**WI Balance of State C0C – Competition**

**Local Coalition Feedback Request (FY21)**

Each coalition has been working diligently on the Action Plan steps previously laid out based on the FY19 CoC Competition components. In the FY21 CoC Competition, HUD has added a few additional questions regarding the activities of the CoC. Some of the new questions will have to be answered based on what the CoC itself has or has not done. But there are some questions that we need your help with to provide the most robust answer we can.

All answers need to address the question actually asked. For example, if the question says “how” – then the description must include the process by which something is done. If the question says “describe” – then the answer should be a detailed explanation. To include your coalition’s information, there must be detail, concrete examples, and names. Quality is more important than quantity in your responses. Information must be specific rather than generalizations. **Please do not just restate the question. You do not have to write in paragraph form – bullet points and lists work.**

If your coalition is not doing something, has not implemented something, or have not yet addressed something, it would be better to just acknowledge that rather than provide a lengthy reasoning or alternative. If there is a plan to do something in the future, be specific and include timelines.

**Finally, unless otherwise indicated, these questions are about your local coalition – not an individual agency. The requirement for completion of this packet is to work together as a coalition to answer the questions.**

Please return responses no later than **Friday, October 1, 2021** to the CoC Director at [carrie.poser@wibos.org](mailto:carrie.poser@wibos.org). Late submission will negatively impact any CoC funded grant in the coalition on the Board Scoring Tool (-2 points).

Updated CoC Competition information can be found at: <https://www.wiboscoc.org/2021-hud-coc-competition.html>

**1B-1. Coordination and Engagement – Inclusive Structure & Participation**

There are many organizations and people within the local coalition that typically participate. HUD has identified a few additional and has increased emphasis on others. Please identify if an organization and/or person participated in your local coalition meetings (including but not limited to strategic planning, committees/workgroups) between **May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021.**

Please mark YES or NO for each.

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| **Organization/Person** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking   * do not include domestic violence providers |  |  |
| Disability Advocates   * organizations or people that specifically engage in advocacy work on behalf of people with disabilities – local, state, and/or federal level * the focus is on people with disabilities (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Disability Service Organizations   * this can include Aging & Disability Resource center; non-profits that focus on services for people with disability such as a day center, employment services, education * the focus is on people with disabilities (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (tribal organizations) |  |  |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates   * organizations or people that specifically engage in advocacy work on behalf of people who identify as LGBT – local, state, and/or federal level * the focus is on people who identify as LGBT (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Service Organizations   * this can include community centers, resource centers, and places that offer specific services to people who identify as LGBT * the focus is on people who identify as LGBT (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Mental Illness Advocates   * organizations or people that specifically engage in advocacy work on behalf of people with a mental illness – local, state, and/or federal level * the focus is on people with a mental illness (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Mental Health Service Organization   * this can include drop in centers, county mental health, NAMI, and places that offer specific services to people with a mental illness * the focus is on people with a mental illness (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other People of Color   * the focus is on people who identify as Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other People of Color (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Substance Abuse Advocates   * organizations or people that specifically engage in advocacy work on behalf of people who have a substance use disorder/addiction - local, state, and/or federal level * the focus is on people who have a substance use disorder/addiction (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Substance Abuse Service Organizations   * this can include drop-in centers, prevention programs, treatment providers, and places that offer specific services to people with a substance use disorder/addition * the focus is on people who have a substance use disorder/addiction (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |
| Youth Advocates   * organizations or people that specifically engage in advocacy work on behalf of youth (18-24, including those that are parenting or pregnant, and those under 18) – local, state, and/or federal level * the focus is on youth (18-24, including those that are parenting or pregnant, and those under 18) and includes those that are experiencing homelessness and those that do not. |  |  |
| Youth Service Organizations   * this can include drop-in centers, youth centers, boys & girls club, and places that offer specific services to youth (18-24, including those that are parenting or pregnant, and those under 18) * the focus is on youth (18-24, including those that are parenting or pregnant, and those under 18) and includes those that are experiencing homelessness and those that do not. |  |  |

