, and voices outside the Continuum and utilizes that knowledge in its planning. GKCCEH regularly welcomes input from community agencies and individuals served by their programs. The City of Kansas City has created a homeless task force and GKCCEH staff regularly collaborate with this task force. Additionally, GKCCEH staff and CoC stakeholders collaborate with independent volunteer and outreach groups. These individuals have unique, up-close perspectives on homelessness in the community and deep relationships with those impacted.

2-GKCCEH utilizes CoC meetings to communicate with the community at large and presents at those meetings important news and updates. Staff also encourage and amplify others' voices about current issues in the homeless community and concerns about the local community's response. GKCCEH publishes regular news updates and blog entries its website and social media.

3-GKCCEH staff engage in conversations about ending homelessness with outside agencies, local elected officials, law enforcement entities, other social institutions, and most importantly with individuals with lived experience. GKCCEH staff also meets regularly with various stakeholders to discuss strategies to prevent and end homelessness and perform exhaustive research into evidence-based practices driving successful efforts in other CoCs to share with the local community.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- GKCCEH utilized three means of announcing the local competition application. Notifications were published starting 08/19/2021. GKCCEH used the CoC listserv to publicly announce the NOFO competition had opened and regularly communicated with membership about the process and used the agency's Facebook page to advertise in the same fashion.

2- GKCCEH encourages all community partners to apply for funds, provides comprehensive application guidance, hosts office hours to field questions. GKCCEH publishes the NOFO rating factors to offer programs insight into national and local priorities and provides project applicants detailed instructions to successfully complete and submit their applications. These materials are distributed via email and social media and are made available online.

3- GKCCEH provides all project applicants with detailed instructions for submitting their applications. Detailed instructions and general information regarding the competition is communicated through CoC wide emails, social media, and is available on the GKCCEH website. Applications are submitted electronically via an online form.

4- GKCCEH curates a panel of impartial stakeholders to review, score, and rank projects. The panel is incredibly diverse, in terms of identity, role, and experience; it represents organizations and sectors impacted by or influencing homelessness as well as persons with lived experience and mirrors those seeking help. The panel scores projects on factors such as adherence to Housing First principles, participation in Coordinated Entry, and successful exits into permanent housing. Once the competition goes live, regular updates are presented in CoC meetings, which are again, open to the community at large.

5- GKCCEH is committed to inclusivity-- of identity, ability, and other factors and views cultural competency as a core value. Staff are intentional about conveying information in plain and accessible language that is easy to read and follow along with.

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

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

In the chart below:

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	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)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1- GKCCEH staff actively participate in planning and allocation of ESG funds in both Wyandotte County, KS and Kansas City, MO.
- 2- GKCCEH's leadership team reviews and votes yearly on ESG applications award in both jurisdictions and informs the funding process for ESG at the state level. GKCCEH staff offer outcomes evaluation of any programs receiving CoC funding or entering data into HMIS, with a particular focus on capacity, effectiveness, and system-level performance.
- 3- GKCCEH shares PIT and HIC data online and presents a PIT/HIC data and analysis at community meetings attended by staff of all ESG districts in the local COC. Digital copies of all PIT and HIC reports are also sent out via email to all CoC agencies.
- 4- GKCCEH has very open lines of communication with both the UGW and the City of KCMO. GKCCEH staff communicate via email weekly with contacts from each jurisdiction and regularly offer local housing outcomes, performance measures, and internal strategic planning updates that influence/guide Consolidated Plan updates. GKCCEH began facilitating monthly meetings with the UGW and the City of KCMO to ensure transparency between the jurisdictions and to ensure continuity of thought, service delivery, and quality of services across the CoC's geographic area. As a result of this approach, ESG administrators regularly attend and engage in GKCCEH membership and committees and are active participants in the community's collaborative efforts.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.		
1.	Foster Care	Yes
2.	Health Care	Yes
3.	Mental Health Care	Yes
4.	Correctional Facilities	Yes

