

## Before Starting the CoC Application

The CoC Consolidated Application consists of three parts, the CoC Application, the CoC Priority Listing, and all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected. All three must be submitted for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2019 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.
6. Questions marked with an asterisk (\*), which are mandatory and require a response.

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Augusta, Georgia

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Augusta, Georgia

## 1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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**1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants.**

**For the period of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019, applicants must indicate whether the Organization/Person listed:**

- 1. participated in CoC meetings;**
- 2. voted, including selecting CoC Board members; and**
- 3. participated in the CoC’s coordinated entry system.**

Organization/Person	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members	Participates in Coordinated Entry System
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
Local Jail(s)	No	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	Yes
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disability Service Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
Disability Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	No
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Not Applicable	No	No
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Not Applicable	No	No

Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	Yes
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
LGBT Service Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Not Applicable	No	No
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)			

**1B-1a. CoC’s Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing/Ending Homelessness.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC:**

- 1. solicits and considers opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;**
- 2. communicates information during public meetings or other forums the CoC uses to solicit public information;**
- 3. takes into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness; and**
- 4. ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats, e.g., PDF. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC solicits and considers opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals by conducting open, public meetings for general membership, and all subcommittees and work groups. Notice of general meetings is emailed in advance to over 200 individuals and organizations with knowledge, capacity and a dedicated mission to reduce homelessness in the community. These open meetings encourage the free flow of ideas for improvements and new approaches to prevent and end homelessness in Richmond County. Our meetings are forums where we receive input from agencies and share information regarding policy and advocacy/action updates from committees. This allows the CoC to actively engage partners in the work of the committee level of the CoC. During CoC meetings, information is shared and received from partner agencies and community resources via the planned agenda and open call for information before adjourning. The CoC also hosts at least one public meeting for the City of Augusta’s Annual AP/CP engagement process. Using

these forums, information is regularly obtained to identify any service gaps experienced in the community as well as providing open dialogue on identifying available resources that can be leveraged to benefit the homeless populations of our service area. The CoC works to ensure information is available to everyone, regardless of disability. Most communications are made electronically and in PDF format if presented as an attachment. Coordinated Entry contact includes TTY accessibility or the hearing impaired or those who have difficulty speaking. We utilize online formats for communication through a landing page on the City of Augusta website and utilize and continue to improve communication via social media, most recently upgrading the CoC's Facebook presence from a group to an organizational page.

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

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. the invitation process;**
  - 2. how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members;**
  - 3. how the CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;**
  - 4. how often the CoC solicits new members; and**
  - 5. any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

Annually, the invitation to participate in the GA-504 CoC begins with the PIT count, where potential new members are identified through volunteer recruitment efforts. Afterwards, the elected Membership Director engages prospective new members in conversations to ensure thorough, consistent understanding of the vision, purpose and expectations of CoC members. CoC partner agencies also host after-hours networking events to engage potential new members, especially the business community.

The CoC solicits and considers new membership from a broad array of organizations and individuals by conducting open, public meetings for general membership, and all subcommittees and work groups. New contacts are included on the notice of general meetings that is sent via email in advance to a list of over 200 individuals and organizations with a passion for reducing homelessness in the local community.

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The CoC does not have a specified recruitment period. Potential members are identified and invited on a rolling basis throughout the year. The CoC has at least one formerly homeless member of the Executive Committee. While there is not currently any active recruitment of homeless individuals, partner agencies are working to incentivize increased participation of the clients served.

**1B-3. Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. how the CoC notifies the public that it is accepting project application proposals, and that it is open to and will consider applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, as well as the method in which proposals should be submitted;**
  - 2. the process the CoC uses to determine whether the project application will be included in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition process;**
  - 3. the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposal;**
  - 4. how the CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and**
  - 5. if the CoC does not accept proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding or did not announce it was open to proposals from non-CoC Program funded organizations, the applicant must state this fact in the response and provide the reason the CoC does not accept proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

Any organization that is a participating member of the CoC as defined in the charter may apply for CoC funding, including entities that haven't previously received CoC funds. Partner agencies wishing to submit an application proposal must submit by the noted deadline in eSnaps and must participate in the completion of the Community application. As part of the FY19 NOFA, the funding opportunity was communicated to the public through publication in Augusta's recognized legal organ, the Augusta Chronicle on Saturday, July 13, 2019 referencing the subsequent NOFA information session for prospective applicants. The CA then announced the opportunity during the July quarterly CoC meeting and subsequent Augusta, GA Con Plan public meeting on July 16, 2019. Additional notifications were made through distribution list mailings, social media and online posts. Prospective applicants were briefed on eligibility as it related to new projects, priorities, performance expectations and submission requirements at the information session on July 17, 2019.

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# 1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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## 1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects.

**Applicants must select the appropriate response for each federal, state, local, private, other organizations, or program source the CoC included in the planning and operation of projects that serve individuals experiencing homelessness, families experiencing homelessness, unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, persons who are fleeing domestic violence, or persons at risk of homelessness.**

Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects	Coordinates with Planning and Operation of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
Head Start Program	Yes
Funding Collaboratives	Not Applicable
Private Foundations	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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**1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC:**  
**1. consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds;**  
**2. participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients; and**  
**3. ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

Augusta HCD administers Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and is the CA/Lead Agency for CoC, affording coordination with the CoC in establishing priorities and performance standards for both ESG and CoC programs. HCD's ESG lead staff member sits on the CoC's Executive Committee and serves as the coordinator in developing funding priorities and performance standards for projects funded through ESG. The CA is also working to update its model for quality and evaluation standards for all HUD funded agencies in order to identify strengths, overcome barriers and improve each agency's overall outcomes. The local HMIS Administrator serves on the Executive Committee and provides TA to all local HCOs to ensure data quality is high in order to properly evaluate outcomes. The CA serves as the PJ for the CP/AP process, meaning integration of homeless data is incorporated into the local planning process and serves as a strong focus in the PJs housing and community development strategy.

**1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions.** Yes to both

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC provided Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area.**

**1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions.** Yes

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC ensured local homelessness information is communicated to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within its geographic area so it can be addressed in Consolidated Plan updates.**

**1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. the CoC's protocols, including protocols for coordinated entry and the CoC's emergency transfer plan, that prioritize safety and incorporate trauma-informed, victim-centered services; and**
- 2. how the CoC, through its coordinated entry, maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC's CE implementation is designed to meet the needs of victims of violence accessing services through both victim service providers and providers with services that are not specific to victims. The CE process is designed to ensure both safety and confidentiality by the decision of the CoC to appoint SafeHomes of Augusta as CE Lead for DV clients. Assessments conducted by CE staff will explore every possibility of a participant attempting to flee domestic violence, concerned for their safety, victim of stalking and any related violence. In such cases, the following will occur:

- Assessor will ensure that there is not an immediate threat to a participant's safety. If one exists, law enforcement will be contacted
- Participants are offered an immediate referral to DV-specific resources
- Households may choose to complete an assessment and receive services via the CE project or can receive an immediate referral to a DV specific agency
- If being assessed by a DV specific agency, participant information will not be entered into HMIS. De-identified information (DV comparable database, client key, VI-SPDAT score, family size, veteran status and chronicity) will be added to the supplemental prioritization list. Lead agency will follow the standard assessment, prioritization and referral process. CE staff are responsible for ensuring that participants are not denied access to the CE process on the basis that the participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking

**1C-3a. Training–Best Practices in Serving DV Survivors.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide training, at least on an annual basis, for:**

- 1. CoC area project staff that addresses safety and best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence; and**
- 2. Coordinated Entry staff that addresses safety and best practices (e.g., Trauma Informed Care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