If there are any other people or organizations that have attended your local coalition meetings that are different, unique, or specific to your community, please list them here:

**1B-2. Open Invitation for New Members**

* Describe how your local coalition outreach conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the coalition.
* Describe how your local coalition invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness to address equity (e.g. Black, Latino, Indigenous, persons with disabilities)

**1 C. Continuum of Care (COC) Coordination**

HUD is continuing to ask about what entities are included in the coordination, planning and operation of projects that serve people experiencing homelessness and at risk. This includes unaccompanied youth and those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

Specifically, answer **YES/NO** to each:

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| **Entities or Organizations** | **Coordinates with Planning or Operation of Projects** |
| Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) |  |
| Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other People of Color |  |
| Organizations led by and serving LGBT persons |  |
| Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities |  |
| Public Housing Authorities |  |

If there is an entity or organization that participates in the coordinating with the planning or operation of projects that is not included in the list above, please include them here:

**1C-4. Collaboration Related to Children and Youth (Education)**

HUD has placed significant weight on the development of written agreements, formal partnerships, and active collaboration between CoCs and State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Educational Agency (LEA).

* Formal written agreements include: Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs).
* Other agreements include: agreements to attend each other’s planning meetings or cross training events; coordinating case management/housing; or support and document referrals through coordinated entry.

There is a required narrative response for Questions 1-6. Please provide any concreate examples below.

1. How do housing programs within the local coalition collaborate with youth education providers?
2. Are there any formal partnerships with youth education providers? If so, please explain.
3. How do housing programs within the local coalition collaborate with SEA and LEA?
4. Are there any formal partnerships with SEA and LEA? If so, please explain.
5. How do housing programs within the local coalition collaborate with school districts?
6. Are there any formal partnerships with school districts? If so, please explain.

For #7, please write YES or NO for each type if there is an MOU/MOA in place within the coalition and/or another agreement (as defined above).

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|  | MOU/MOA | Other Agreement |
| Birth to 3 year programs |  |  |
| Child Care and Development Fund |  |  |
| Early Childhood Providers |  |  |
| Early Head Start |  |  |
| Federal Home Visiting Programs (including Material, Infant, and Early Childhood) |  |  |
| Head Start |  |  |
| Healthy Start |  |  |
| Public Pre-K |  |  |
| Tribal Home Visiting Program |  |  |

Describe other providers or entities not identified above and the type of agreement.

**1C-5. Addressing Safety Needs of DV, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors: Annual Training**

This question can include specific agencies within the coalition providing training to their own agency staff and/or coalition-level trainings.

1. Describe any trainings provided in 2020-20201 to project staff that addresses safety and best practices (e.g. trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors.
2. Identify the frequency of the trainings (e.g. monthly, semi-annually).

**1C-7. Public Housing Authorities (PHA)**

There is a significant amount of attention being placed on the relationship between CoCs and PHAs. As a result, there is more information that we need to ask about in terms of new admissions, homeless preference, moving on preference, PHA use of coordinated entry, and joint applications for funding.

*Definitions:*

* General Homeless Preference = places all members of a certain category of household above other households on the list.
* Limited Homeless Preference = set aside, defined number of public housing of housing choice vouchers are made available on a priority bases to a certain type of applicant for housing assistance. This includes project-based vouchers.
* Move On Strategy = how recipients move current CoC Program participants, who no longer require intensive services – who are able and want to move out of CoC program funded-PSH with a rental subsidy – to other housing assistance programs (including but not limited to Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing) to free up CoC Program funded-PSH beds to be used for persons experiencing homelessness.

Complete the grid below for PHA that are either:

* The largest PHA in the coalition and/or
* The PHA with the highest numbers of homeless new admissions.

