**WI Balance of State CoC – Competition**

**Additional Feedback Requested (FY23)**

Each coalition has been working diligently on the Action Plan steps previously laid out based on the FY22 CoC Competition components. In the FY23 CoC Competition, HUD has added some questions and revised some of the previous questions. We cannot answer these questions without your help!

All answers need to address the question 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.** The answers to the questions will likely require asking questions of non-traditional partners; seeking additional information from other organizations or businesses within the community that may not typically be part of the coalition; and describe different approaches or response from multiple perspectives.

If your coalition is not doing something, has not implemented something, or have not yet addressed something, then you must:

* acknowledge that rather than provide a lengthy reasoning or alternative; and
* start making a realistic plan to address it moving forward; and
* describe the 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 **Monday, August 21st** to the CoC Director at [carrie.poser@wibos.org](mailto:carrie.poser@wibos.org). Late submission or incomplete submissions will negatively impact any CoC funded grant in the coalition on the CoC Project Scoring Tool (-2 points).

**Note:** there will be a supplemental set of questions sent specifically to CoC-funded programs. This supplemental set of questions is separate from this document.

Updated CoC Competition information can be found at: <https://www.wiboscoc.org/2023-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, 2022– April 30, 2023.**

Please mark YES or NO for each.

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| **Organization/Person** | **Yes** | **No** | **Does not Exist in my Coalition** |
| 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) |  |  |  |
| EMS/Crisis Response Team(s) |  |  |  |
| Hospital or clinic staff |  |  |  |
| Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (tribal organizations) |  |  |  |
| Law Enforcement – police and/or sheriff |  |  |  |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates   * organizations or people that specifically engage in advocacy work on behalf of people who identify as LGBTQ+ – local, state, and/or federal level * the focus is on people who identify as LGBTQ+ (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |  |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Service Organizations   * this can include community centers, resource centers, and places that offer specific services to people who identify as LGBTQ+ * the focus is on people who identify as LGBTQ+ (including those that experience homelessness and those that do not) |  |  |  |
| Local Government Staff or officials (this can be city and/or county-level) |  |  |  |
| Local Jail staff |  |  |  |
| 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) |  |  |  |
| 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) |  |  |  |
| 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) |  |  |  |
| Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons |  |  |  |
| Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities |  |  |  |
| 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 than the types listed above, 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, LGBTQ+)

**1C-4c. 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.

Describe the involvement of these providers within the coalition (in narrative form):

1. School District staff
2. Birth-to-3 programs
3. Early Childhood Providers
4. Early Head Start
5. Federal Home Visiting Programs
6. Head Start
7. Healthy Start
8. Public Pre-K
9. Tribal Home Visiting Program
10. Other:

Also, check the boxes that reflect the engagement and coordination within the coalition and education providers:

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|  | Come to Meetings | Do the PIT | Helped with YHDP | Help with committees | Formal or other agreements | Refer through CE |
| School District staff |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Birth-to-3 prog |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early childhood providers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early head start |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal home visiting program |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Head start |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Healthy Start |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Pre-K |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tribal Home Visiting program |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other: |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**1C-5b. Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of DV, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors**

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

Describe any trainings provided in 2022 – 2023 to project staff that specifically address best practices (e.g. trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors. Include the frequency of the trainings (e.g. monthly, semi-annually).

**1C-5f. Access to Housing for Survivors of DV, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors**

Describe how your coalition ensures that survivors of DV have safe access to all the housing and services available within the coalition.

*“All” means that the coalition should be providing the same access to housing and services as all other populations experiencing homelessness, not just help from victim service organizations.*

Describe how your coalition proactively identifies systemic barriers within the coalition’s homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of DV.

*“Proactively” means getting in front of the issues rather than waiting for or merely responding to something negative.*

**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 or 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. These must be done in connection with a PHA.
* Project-Based Waiting List Preference = PHAs may choose to establish a separate waiting list for admission to PBV units or may use the same waiting list for both tenant-based and PBV assistance. PHAs that choose a separate PBV waiting list may use a separate waiting list for PBV units in individual projects or buildings or may use it for the whole program. In either case, the waiting list may establish preferences (general or limited) for occupancy.