Local CoC partners with subject matter expertise on victim services, SafeHomes of Augusta; Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services; and Intimate Partner Violence, strive to conduct partner training at least annually at regular, quarterly, full body CoC meetings. To ensure adherence to best practices, the focus of the training is partly to raise awareness of the impact of trauma on survivors of domestic violence, their functioning, and their ability to engage with services. Moreover, the CoC area project staff is educated about the principles of trauma-informed care with an emphasis on their implementation in the safety and planning protocols in order to enhance effectiveness of programs and facilitate a victim-centered approach to both program planning and service provision. Additionally, annual training is conducted with CE staff to ensure that interactions with clients experiencing domestic violence reflect trauma-informed

philosophy, prevent re-traumatization, foster sense of safety, and empower clients to move toward engagement with community resources while establishing autonomy and independence. Consequently, the training’s trauma-informed focus aids in identifying domestic violence victims, developing effective safety plans, and connecting them to the local domestic violence provider where they are able to gain access to further services, such as legal advocacy, financial assistance, counseling, and case management. The information of the identified clients is not entered into HMIS for safety reasons. The CoC’s DV provider uses an HMIS comparable database for data collection and client service record retention. Particular importance is placed on early involvement of domestic violence advocates and service providers with domestic violence victims to ensure continuum of care and immediate access to safety and wellness enhancing services.

**1C-3b. Domestic Violence–Community Need Data.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (limit 2,000 characters)**

Entry and exit questionnaires are used to ascertain the specific conditions of the persons experiencing homelessness, including victims of domestic violence. SafeHomes, the appointed CE Lead for domestic violence victims, identifies trends and addresses them with community partners within the CoC as needed to meet client needs. The DV CE Lead provides statistics and other data about these needs to the CoC as they relate to DV and the issue of homelessness. Additionally, review of annual data from HMIS comparable databases assists with identifying service disparities between victims of domestic violence and mainstream beneficiaries, allowing for a more thorough assessment of the unmet needs and gaps in community programs and resources that can inform future decision-making processes.

**\*1C-4. PHAs within CoC. Attachments Required.**

**Applicants must submit information for the two largest PHAs or the two PHAs with which the CoC has a working relationship within the CoC’s geographic area.**

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2018 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference	PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On
Augusta Housing Authority	39.00%	Yes-Both	No

**1C-4a. PHAs’ Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. provide the steps the CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within the CoC’s geographic area or the two PHAs the CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if the CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, applicants may respond for one; or**
- 2. state that the CoC does not work with the PHAs in its geographic area. (limit 2,000 characters)**

In years past, CoC partner agencies and CA staff struggled to develop a relationship with the local PHA. Numerous invitations to participate often went unanswered and there was not a referral relationship between CoC providers and the local PHA. CE staff worked to continue to assist clients with completing the application process for open waiting lists.

The GA-504 CoC has made great strides recently with collaborating with the Augusta Housing Authority (AHA). AHA has committed to a dedicated staff person that will regularly attend CoC meetings and is working to become a member of the CoC. Collaboration with AHA has also resulted in identification of homeless or previously homeless households who ultimately receive benefits through public housing or the HCV program and the development of preference policies that are more aligned with the needs of persons experiencing housing instability in the local community through the coordinated entry process. In addition, the AHA has committed resources, both personnel and financial, to the annual PIT count and is actively working on development of a formal relationship with the GA-504 CoC.

**1C-4b. Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a Moving On Strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction.**

No

**1C-5. Protecting Against Discrimination.**

**Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address all forms of discrimination, such as discrimination based on any protected classes under the Fair Housing Act and 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or -Insured Housing. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The GA-504 CoC has implemented a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source. Agencies within the CoC are expected to comply with the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Act that prohibits discrimination based on any protected classes. No otherwise qualified person will be denied housing or otherwise discouraged from obtaining housing by a CoC partner agency because of his/her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability. Additionally, we do not discriminate, deny or discourage individuals based on sexual orientation, gender identity or ability to speak English. Agencies must also comply with providing reasonable accommodations to all applicants, residents and referrals, who need such accommodations on a case by case basis with respect to the specific needs of

the individual. The GA-504 CoC recently hosted an Equal Access training conducted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to further engage and educate partner agencies on discriminatory expectations in. The CA is also the designated point of contact to initiate Fair Housing complaints in partnership with the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity and regularly promotes Fair Housing awareness and initiatives.

**\*1C-5a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC implemented an anti-discrimination policy and conduct training:**

1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source?	Yes
2. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively address discrimination based on any protected class under the Fair Housing Act?	Yes
3. Did the CoC conduct annual training on how to effectively address discrimination based on any protected class under 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or -Insured Housing?	Yes

**\*1C-6. Criminalization of Homelessness.**

**Applicants must select all that apply that describe the strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC’s geographic area.**

1. Engaged/educated local policymakers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Engaged/educated law enforcement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Engaged/educated local business leaders:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Implemented communitywide plans:	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. No strategies have been implemented:	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Other:(limit 50 characters)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1C-7. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Attachment Required.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area;**
- 2. demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach; and**
- 3. demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner. (limit 2,000 characters)**

Homeless individuals are provided access to services from multiple locations throughout the entire CoC geographic area, managed by a Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) center to ensure a fair and consistent process. Presentation at the CIA access point is not a prerequisite for service rendering as CE project staff can complete remote and, in some cases, on-site intake and assessment. Assessment can be completed in person, by phone or email, or with homeless outreach teams across the CoC. VI-SPDAT info is used to determine which housing intervention is the most appropriate. Referrals are completed through the CE workflow process in the HMIS system and are available to all HMIS CE Workflow participating programs. Households receive a score and are placed on the prioritization list with the most vulnerable at the top. The HMIS CE workflow process automatically compiles this list daily. The HMIS CE Workflow is completed and the household is enrolled within 24 hours of eligibility determination. CE staff or case managers provide the household with a list of available rental units that meet the needs of the household and assist as necessary with the goal of housing within 30 days. Once households have found appropriate housing and completed documentation, program staff will request financial assistance through the funding source referred by the CE project staff. Homeless households access the system through referrals from a wide variety of programs including, but not limited to, 211, school districts, domestic violence service providers and all members of the CoC. The CE Lead coordinates with existing street outreach programs as well as private and public agencies, social service organizations, etc. for referrals so that individuals sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person that is assessed. CE project staff performs outreach at soup kitchens and other areas where the homeless are known to congregate.

# 1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

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## 1D-1. Discharge Planning Coordination.

**Applicants must indicate whether the 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. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).**

Foster Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

# 1E. Local CoC Competition

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## \*1E-1. Local CoC Competition–Announcement, Established Deadline, Applicant Notifications. Attachments Required.

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:**

1. informed project applicants in its local competition announcement about point values or other ranking criteria the CoC would use to rank projects on the CoC Project Listings for submission to HUD for the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition;	Yes
2. established a local competition deadline, and posted publicly, for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline;	Yes
3. notified applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing along with the reason for the decision, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline; and	Yes
4. notified applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline.	Yes

## 1E-2. Project Review and Ranking–Objective Criteria.

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition:**

1. Used objective criteria to review and rank projects for funding (e.g., cost effectiveness of the project, performance data, type of population served);	Yes
2. Included one factor related to improving system performance (e.g., exits to permanent housing (PH) destinations, retention of PH, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness, job/income growth, etc.); and	Yes
3. Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers that utilized data generated from a comparable database and evaluated these projects on the degree they improve safety for the population served.	No

## 1E-3. Project Review and Ranking–Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities.

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**Applicants must describe:**  
**1. the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing and ranking projects; and**  
**2. how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account when reviewing and ranking projects.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC, in its announcement of available funding at its community information session on the FY19 CoC NOFA, indicated that the renewal projects must continue to serve PSH existing clients with a preference for chronically homeless persons for any unit availability that results from a change in program utilization. In the project rating and ranking process, the CoC considered chronic homelessness, length of time and number of times homeless, and disability to rank projects.