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| **Public Housing Authority**  *Type the full name of the housing authority and identify PH (public housing) or HCV (housing choice voucher)* | **Does the PHA have a general or limited preference?** Enter G or L | **Does the PHA have a preference for current PSH program to move on?** Yes/no | **Number of New Admissions**  **FY2020**  *This should be the number of new admissions* | **Number of new admissions who were homeless at entry (reported on HUD-50058) FY2020**  *This should be the number of those new admissions were identified as homeless* |
| *EXAMPLE:*  *SOLO County HA – HCV*  *SOLO County HA – PH* | *G*  *L* | *N*  *Y* | *15*  *3* | *5*  *1* |
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1. Please submit the following for each PHA with a Homeless Preference (general or limited): a copy of the PHA administrative planning document(s)-such as Administration Plan, ACOP, 5 year plan; other PHA-developed document with the written policies; or a letter from the PHA that addresses the preference.
2. Please submit the following for each PHA with a Move On Preference: a copy of the PHA administrative planning document(s)-such as Administration Plan, ACOP, 5 year plan; other PHA-developed document with the written policies; or a letter from the PHA that addresses the preference.

*NOTE: If the preference or change to the admin plan is not complete or finalized, a letter of commitment and description of the process with intended results, estimated timeline for completion, parties involved, etc. should be submitted.*

1. Describe any steps agencies or the local coalition member have taken to collaborate with the PHA and adopt:
   1. a homeless admission preference
   2. “move on” preference
2. Describe (with examples) barriers, issues, or challenges experienced when trying to work with PHA on establishing these type of preferences.
3. Does your coalition include PHA-funded units in the CoC’s coordinated entry process? YES/NO
   1. If no, why not?
4. Have agencies within the coalition or the coalition joined a PHA’s application for funding of projects serving households experiencing homelessness? This can include applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), Foster Youth to Independence (FYI), or other non-federal programs? YES/NO

If yes:

* 1. What type of joint project(s)?
  2. Was the application(s) approved?
  3. How has the agency, local coalition, and those experiencing homelessness benefited from the coordination?

**1C-10. Street Outreach**

The CoC uses the Point-in-Time (PIT) process to answer most of HUD’s questions as it relates to street outreach. However, HUD is looking for additional targeted outreach efforts. For these questions, we are looking for outreach done beyond (or in addition to) the PIT process.

1. Does your coalition conduct street outreach activities? YES/NO

If yes:

* 1. How often is outreach done?
  2. Where is outreach done?
  3. Who is the target of that outreach?
  4. Describe any efforts to specifically reach out to people that are not seeking shelter but experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

1. Do any agencies/projects within your coalition conduct some time of street outreach activities? YES/NO

If yes:

* 1. How often is outreach done?
  2. Where is outreach done?
  3. Who is the target of that outreach?
  4. Describe any efforts to specifically reach out to people that are not seeking shelter but experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

**1C-13. Mainstream Benefits & Other Assistance**

As COVID has demonstrated, health care access is an essential component to housing and homelessness. As such, HUD is seeking more information on the following:

1. Describe how the local coalition or individual agencies (especially each CoC funded project) work with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants in enrolling in health insurance.
2. Describe how the local coalition or individual agencies (especially each CoC funded project) provide assistance with the effective utilization of Medicaid and other benefits.

**1C-15. Promoting Racial Equity in Homeless**

The issues around racial equity have been raised through the CoC Competition for several years. HUD changed the way they are asking the questions and specifying certain elements.

1. Did your coalition conduct an assessment of whether disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance exists within the last 3 years (since 2018)? YES/NO

If yes (based on the results of the assessment):

* 1. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance. YES/NO
  2. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.

YES /NO

* 1. People of difference races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.

YES/NO

* 1. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.

YES/NO

* 1. There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.