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- CoC youth member service providers collaborate with youth education providers by maintaining direct contacts at agencies like Full Employment Council, Vocational Rehab, Job Corps, and KS Work Force Development. Maintaining these contacts streamlines access for youth seeking assistance. These education providers are included in Coalition of Homeless Youth Provider Services quarterly. For the last several years CoC member youth services providers have partnered with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education MKV Coordinator to host an annual meeting for KC regional MKV Coordinators and support staff. This informational meeting provides school leaders and staff with up-to-date information on services available to youth as well as updated policies and procedures related to school district requirements. CoC agencies work hand in hand with school districts to find students in need who are experiencing homelessness and ensure students who enter agency programs can maintain educational progress in their school of origin or school of residency.

2- CoC Youth Services member agencies have formal MOUs with the Kansas City Full Employment Council, state vocational rehabilitation services, Missouri Job Corps, and multiple adult education agencies that offer youth access to alternative educational opportunities beyond traditional school district and college programs. CoC agencies partner with State DESE to obtain USDA funding for food resources within shelter/other housing programs. The CoC has a youth services committee that includes McKinney-Vento Coordinators from LEAs in the region. Several CoC member agencies have formal MOUs with multiple school district across the CoC to ensure children and youth are immediately enrolled and/or retained in educational services regardless of moves or housing instability. These partnerships span Street Outreach, Shelter, Transitional Living, Permanent Support, and Rapid Rehousing programs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC providers' policies and procedures for determining eligibility for educational services while experiencing homelessness are dictated largely by the McKinney Veto Act. Upon intake or engagement in services, providers promptly inform the family, youth, and/or individual about their educational rights. Providers communicate this information verbally and in writing to ensure families clearly understand they have the right to attend their school of origin to avoid trauma, disruption, and missed learning opportunities and that in the event of a move, they also have the right to immediately enroll children in the school designated to their new location. Homeless Liaisons are contacted to ensure a quick transition into a new education setting to limit disruption to the student's educational experience and progress. GKCCEH continues to participate in active MOUs with local organizations to establish the shared goals and the co-creation of strategic interventions that promote education and upward mobility. Most local organizations offer services in multiple languages, to allow for clear understanding of local educational services by all families experiencing homelessness. These local organizations, and education providers participate in GKCCEH's monthly membership and committee meetings and other relevant planning and service-related activities to ensure successful student outcomes as an anti-homelessness strategy. GKCCEH is currently in the process of onboarding a high-level McKinney Vento staff person from the school district to ensure the priorities and standards of practice are embedded in the CoC's governance and that the needs of families with school aged children are considered in decision making.

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

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

	Mainstream Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other	

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

One of GKCCEH's focuses is to ensure that all individuals that qualify for nonemployment cash income can acquire them. Thus, GKCCEH created the Supportive Services committee and tasked it with improving access to these necessary benefits. Over the last year, the committee has continued to focus on ensuring that all projects and homeless serving agencies have training and resources to support an initiative known as SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery). GKCCEH's involvement with the SOAR initiative is increasing access to SSI/SSDI for individuals who are eligible by training area providers on the application process for SSI/SSDI—ultimately growing individuals' nonemployment cash income. This strategy led to monthly sub-committee meetings with Disability Determination Services (DDS), Social Security Administration(SSA), along with multiple SOAR cohort trainings in the area. It is also important to note, that state SOAR leads in both Kansas and Missouri are directly involved in the strategy through connections with GKCCEH staff, board members, and GKCCEH member agencies. GKCCEH's primary focus has been to increase SOAR expertise of area providers. This focus works to address the MO and KS "benefit cliff" that prevents individuals sustaining long-term, nonemployment cash benefits. The CoC has supported regular meetings and collaborations with the local DDS office as well as all the local SSA offices. SOAR local leads have supported local trainings through cohort style trainings. This has led to several agencies and even local funders increasing their interest in supporting the SOAR process and considering a funding tool to support the process. Empower MO is also engaged in efforts to make local access to non-employment cash sources more sustainable.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only). Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
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If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?	No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A