**1E-4. Public Postings–CoC Consolidated Application. Attachment Required.**

**Applicants must:**  
**1. indicate how the CoC made public the review and ranking process the CoC used for all project applications; or**  
**2. check 6 if the CoC did not make public the review and ranking process; and**  
**3. indicate how the CoC made public the CoC Consolidated Application—including the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing that includes all project applications accepted and ranked or rejected—which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; or**  
**4. check 6 if the CoC did not make public the CoC Consolidated Application.**

Public Posting of Objective Review and Ranking Process		Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, Project Listings	
1. Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Did Not Publicly Post Review and Ranking Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Did Not Publicly Post CoC Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1E-5. Reallocation between FY 2015 and FY 2018.**

**Applicants must report the percentage of the CoC's ARD that was reallocated between the FY 2015 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.**

**Reallocation:** 0%

**1E-5a. Reallocation–CoC Review of Performance of Existing Projects.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC written process for reallocation;**
  - 2. indicate whether the CoC approved the reallocation process;**
  - 3. describe how the CoC communicated to all applicants the reallocation process;**
  - 4. describe how the CoC identified projects that were low performing or for which there is less need; and**
  - 5. describe how the CoC determined whether projects that were deemed low performing would be reallocated.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC routinely conducts an annual ranking and review process of all of its CoC funded projects to determine if they should continue. Projects are ranked based on objective criteria, vulnerability of the population served and system-wide capacity to reduce homelessness and promote housing stability. This year, it used the HUD Project Ranking and Rating tool to rank projects based on 12 measures of performance. The tool satisfies the objective criteria requirement in the FY 2019 CoC Program NOFA. Priority is given to projects that serve the most vulnerable target groups, within the target population eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing. Priority is also given to projects which are 100% Dedicated projects to serve chronically homeless individuals and families. Additional ranking criteria are based on the projects' performance in serving the highest number of vulnerable individuals, especially those with more than one condition at entry and those who have experienced domestic violence, abuse, trafficking or other forms of exploitation. Key performance criteria are measures of housing outcomes described in the Rating and Ranking Procedure portion of the CoC's Written Standards. If a project is identified as low performing or demonstrates other unsatisfactory performance measures, including occupancy rate and costs, the project sponsor is advised that the project will be reallocated to meet the CoC's priorities or will be replaced by a project which scores highest on the HUD renewal/expansion project rating tool.

## DV Bonus

### Instructions

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### 1F-1 DV Bonus Projects.

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is requesting DV Bonus projects which are included on the CoC Priority Listing:** Yes

**1F-1a. Applicants must indicate the type(s) of project(s) included in the CoC Priority Listing.**

1. PH-RRH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Joint TH/RRH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. SSO Coordinated Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Applicants must click “Save” after checking SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 1F-3 and 1F-3a.**

### \*1F-2. Number of Domestic Violence Survivors in CoC’s Geographic Area.

**Applicants must report the number of DV survivors in the CoC’s geographic area that:**

Need Housing or Services	1,449.00
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the CoC is Currently Serving	394.00
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**1F-2a. Local Need for DV Projects.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. how the CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or service in question 1F-2; and**
  - 2. the data source (e.g., HMIS, comparable database, other administrative data, external data source).**
- (limit 500 characters)**

The number of DV survivors needing housing or services is determined based on information provided by local LEA/State court statistics of DV calls responded to between February of 2018 through February of 2019. The number currently being served is based off statistics from the HMIS comparable database reporting provided by the CoC DV Lead agency SafeHomes.

**1F-4. PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Project Applicant Capacity.**

**Applicants must provide information for each unique project applicant applying for PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus projects which the CoC is including in its CoC Priority Listing—using the list feature below.**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>DUNS Number</b>
SafeHomes of Augu...	030140326

## 1F-4. PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Project

### Applicant Capacity

DUNS Number:	030140326
Applicant Name:	SafeHomes of Augusta, Inc.
Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage:	98.00%
Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage:	55.00%

#### 1F-4a. Rate of Housing Placement and Housing Retention.

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention reported in the chart above; and**
- 2. the data source (e.g., HMIS, comparable database, other administrative data, external data source). (limit 500 characters)**

Rate of housing placement was calculated by the number of victims/survivors residing in the local DV Lead emergency shelter who exited with new living situations and the rate of retention was calculated by the number of clients remaining in stable housing based on information reported in an HMIS comparable database maintained by the DV Lead.

#### 1F-4b. DV Survivor Housing.

**Applicants must describe how project applicant ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into permanent housing. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC DV Lead agency, SafeHomes of Augusta, operates an emergency shelter to immediately house victims/survivors. While in shelter, all necessities are made available to assist clients such as clothing, toiletries and food. Shelter advocates are specially trained to assist clients on a daily basis and encourage them along their journey through case management, parenting classes, job skills training and more. For up to 30 days in shelter, the DV Lead works to help clients obtain permanent, safe and affordable housing, including a means of financial support as well as to help identify and overcome any other barriers faced upon exit. After exiting to permanent housing, clients receive quarterly follow up and support for up to one year to ensure continued safety and success, with continued encouragement to attend support group, counseling or life skills classes as needed.

#### 1F-4c. DV Survivor Safety.

**Applicants must describe how project applicant:**

- 1. ensured the safety of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:**
  - (a) training staff on safety planning;**
  - (b) adjusting intake space to better ensure a private conversation;**

- (c) conducting separate interviews/intake with each member of a couple;**
  - (d) working with survivors to have them identify what is safe for them as it relates to scattered site units and/or rental assistance;**
  - (e) maintaining bars on windows, fixing lights in the hallways, etc. for congregate living spaces operated by the applicant;**
  - (f) keeping the location confidential for dedicated units and/or congregate living spaces set-aside solely for use by survivors; and**
- 2. measured its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

- a) The local DV Lead Agency provides 24-hour staff to assist victims/survivors with determining levels of danger and to assist them in developing a personalized plan for safety that meets the individual needs of the client including a protocol for safe transport to and from services/referrals.
- b) Intake is completed in a separate, private consultation area that ensures confidentiality and eases the stress of an already traumatic situation.
- c) DV lead works directly with the victim/survivor (and any dependents) only as identified in their written policies and procedures. When necessary, spouse/partner is referred to a separate partner agency for intake and service. Victim and abuser service needs provision remain entirely separate so that it remains apparent to victims that there is no conflict of interest.
- d) DV Lead assesses housing needs with client and determines level of independence/need for support, access to resources and other considerations when making housing referrals to clients.
- e) DV Lead agency adheres to all applicable zoning, building, fire, health and safety codes and laws of the State and local government to include facility upkeep. Recently installed bullet resistant windows; access control for entry/exit; additional lights in parking lots and security cameras. Regular maintenance is conducted to ensure all systems are updated and working properly.
- f) DV Lead encourages clients to turn off location services on cell phones. No advertisement in any way for shelter services.

2) DV Lead agency attempts to provide an exit interview with each victim upon completion or service delivery or prior to departure from the program that includes questions on the perceived level of safety of the facility. This information is used to determine future facilities related projects and updates.