**The Coalition should be reaching out to all PHA in their community to answer these questions.**

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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 | **Enter the percentage of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher during FY22 who were experiencing homelessness at entry** *This should be the number of new admissions* |
| *EXAMPLE:*  *SOLO County HA – HCV*  *SOLO County HA – PH* | *G*  *L* | *N*  *Y* | *15*  *3* |
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**For the chart, only identify those public housing authorities that either have a preference, have a move on strategy, or have new admissions who were homeless at the time of entry. If you do not have any that fit that description, explain in #3 below.**

1. For each PHA with a homeless preference, please submit 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. For each PHA with a move on preference, please submit 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. For the public housing authorities within the coalition that do NOT have a homeless preference and/or move on strategy, describe any steps agencies or the local coalition member have taken to collaborate with the PHA and adopt. Specifically:
   1. What steps have been taken to get the PHA to adopt a homeless admission preference?
   2. What steps have been taken to get the PHA to adopt a “move on” preference?
   3. What barriers, issues, or challenges have there been when trying to work with a PHA to establish these types of preferences? *This should include examples.*
2. In the chart below, indicate affordable housing providers that projects use to move program participants to other subsidized housing. Answer Yes/No.

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| **Affordable Housing Providers** | **Yes/No** |
| Multi-family assistance housing owners |  |
| Public Housing Authority |  |
| Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments |  |
| Local low-income housing programs |  |
| Other: |  |

1. In the chart below, indicate whether any PHA in your coalition use coordinated entry to fill PHA programs listed below? Answer YES/NO

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| **PHA Program** | **Yes/No** |
| Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) |  |
| HUD-VASH |  |
| Mainstream Vouchers |  |
| Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers |  |
| Public Housing |  |
| Other Units from PHAs |  |

1. Have agencies within the coalition or the coalition joined a PHA’s competitive application for funding after January 2020?

* Joint applications may include any competitive programs not dedicated to people experiencing homelessness.
* This question is looking for APPLY, not awarded.
* HUD-VASH and EHV do not count.

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| **Application Examples** | **Yes/No** |
| Mainstream Vouchers |  |
| Family Unification Program (FUP) |  |
| Other: |  |

**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 within your coalition regardless of funding source (do not include the January or July PIT in the response).

Describe your coalition’s street outreach efforts. This response includes both the chart and narrative.

1. **Narrative response** – describe the outreach within the coalition (if you have more than 1 county, make sure you are clear about each county), how often it is conducted, and how it is tailored to people least likely to ask for help.

2. **The Chart (HUD’s request):**

The first chart is looking at your coalition’s total area and identifying how much of it is actually covered

by Street Outreach, how much of the entire area is accessible and how much is not accessible.

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| **Total area within your coalition that is “accessible”** | **Percentage that is “inaccessible” (gated communities, swamps, etc)** | **Percentage of the accessible area that is covered by Street Outreach (combined)** |
| Example: 98% | 2% | 75% |
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The second chart is looking at each agency that does outreach in your community (regardless of funding source) and how much of the coalition does each agency cover.

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| **Street Outreach Agency** | **Percentage of the coalition the agency covers with street outreach** | **Explain how you got the percentage** |
| Sam’s Outreach | 25% | Goes to 1 county out of the 4 |
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**1D-4. Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness**

This year, HUD is looking at ways communities have implemented strategies to ensure homelessness is not criminalized and reverse existing criminalization policies. Policies can include: banning camping or sleeping in public; vagrancy, sitting, loitering or begging in public places; removal of encampments or restrictions on panhandling; banning living in vehicles. In the chart below, answer YES/No.