YES/NO

1. Regardless of whether you answered yes or no to question 1, please indicate YES or NO below to indicate the strategies your coalition is using to address any racial disparities:
   1. The coalition and/or agencies are expanding outreach with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups. YES/NO
   2. The coalition and/or agencies have communication (flyers, websites, other materials) inclusive of underrepresented persons. YES/NO
   3. The coalition and/or agencies are training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness. YES/NO
   4. The coalition and/or agencies are establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector. YES/NO
   5. The coalition and/or agencies have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness. YES/NO
   6. The coalition and/or agencies are educating stakeholders, board of directors, and funders on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity. YES/NO
   7. The coalition and/or agencies are collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities. YES/NO
   8. The coalition and/or agencies are conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness. YES/NO
2. Describe the steps the coalition and/or agencies have take to improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance beyond just those areas identified in the racial disparity assessment.

**1C-16. People with Lived Experience**

HUD’s emphasis has grown on the need to include people with lived experience in decision making and planning. Please complete the grid.

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| Level of Active Participation | Number of People with Lived Experience within the last 7 years or current program participants | Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations |
| Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process |  |  |
| Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to services and housing |  |  |
| Participate in coalition committees, workgroups, task forces |  |  |
| Included in the decision-making processes related to addressing homelessness |  |  |

**1D. Addressing COVID in the CoC**

This year’s application has several questions specific to the response to the COVID pandemic. It is very important that we receive specific strategies, concreate examples, and thorough descriptions as answers to these questions.

1. Describe the protocols your coalition and/or agencies within the coalition implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic to address immediate safety needs for people experiencing homelessness in:
   1. Unsheltered situations
   2. Congregate emergency shelters
   3. Transitional housing/transitional living facilities
2. Describe below how your coalition and/or agencies within the coalition improved readiness for further public health emergencies.
3. Describe how your coalition determined how ESG CV funds would be used to address:
   1. Safety measures
   2. Housing assistance
   3. Eviction prevention
   4. Healthcare supplies
   5. Sanitary supplies
4. Describe how your coalition coordinated with mainstream health (e.g. local and state health agencies, hospitals, clinics) during the COVID-19 pandemic to:
   1. Decrease the spread of COVID-19
   2. Ensure safety measures were implemented (e.g. social distancing, handwashing/sanitizing, masks)
5. Describe how your coalition communicated information during the COVID-19 pandemic on:
   1. Safety measures
   2. Changing local restrictions, orders, guidance
   3. Vaccine implementation
6. Describe how your coalition and/or agencies within the coalition identified eligible people experiencing homelessness for COVID-19 vaccination based on local protocols.
7. Describe how your coalition and/or agencies within the coalition addressed possible increases in domestic violence calls for assistance due to requirements to stay at home, increased unemployment, etc. during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2C. System Performance**

1. First Time Homeless: How does your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) determine which risk factors your CoC uses to identify people experiencing homelessness for the first time? This question is asking for the process, not the actual risk factors.
2. Length of Time Homeless: How does your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) identify and house people who have experienced homelessness for the longest length of time? This question is asking for the process of identifying and the process of housing those with the longest length of time homeless.
3. Exits to/Retention of Permanent Housing: How does your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) increase the rate of exits to permanent housing from emergency shelter? This includes those self-resolving, those that need a small amount of assistance, and those needing intensive permanent housing programs.
4. Returns to Homelessness: What is your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness?
5. Increasing Employment Cash:
   1. How does your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) increase employment income?
   2. Name the mainstream employment organizations that your coalition agencies/partners work with to increase participant’s cash income.
   3. How does your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) promote partnership and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations? Specifically indicate whether agency’s hold job fairs, outreach specific employers, and/or partner with staffing agencies.
   4. Describe how your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) work with public and private organizations to provide meaningful education and training, on-the-job training, internships, and employment opportunities for program participants.
6. Increasing Non-employment Cash: How does your coalition and/or agencies (especially CoC funded projects) increase non-employment cash income? Include strategies to increase access to non-employment cash courses.