#### **1F-4d. Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. project applicant's experience in utilizing trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors; and**
- 2. how, if funded, the project will utilize trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:**
  - (a) prioritizing participant choice and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with participants' preferences;**
  - (b) establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;**
  - (c) providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g.,**

- training staff on providing program participant with information on trauma;**
  - (d) placing emphasis on the participant’s strengths, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans include assessments of program participants strengths and works towards goals and aspirations;**
  - (e) centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination;**
  - (f) delivering opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and**
  - (g) offering support for parenting, e.g., parenting classes, childcare.**
- (limit 4,000 characters)**

Local CoC partners with subject matter expertise on victim services, SafeHomes of Augusta; Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services; and Intimate Partner Violence, strive to conduct partner training at least annually at regular, quarterly, full body CoC meetings. To ensure adherence to best practices, the focus of the training is partly to raise awareness of the impact of trauma on survivors of domestic violence, their functioning, and their ability to engage with services. Moreover, the CoC area project staff is educated about the principles of trauma-informed care with an emphasis on their implementation in the safety and planning protocols in order to enhance effectiveness of programs and facilitate a victim-centered approach to both program planning and service provision. Additionally, annual training is conducted with CE staff to ensure that interactions with clients experiencing domestic violence reflect trauma-informed philosophy, prevent re-traumatization, foster sense of safety, and empower clients to move toward engagement with community resources while establishing autonomy and independence. Consequently, the training’s trauma-informed focus aids in identifying domestic violence victims, developing effective safety plans, and connecting them to the local domestic violence provider where they are able to gain access to further services, such as legal advocacy, financial assistance, counseling, and case management. The information of the identified clients is not entered into HMIS for safety reasons. The CoC’s DV provider uses an HMIS comparable database for data collection and client service record retention. Particular importance is placed on early involvement of domestic violence advocates and service providers with domestic violence victims to ensure continuum of care and immediate access to safety and wellness enhancing services with a goal of housing first to narrow the gap in resources and ensure sustainability.

Additionally, program guidelines are written in positive and respectful language, including guidelines posted in DV service facilities. Comprehensive intake is conducted within 72 hours to include: a list of program services, confidentiality agreement, safe care arrangements/education plans for children, safety planning and danger assessment, making every reasonable effort to keep victims eligible for services. The CoC and DV partners implement a victim-centered approach to assist victim and their dependents with problematic/disruptive behaviors. The victim’s constitutional rights to privacy in their person, property, communications, papers and effects are respected. Circumstances may occur where intervention is necessary to protect the health and safety of shelter residents/staff. Every victim and their dependents are provided access to an emergency shelter that is structurally safe and accommodates the particularly security concerns; food, clothing and hygiene items free of charge; assistance accessing medical services; a personal and secure location for belongings that is accessible at all times to the victim; basic

advocacy and crisis intervention services 24 hours/day and the option to practice religions/spiritual beliefs as long as they do not interfere with the rights of other residents. Individualized service plans are developed in collaboration with the victim based upon identified goals and not a standardized formula that is used to assess needs, appoint priorities, set goals, implement progress towards goals and locate resources. Individual and group counseling, peer support groups and referrals to community based services are offered to assist in the recovery from the effects of violence.

**1F-4e. Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.**

**Applicants must describe how the project applicant met services needs and ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into permanent housing while addressing their safety needs, including:**

- **Child Custody**
- **Legal Services**
- **Criminal History**
- **Bad Credit History**
- **Education**
- **Job Training**
- **Employment**
- **Physical/Mental Healthcare**
- **Drug and Alcohol Treatment**
- **Childcare**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

The DV Lead works to emphasize safety and stability for victims/survivors and their children. Through the development of individual plans focused on securing and maintaining housing, victims identify goals that address issues such as increasing income, paying rent on time, budgeting and participation in services that strengthen family safety and well-being, including, but are not limited to, housing location/stabilization, counseling, children's services, economic empowerment services, education/training, employment services, mental health support, legal assistance and safety planning. The DV Lead agency works with other partner agencies to establish realistic and achievable goals that will enable clients to build self-sufficiency.

Residential shelter clients are encouraged to participate in weekly Support Groups and various Life Skills Classes, and are given the opportunity to participate in individual counseling, as well as to meet with legal advocate that provides education about the legal system, companionship during the petition and court hearing processes and extensive safety planning for anyone impacted by family violence. Legal advocacy consists of assistance with filing protection orders, accompaniment to court hearings and assistance throughout the court process, referrals to attorneys, victim assistance providers and crisis intervention programs and assistance in safety planning. Partner agencies also provide accompaniment to the hospital for survivors seeking or in need of medical care. DV survivors serviced through the CoC receive intensive, trauma-informed counseling and support services to meet their varied and profound needs. Children and parents have access to staff to ensure they receive: one-on-one and group support to enroll them in school, childcare and

recreational/social programs; medical care, including exams and vaccines; access to mental health specialists; and support groups to enhance parenting skills in a supportive environment.

## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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**2A-1. HMIS Vendor Identification. Eccovia**

**Applicants must review the HMIS software vendor name brought forward from FY 2018 CoC Application and update the information if there was a change.**

**2A-2. Bed Coverage Rate Using HIC and HMIS Data.**

**Using 2019 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type:**

Project Type	Total Number of Beds in 2019 HIC	Total Beds Dedicated for DV in 2019 HIC	Total Number of 2019 HIC Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	216	16	148	74.00%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	28	0	18	64.29%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	31	0	31	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	163	0	28	17.18%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

**2A-2a. Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-2.**

**For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-2., applicants must describe:**

**1. steps the CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and  
2. how the CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.  
(limit 2,000 characters)**

GA-504 continues to work to bring our faith-based missions that provide emergency shelter into our HMIS database, but continued efforts to incentivize their participation have failed to gain their support. The CoC intends to further these efforts through new initiatives conducted by Coordinated Entry staff performing direct outreach to clients served by these providers, with hopes that they will bring their programs online in the coming program year.

In Permanent Supportive Housing, the largest provider, HUD-VASH, continues to decline participation in HMIS. The CoC has offered multiple incentives for the VASH program to participate in HMIS, including waiver of licensing fees, but the local VA homeless services director has been unable to acquire the local approvals to participate in HMIS. The CA is the HMIS lead and provided the VA homeless services director with alternative options, requesting that VASH staff complete a form that contains all required data elements for program enrollment in HMIS. HUD-VASH staff stated that they could not provide the required data through this alternative option due to privacy and confidentiality concerns. The CoC's CE project, through the standard intake process, automatically identifies and refers veterans to appropriate resources, including the HUD-VASH program through off-line referrals.

The coverage rate in Transitional Housing is reflective of the local priority shift away from TH programming, leaving most providers in that space operating without federal funding and not desiring to participate in HMIS. The same incentives mentioned previously regarding VASH participation are openly available to TH providers, but several remain opposed to HMIS participation.

**\*2A-3. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC submitted its LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0.** Yes

**\*2A-4. HIC HDX Submission Date.**

**Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2019 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX).  
(mm/dd/yyyy)** 04/30/2019

## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time Count

### Instructions:

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**2B-1. PIT Count Date.** 01/22/2019

**Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2019 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy).**

**2B-2. PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.** 04/30/2019

**Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy).**

**2B-3. Sheltered PIT Count–Change in Implementation.**

**Applicants must describe:**

**1. any changes in the sheltered count implementation, including methodology or data quality methodology changes from 2018 to 2019, if applicable; and**

**2. how the changes affected the CoC’s sheltered PIT count results; or**  
**3. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

Going into PIT 2019, GA-504 instituted data quality protocol changes to improve the validity of the sheltered PIT data. There was a heavier focus on providing one-on-one technical assistance with non-HMIS agencies and providing through HMIS data quality training with HMIS-participating agencies these data quality changes improved the validity and reliability of the data. The CoC facilitated increased training opportunities for the community on PIT requirements and specifically worked with the DV shelters and non-HUD-funded transitional housing programs to ensure a complete census on the night of the count.