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| **Approach** | **Ensure homelessness is not criminalized** | **Reverse existing criminalization policies** |
| Engage and/or educate local policymakers |  |  |
| Engage and/or educate law enforcement |  |  |
| Engage and/or educate local business leaders |  |  |
| Implemented community-wide plans |  |  |
| Other: |  |  |

**1D-7. Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering**

Describe how your coalition is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering. Increasing capacity means more beds, more alternatives, and/or more funding for non-congregate shelter.

**1D-8. Partnerships with Public Health**

1. Describe how your coalition and/or individual agencies effectively collaborates with local public health agencies to:
   1. Develop policies & procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks.
   2. Prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness
2. Describe how your coalition and/or individual agencies:
   1. Shared information related to public health measures and homelessness
   2. Facilitated communication among components of the homeless crisis response system (i.e. outreach, shelter, and housing providers) to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants

**1D-10. Promoting Racial Equity**

Thinking about the CoC staff presentation on racial disparity within your coalition & any other activities identified in the coalition’s action plan, please identify if your coalition has done any of the following:

1. In the chart below, answer each question with YES/NO.

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| **Strategy** | **Yes/No** |
| Has your coalition identified steps it will take to help the CoC board, committees, or local decision-making bodies better reflect the population served? |  |
| Is the coalition (and/or agencies) expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups? |  |
| Does the coalition (and/or agencies) have communication – flyers, websites, other materials – that are inclusive of underrepresented groups? |  |
| Does the coalition (and/or agencies) train staff to better understand racism and the intersection between racism and homelessness? |  |
| Have individual agencies established professional development opportunities to identify & invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities? |  |
| Does the coalition (and/or agencies) have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing & addressing racial disparities related to homelessness? |  |
| Is the coalition (and/or agencies) educating organizations, stakeholders, board of directors for local and national nonprofit org working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial & ethnic diversity? |  |
| Is the coalition (and/or agencies) collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races & ethnicities in the system? |  |
| Is the coalition (and/or agencies) conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness? |  |
| Other: |  |

1. Following the presentation of local coalition racial disparity data, what action has the coalition taken (what has already been done)?
2. Has the coalition discussed how progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in providing services & in the service outcomes will be done? \_\_ Yes or \_\_\_ No.

If yes, please describe below. If no, when will the coalition discuss this?

**1D-11. People with Lived Experience**

HUD’s emphasis has grown on the need to include people with lived experience who are currently participating in decision making and planning.

1. 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 in the decision-making processes related to addressing homelessness |  |  |
| Participate in coalition committees, workgroups, task forces |  |  |
| Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to CE, services, and housing |  |  |

1. Describe your coalition’s outreach efforts (e.g. social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision-making processes.
2. Describe how your coalition (and/or agencies) provide professional development and employment opportunities to people with lived experience of homelessness. *Examples include internships, continuing education, skill-based training.*
3. Describe how your coalition (and/or agencies) routinely gather feedback from people with lived experience of homelessness (regardless of whether they accessed services or which services).

Describe how your coalition (and/or agencies) routinely gather feedback from people that have received help from CoC funded projects or ESG funded projects.

1. Describe the steps your coalition (and/or agencies) have take to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

**1D-12. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply**

Describe steps your coalition (and/or agencies) have taken in the past 12 months that engage city, county, or state government with each of the following. Steps may include: meetings with elected and/or non-elected officials, attending zoning or planning meetings, submitting comments to officials and letter writing or social media campaigns.

1. Reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2. Reducing regulatory barriers to housing development

**2C. System Performance**

1. First Time Homeless: How does your coalition and/or agencies determine which risk factors are used 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 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 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 strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness?
5. Increasing Employment Cash Income:
   1. Describe your coalition and/or agencies strategy to increase access employment cash sources for people experiencing homelessness.
   2. Describe how the coalition and/or agencies work with mainstream employment organizations to help people experiencing homelessness increase their cash income.
6. Increasing Non-employment Cash:
   1. Describe your coalition and/or agencies strategy to access non-employment cash income (i.e. SSI, SSDI, TANF, child support) for people experiencing homelessness.