Training focused on ensuring the numbers reported reflect timely data entry and

data accuracy from each contributing partner agency. In addition, improved data quality training with HMIS-participating agencies lead to better data collection, resulting in an increase of persons reported from 2018. The CoC lead, organized and analyzed PIT data reports from HMIS and had individual communication with each contributing partner agency to ensure timely data entry and data accuracy. Review of intake dates noted within HMIS ensured a proper count of those utilizing shelter services on the night of the count. The result of this review and subsequent data correction by agencies was a reported increase of persons utilizing emergency shelter on the night of the count.

**\*2B-4. Sheltered PIT Count—Changes Due to Presidentially-declared Disaster.**

**Applicants must select whether the CoC added or removed emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe-Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially-declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC’s 2019 sheltered PIT count.** No

**2B-5. Unsheltered PIT Count—Changes in Implementation.**

**Applicants must describe:**  
**1. any changes in the unsheltered count implementation, including methodology or data quality methodology changes from 2018 to 2019, if applicable; and**  
**2. how the changes affected the CoC’s unsheltered PIT count results; or**  
**3. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

Not Applicable

**\*2B-6. PIT Count—Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness.**

**Applicants must:**

**Indicate whether the CoC implemented specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in their 2019 PIT count.** No

**2B-7. PIT Count—Improvements to Implementation.**

**Applicants must describe the CoC’s actions implemented in its 2019 PIT count to better count:**  
**1. individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness;**  
**2. families with children experiencing homelessness; and**  
**3. Veterans experiencing homelessness.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

GA-504 implemented several changes to improve its 2019 count to better represent the following sub-populations (1) persons experiencing CH; (2) families w/children and (3) homeless Veterans. Changes included increased coordination with partner agencies and improved HMIS data analysis. The GA-504 PIT count sub-committee held meetings starting in March with agencies that specifically serve each of these populations to identify any potential they may have been unrepresented in the 2018 count and to formulate an improved process for this year. Specific to CH populations, GA-504 improved sheltered data integrity by having the HMIS admin analyze shelter PIT reports and engage in direct TA to ensure data quality, validity and integrity related to CH designation, especially in local emergency shelters. In an effort to improve the sheltered PIT count for homeless families, the HMIS admin provided training to partner agencies who are the main provider of ES services for families within the CoC. Training focused on ensuring accurate intake dates and family composition. To better count veterans, Forces United and the VA coordinated with other members of the GA-504 Veteran Housing Committee to engage peer volunteers to identify locations where homeless veterans are known to frequent and to participate in the count. The CoC will continue to increase coordination with community partners and improve HMIS data quality again to ensure and accurate reflection of sub-populations in future counts.

### 3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

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#### \*3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.

Applicants must:

Report the Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.	1,075
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#### 3A-1a. First Time Homeless Risk Factors.

Applicants must:

1. describe the process the CoC developed to identify risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
2. describe the CoC’s strategy to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. (limit 2,000 characters)

- (1) The CoC has incorporated entry and exit surveys to better determine the risk factors that contribute to persons experiencing homelessness including those experiencing homelessness for the first time. The GA-504 also analyzes the supply of permanent housing units for persons with low income throughout the community compared to the number of individuals receiving services through CoC partners annually and the number of days/nights that temporary shelter options are being utilized.
- (2) Implementing diversion strategies to avoid first time homelessness including collaboration with the faith based community to provide assistance where federally-funded dollars cannot; ID’ing the clients’ obstacles, available personal

and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering homelessness rates. The GA-504 also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction. The CoC also works closely with the local Legal Aid organization to provide representation and services for families facing eviction.

(3) Coordinated entry through CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority's Centralized Intake and Assessment/Resource Center for the Homeless

**\*3A-2. Length of Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

Report Average Length of Time Individuals and Persons in Families Remained Homeless as Reported in HDX.
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**3A-2a. Strategy to Reduce Length of Time Homeless.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;**
  - 2. describe how the 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 the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

Use of a RRH model to ensure families and individuals are placed within 30 days of presenting for services; clients assessed using SPDAT tool to ensure provision of appropriate services and interventions; chronically homeless individuals and families are given preference; outreach is performed to actively identify this population; if PSH is unavailable at time of assessment, RRH model can be used as interim assistance until PSH placement is possible. ID'ing the clients' obstacles, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering homelessness rates. The GA-504 also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction.

**\*3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	22%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	97%

**3A-3a. Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;**
- 2. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;**
- 3. describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and**
- 4. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

GA-504 has developed strategies to increase the rate at which households in ES, TH and RRH exit to permanent destinations. Current strategies are: (1) connect the most vulnerable households to RRH and PSH through an efficient and effective CE system (2) build relationships with local landlords to increase access to affordable housing units (3) connect households to mainstream housing subsidies (4) connect households to support services and mainstream benefits (5) connect households to education/employment training opportunities to improve their self-sufficiency. In unison, these strategies ensure households are linked to affordable housing options, have the necessary income to afford access and sustain that housing and have services available that are appropriate to ensure ongoing housing stability. Strategies to increase the rate at which households in permanent housing projects, other than RRH, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations have been more successful with a rate of 97% in FY18. Current strategies are (1) engage with consumers to ensure they are meeting their individualized service goals and are stable within housing (2) implement the CoC Move On Strategy, which includes providing pre-transition services such as basic living skills training, employment and community integration supports – as well as strong aftercare supports to ensure a successful transition over the long-term and (3) partner with affordable housing providers and cultivate relationships with local landlords to maintain an ongoing list of affordable housing vacancies. These strategies ensure clients in PSH programs are supported in maintaining housing, while fostering opportunities for greater housing self-sufficiency within the community. The position in charge of overseeing all of those strategies is the housing and

services committee who reports to the GA-504 exec board.

**\*3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6-month period as reported in HDX.	10%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 12-month period as reported in HDX.	2%

**3A-4a. Returns to Homelessness–CoC Strategy to Reduce Rate.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the strategy the CoC has implemented to identify individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness;**
- 2. describe the 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 the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The Ga-504 CoC has implemented the utilization of entry/exit surveys to identify the risk factors clients experience allowing for analysis of the impact of these factors on the outcomes the clients experience. The CoC has designated the management of this responsibility to the HMIS admin. Partner RRH/PSH agencies offer wrap around services and intensive case managements to address the barriers that made or kept clients homeless so as to prevent a return. Partner RRH/PSH agencies continue support of clients upon program exit for approximately six months to ensure housing stability and/or provide resources as needed to maintain housing status. Prevention and shelter diversion are key interventions in the CoC’s fight to reduce returns to homelessness. Immediate screening for these possibilities at entry preserves emergency beds for those who truly have nowhere else to go. Access to rental subsidies and CM at entry is often enough to ensure formerly homeless households successfully maintain stable housing. The CoC utilizes these tactics interchangeably in its strategy. Prevention targets those at imminent risk of homelessness and diversion targets people as they are applying for entry into shelter. Once a household enters in the system, it is assessed to determine needs through a series of questions during assessment.

Diversion activities include:

- Financial assistance;
- Mediation;
- Legal assistance;
- Exploration of other short term housing options;
- Referral for mainstream resources;
- Other emergency assistance

The determining factor that CE staff will weigh when considering diversion assistance is “but for” the assistance be requested; the household would return

to homelessness. This ensures that diversion assistance will be provided to the households in most need.

**\*3A-5. Cash Income Changes as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in CoC Program-funded Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing projects that increased their employment income from entry to exit as reported in HDX.	17%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in CoC Program-funded Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing projects that increased their non-employment cash income from entry to exit as reported in HDX.	38%

**3A-5a. Increasing Employment Income.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to increase employment income;**
  - 2. describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to employment;**
  - 3. describe how the CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and**
  - 4. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1) The CoC's strategy to increase access to employment income is through collaboration with employment agencies and implementing and strengthening supported employment programs. This process begins at the Coordinated Entry project, our CoC's Centralized Intake and Assessment resource center. When families and individuals are assessed at the point of entry, they will be connected with local agencies who provide the necessary services that are appropriate for addressing their specific barriers to self-sufficiency. Some examples of employment resources are: Salvation Army Job Skills Training Program, Walton Options for Independent Living for those with disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation through the GA DOL for those living with disabilities.

2) To increase access to employment, the CoC continues collaborations with providers like Goodwill to help clients gain work skills and employment opportunities. CoC agencies also collaborate on hosting job fairs to help bring employers to clients. CoC Partners work to identify and utilize additional employment opportunities through referrals to local apprenticeship, job training and soft-skills training programs such as Second Chances, Megiddo Dream Station, RPM, and the EOA High Demand Career Initiative. The CoC's Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

**3A-5b. Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income;**
- 2. describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources;**
- 3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.**

The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to coordinate training and outreach and strengthen partnerships with agencies that assist with benefits. The CoC has a SOAR trained staff who act as liaisons with the social security office. The SOAR process is able to be started even before a client gets into housing to help get clients income sooner. These specialists work with clients to help them in the process of obtaining SSI/SSDI benefits to increase non-employment income. 2) The CoC strategy for increasing access to non-employment cash income is to increase non-employment resources the CoC assists clients in connecting with resources through our local Dept. of Human Service programs (TANF, WIC, EBT, etc.) through a partnership agreement between our CE project and the local DFCS office. Multiple CoC agencies work to provide clients with access to agencies that assist with SSI/SSDI, VA disability compensation, and retirement income to ensure clients are able to access benefits or begin the process as soon as possible. For Veteran clients, CoC veteran service providers utilize the VA's Homeless Providers Assistance Program to determine benefits client can access. 3) The CoC Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

### **3A-5c. Increasing Employment. Attachment Required.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC:**

- 1. promoted partnerships and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations, such as holding job fairs, outreach to employers, and partnering with staffing agencies; and**
  - 2. is working with public and private organizations to provide meaningful, education and training, on-the-job training, internship, and employment opportunities for residents of permanent supportive housing that further their recovery and well-being.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC has worked to promote partnerships and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations through job fairs and targeting outreach to flexible employers. The CoC's strategy to increase access to employment and non-employment cash resources starts at the CE project. When families and individuals are assessed at the point of entry, they will be connected with local agencies who provide the necessary services that are appropriate for addressing their specific barriers to self-sufficiency. Some examples of employment resources are: Salvation Army Job Skills Training Program, Walton Options for Independent Living and Vocational Rehab through the GA Department of Labor for those living with disabilities. To increase non-employment resources the CoC assists clients in connecting with resources through our local department of human services programs (i.e. TANF, WIC, EBT, etc.) through a partnership agreement between our CE project and the local DFCS office. Several CoC agencies work with public and private organizations, such as Goodwill, to provide coordinated access to employment training. Many partner agencies have also established

strong partnerships for on-site financial counseling for their clients, including accessing employment and increasing employment income.

**3A-5d. Promoting Employment, Volunteerism, and Community Service.**

**Applicants must select all the steps the CoC has taken to promote employment, volunteerism and community service among people experiencing homelessness in the CoC’s geographic area:**

1. The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The CoC trains provider organization staff on facilitating informal employment opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness (e.g., babysitting, housekeeping, food delivery).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants with formal employment opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The CoC trains provider organization staff on volunteer opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The CoC works with organizations to create volunteer opportunities for program participants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The CoC works with community organizations to create opportunities for civic participation for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., townhall forums, meeting with public officials).	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Provider organizations within the CoC have incentives for employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The CoC trains provider organization staff on helping program participants budget and maximize their income to maintain stability in permanent housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3A-6. System Performance Measures Data–HDX Submission Date** 05/31/2019

**Applicants must enter the date the CoCs submitted its FY 2018 System Performance Measures data in HDX. (mm/dd/yyyy)**

## 3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives

### Instructions

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### 3B-1. Prioritizing Households with Children.

**Applicants must check each factor the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children for assistance during FY 2019.**

1. History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Number of previous homeless episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Unsheltered homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Criminal History	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Bad credit or rental history	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### 3B-1a. Rapid Rehousing of Families with Children.

**Applicants must:**

**1. describe how the CoC currently rehouses every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless that addresses both housing and service needs;**

**2. describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families with children successfully maintain their housing once**

**assistance ends; and**  
**3. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of them becoming homeless. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The GA-504 CoC is currently at less than 30 days for RRH placement. This is accomplished by utilizing a localized database of land lords that currently work with our Partner Agencies to expedite placement once clients have been assessed, prioritized and selected for assistance. Assessments are conducted on each household as they enter a project to identify the services needed that will increase their chances of maintaining housing once assistance has ended. During this time, providers assist with landlord communication, client planning and information exchange, lease signing, timeline planning, and moving into housing. 2) The CoC addresses housing and service needs to ensure families maintain housing through Case Management and supportive services in conjunction with housing programs. The case manager utilizes assessment data to assist the household in developing their goals for a self-sufficiency plan and connecting them to community resources. The case managers work with the individuals to consider self-sufficiency when exercising their choice for housing. Action Ministries is the local partner agency responsible for oversight of these strategies for the GA-504 CoC.

**3B-1b. Antidiscrimination Policies.**

**Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH)) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on any protected classes under the Fair Housing Act, and consistent with 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or - Insured Housing.**

1. CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded housing and services providers on these topics.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. CoC conducts optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded housing and service providers on these topics.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that might be out of compliance and has taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**3B-1c. Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Addressing Needs.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC’s strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness who are 24 years of age and younger includes the following:**

1. Unsheltered homelessness	Yes
2. Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation	Yes
3. LGBT youth homelessness	Yes
4. Exits from foster care into homelessness	No
5. Family reunification and community engagement	Yes
6. Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs	Yes

**3B-1c.1. Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Prioritization Based on Needs.**

**Applicants must check all that apply that describes the CoC’s current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.**

1. History of, or Vulnerability to, Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Number of Previous Homeless Episodes	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Unsheltered Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Criminal History	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Bad Credit or Rental History	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3B-1d. Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Housing and Services Strategies.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC increased availability of housing and services for:**

- 1. all youth experiencing homelessness, including creating new youth-focused projects or modifying current projects to be more youth-specific or youth-inclusive; and**
  - 2. youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness including creating new youth-focused projects or modifying current projects to be more youth-specific or youth-inclusive.**
- (limit 3,000 characters)**

GA-504’s strategy to provide new resources and/or more effectively use existing resources to assist and deliver services for homeless youth has two components: (1) encourage more collaboration between partner agencies to enhance current resources to ensure a focus on youth and (2) secure additional funding by applying for federal/state funding to provide resources to homeless youth and youth aging out of foster care, staying with friends or otherwise not stably housed. To increase collaboration with agencies that provide services to youth, the CoC focused on community outreach to those agencies to increase the number of members participating on the housing and services committee, as well as collaborating with a RHY provider in a neighboring county for agency mentoring and guidance. The goal of this new partnership focus is to create

collaboration between youth service providers and non-traditional partners such as mainstream homeless service providers and local school liaisons. This collaboration is designed to more effectively utilize current resources not afforded to homeless youth in the past. To quantify the need and support requests for additional funding, the CoC Executive Committee has sought to conduct new outreach strategies to connect with homeless youth to justify requested increases in funding to increase the number of ES and RRH beds dedicated to youth. The combination of these strategies lead to (1) increased participation within the housing and services committee and (2) led the CoC to apply for additional funds via the RHY program application to develop RRH beds for youth. The process of applying for additional funding dedicated to youth has laid the groundwork for a more coordinated community-wide plan.

**3B-1d.1. Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Measuring Effectiveness of Housing and Services Strategies.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. provide evidence the CoC uses to measure each of the strategies in question 3B-1d. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness;**
- 2. describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of both strategies in question 3B-1d.; and**
- 3. describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of both strategies in question 3B-1d. (limit 3,000 characters)**

In order to measure the noted strategies in question 3B-1d the CoC: (1) tracks HSC participation, (2) tracks the funding applications to create additional youth specific resources and (3) tracks youth specific housing inventory data bi-annually (HIC and mid-year). In order to track HSC participation and capacity, attendance reports and a meeting summary are provided to the CoC board quarterly. Also tracked and reported to the board are the number of applications submitted to charitable foundations and governmental agencies that would fund youth housing services. To calculate the effectiveness of securing additional funding, bi-annually the CoC collaborates with the HMIS admin to collect an accurate housing inventory of beds dedicated to homeless youth as well as youth aging out of foster care, staying with friends or otherwise not stably housed. To determine the overall effectiveness of the sub-pop housing strategies GA-504 utilizes HMIS system performance measures and other community level data with specific attention to housing outcomes including status at program exit, returns to homelessness, increase in benefits and income and completion rate of education or GED programs.

**3B-1e. Collaboration–Education Services.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. the formal partnerships with:**
  - a. youth education providers;**
  - b. McKinney-Vento LEA or SEA; and**
  - c. school districts; and**

**2. how the CoC collaborates with:  
a. youth education providers;  
b. McKinney-Vento Local LEA or SEA; and  
c. school districts.  
(limit 2,000 characters)**

CoC partner agency has a dedicated staff person assigned to work with the Richmond County Board of Education’s (Board) homeless children’s liaison to ensure all homeless children receive eligible services through the board. A MOU between the CE project and the board is in effect to formalize this relationship. The homeless coordinators routinely visit our largest homeless shelter to inform homeless individuals and families of services they may be eligible for. Additionally, transportation services are facilitated by partner agencies in concert with local BoE reps to ensure students are transported to their appropriate school regardless of their current housing situation in a safe and discreet manner.

**3B-1e.1. Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homeless about Education Services Eligibility.**

**Applicants must describe policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services.  
(limit 2,000 characters)**

To inform households who become homeless of eligibility for education services, the CoC developed and adopted policies and procedures noted within the written standards. Many individual CoC agencies have their own policies and programs for linking clients with educational services. These ensure all households are informed of their rights to access educational services and are supported in accessing these services. CoC policy requires providers to 1) designate a specialized staff person to provide direct educational supports to families who move into permanent housing from shelter as well as 2) designate staff to support families in shelter with ensuring there is no disruption in current education services. The staff person is expected to connect and work with both the families and the school system to ensure the most appropriate services are made available to households and that they are able to overcome any barriers to accessing educational services, including issues with transportation. For example, local shelter staff and supportive housing case managers are required to coordinate with local McKinney-Vento Liaisons in the families’ existing school district to coordinate transportation services and ongoing enrollment for children in households experiencing homelessness.

**3B-1e.2. Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.**

**Applicant must indicate whether the CoC has an MOU/MOA or other types of agreements with listed providers of early childhood services and supports and may add other providers not listed.**

MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
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Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
Head Start	Yes	No
Early Head Start	Yes	No
Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
Federal Home Visiting Program	No	No
Healthy Start	No	No
Public Pre-K	No	No
Birth to 3 years	No	No
Tribal Home Visting Program	No	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

**3B-2. Active List of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness.**

**Applicant must indicate whether the CoC uses an active list or by-name list to identify all veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC.** Yes

**3B-2a. VA Coordination–Ending Veterans Homelessness.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is actively working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending veteran homelessness.** Yes

**3B-2b. Housing First for Veterans.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has sufficient resources to ensure each veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach.** Yes

**3B-3. Racial Disparity Assessment. Attachment Required.**

**Applicants must:**  
 1. select all that apply to indicate the findings from the CoC’s Racial Disparity Assessment; or  
 2. select 7 if the CoC did not conduct a Racial Disparity Assessment.

1. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. The results are inconclusive for racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The CoC did not conduct a racial disparity assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3B-3a. Addressing Racial Disparities.**

**Applicants must select all that apply to indicate the CoC’s strategy to address any racial disparities identified in its Racial Disparities Assessment:**

1. The CoC is ensuring that staff at the project level are representative of the persons accessing homeless services in the CoC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. The CoC has identified the cause(s) of racial disparities in their homeless system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The CoC has identified strategies to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The CoC has implemented strategies to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The CoC has identified resources available to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6: The CoC did not conduct a racial disparity assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

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**4A-1. Healthcare—Enrollment/Effective Utilization**

**Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance and effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.**

Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
Private Insurers:	No	Yes
Non-Profit, Philanthropic:	Yes	Yes
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

**4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within the geographic area;**
- 2. describe how the CoC disseminates the availability of mainstream resources and other assistance information to projects and how often;**
- 3. describe how the CoC works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in**

- health insurance;**  
**4. describe how the CoC provides assistance with the effective utilization of Medicaid and other benefits; and**  
**5. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

To keep program staff up-to-date on mainstream resources, information and availability of resources are disseminated through quarterly CoC and monthly committee meetings, a CoC newsletter, and ongoing training where new information is shared and peer learning is facilitated. The CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness by coordinating with agencies who assist with mainstream benefit applications through the CE sponsor, as well as additional collaboration and coordination with DFCS and other benefit programs. The annual Homeless Stand Down event includes healthcare providers who provide clients with onsite medical care and resources. Presenters come to partner agencies and clients to educate on available benefits, eligibility, enrollment and utilization; partner agency staff also assist with these applications on a case management level.

5) The CoC CE Sponsor at CSRA EOA is responsible for the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits.

CoC partner agency, Golden Harvest has a dedicated caseworker on staff that goes into shelters and other locations with the sole purpose of helping individuals to access benefits. Through the local Health Department, WIC program coordinators also perform this service at various locations throughout the CoC service area to include shelters.

**4A-2. Lowering Barriers to Entry Data:**

**Applicants must report:**

1. Total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in FY 2019 CoC Program Competition.	7
2. Total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in FY 2019 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	7
Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

**4A-3. Street Outreach.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC’s street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged;**
- 2. state whether the CoC’s Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC’s geographic area;**
- 3. describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and**
- 4. describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

The CE Lead coordinates with existing street outreach programs as well as private and public agencies, social service organizations, etc. for referrals so that individuals sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person that is assessed. Street outreach for the GA-504 covers 100% if the geographic area with the Project to Assist the Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Team, whose staff conducts daily outreach, working specifically with people who are least likely to request assistance due to mental health issues. Additionally, PATH hosts Resource Fairs that are open to the community to assist persons experiencing housing difficulties and connect them to services. CE project staff performs outreach at soup kitchens and other areas where the homeless are known to congregate. Outreach begins with the annual PIT count, which allows for evaluation and identification of encampments throughout the geographic area for ongoing monitoring and support in conjunction with PATH outreach conducted and the SMART task force at least monthly with local law enforcement agencies (LEAs). CoC partners assist with the annual homelessness resource fair known as the Stand Down for Homeless event hosted by the local VA. CoC outreach is designed in order to reach persons who are not as likely to request assistance or seek out services in the traditional ways. Outreach workers utilize engagement techniques with homeless individuals by stating who they are, having bags of necessities to hand out, and building rapport over time to gain trust. The CoC also provides training on trauma-informed care and other engagement strategies for all outreach workers. Working with local churches, Veterans Service organizations, and state employees, the CoC connects with populations that may not come directly to agencies for services. PATH outreach engages with encampments in concert with the local LEAs, Health Department and other service providers.

**4A-4. RRH Beds as Reported in HIC.**

**Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2018 and 2019.**

	2018	2019	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	0	31	31

**4A-5. Rehabilitation/Construction Costs–New Projects.** No

**Applicants must indicate whether any new project application the CoC ranked and submitted in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition is requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction.**

**4A-6. Projects Serving Homeless under Other** No

**Federal Statutes.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other federal statutes.**

## 4B. Attachments

**Instructions:**

Multiple files may be attached as a single .zip file. For instructions on how to use .zip files, a reference document is available on the e-snaps training site:  
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
_ FY 2019 CoC Competition Report (HDX Report)	Yes	--	09/20/2019
1C-4.PHA Administration Plan–Moving On Multifamily Assisted Housing Owners’ Preference.	No		
1C-4. PHA Administrative Plan Homeless Preference.	No	--	09/20/2019
1C-7. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System.	Yes	--	09/20/2019
1E-1.Public Posting–15-Day Notification Outside e-snaps–Projects Accepted.	Yes	--	09/20/2019
1E-1. Public Posting–15-Day Notification Outside e-snaps–Projects Rejected or Reduced.	Yes	--	09/24/2019
1E-1.Public Posting–30-Day Local Competition Deadline.	Yes	--	09/20/2019
1E-1. Public Posting–Local Competition Announcement.	Yes	--	09/20/2019
1E-4.Public Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A. Written Agreement with Local Education or Training Organization.	No		
3A. Written Agreement with State or Local Workforce Development Board.	No		
3B-3. Summary of Racial Disparity Assessment.	Yes	--	09/20/2019
4A-7a. Project List-Homeless under Other Federal Statutes.	No		
Other	No		
Other	No		

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Other	No		
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**Submission Summary**

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## PIT Count Data for GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

### Total Population PIT Count Data

	2016 PIT	2017 PIT	2018 PIT	2019 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	287	246	269	384
Emergency Shelter Total	143	144	172	216
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	123	55	50	7
Total Sheltered Count	266	199	222	223
Total Unsheltered Count	21	47	47	161

### Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2016 PIT	2017 PIT	2018 PIT	2019 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	42	30	18	42
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	29	28	16	23
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	13	2	2	19

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### PIT Count Data for GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

#### Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2016 PIT	2017 PIT	2018 PIT	2019 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	31	11	11	23
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	30	11	11	19
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	1	0	0	4

#### Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	69	48	44	29	31
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	69	46	39	24	25
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	0	2	5	5	6

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HIC Data for GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

**HMIS Bed Coverage Rate**

Project Type	Total Beds in 2019 HIC	Total Beds in 2019 HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) Beds	216	16	148	74.00%
Safe Haven (SH) Beds	0	0	0	NA
Transitional Housing (TH) Beds	28	0	18	64.29%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Beds	31	0	31	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Beds	163	0	28	17.18%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) Beds	0	0	0	NA
Total Beds	438	16	225	53.32%

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## HIC Data for GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

### PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2016 HIC	2017 HIC	2018 HIC	2019 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	0	169	0	135

### Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2016 HIC	2017 HIC	2018 HIC	2019 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC		28	0	6

### Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2016 HIC	2017 HIC	2018 HIC	2019 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC		80	0	31

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## FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Summary Report for GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

For each measure enter results in each table from the System Performance Measures report generated out of your CoCs HMIS System. There are seven performance measures. Each measure may have one or more “metrics” used to measure the system performance. Click through each tab above to enter FY2017 data for each measure and associated metrics.

RESUBMITTING FY2018 DATA: If you provided revised FY2018 data, the original FY2018 submissions will be displayed for reference on each of the following screens, but will not be retained for analysis or review by HUD.

ERRORS AND WARNINGS: If data are uploaded that creates selected fatal errors, the HDX will prevent the CoC from submitting the System Performance Measures report. The CoC will need to review and correct the original HMIS data and generate a new HMIS report for submission.

Some validation checks will result in warnings that require explanation, but will not prevent submission. Users should enter a note of explanation for each validation warning received. To enter a note of explanation, move the cursor over the data entry field and click on the note box. Enter a note of explanation and “save” before closing.

### Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

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

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

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

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### FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Universe (Persons)			Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	1353	1283	1271	121	35	45	10	26	10	11	1
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	1361	1395	1380	122	65	78	13	26	14	14	0

b. This measure is based on data element 3.17.

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

The construction of this measure changed, per HUD's specifications, between FY 2016 and FY 2017. HUD is aware that this may impact the change between these two years.

	Universe (Persons)			Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1353	1386	1410	121	188	168	-20	26	36	41	5
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1361	1498	1519	122	207	194	-13	26	47	50	3

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## FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

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

After entering data, please review and confirm your entries and totals. Some HMIS reports may not list the project types in exactly the same order as they are displayed below.

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)		Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months			Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	% of Returns	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	% of Returns	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	% of Returns	FY 2018	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	81	74	2	10	14%	0	3	4%	3	2	3%	15	20%
Exit was from ES	85	126	14	27	21%	5	3	2%	2	8	6%	38	30%
Exit was from TH	65	64	4	2	3%	0	0	0%	3	4	6%	6	9%
Exit was from SH	75	143	1	2	1%	1	1	1%	1	8	6%	11	8%
Exit was from PH	306	407	21	41	10%	6	7	2%	9	22	5%	70	17%
<b>TOTAL Returns to Homelessness</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>17%</b>

### Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

#### Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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### FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2017 PIT Count	January 2018 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	246	269	23
Emergency Shelter Total	144	172	28
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	55	50	-5
Total Sheltered Count	199	222	23
Unsheltered Count	47	47	0

### Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	1388	1395	1389	-6
Emergency Shelter Total	1300	1300	1284	-16
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	115	115	131	16

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### FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	22	14	24	10
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	0	4	4
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	0%	17%	17%

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

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	22	14	24	10
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	2	2	9	7
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	9%	14%	38%	24%

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

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	22	14	24	10
Number of adults with increased total income	2	2	12	10
Percentage of adults who increased total income	9%	14%	50%	36%

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### FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	74	17	91	74
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	19	4	20	16
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	26%	24%	22%	-2%

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

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	74	17	91	74
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	8	5	12	7
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	11%	29%	13%	-16%

#### Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	74	17	91	74
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	27	9	31	22
Percentage of adults who increased total income	36%	53%	34%	-19%

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### FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

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

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	1346	1342	1300	-42
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	350	351	338	-13
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	996	991	962	-29

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

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	1461	1451	1418	-33
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	363	364	343	-21
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	1098	1087	1075	-12

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### FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2018 (Oct 1, 2017 - Sept 30, 2018) reporting period.

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

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	0	246	239	-7
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0	115	47	-68
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	0	61	71	10
% Successful exits		72%	49%	-23%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

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### FY2018 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1249	1094	1258	164
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	190	187	278	91
% Successful exits	15%	17%	22%	5%

#### Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2017	Revised FY 2017	FY 2018	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	31	31	31	0
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	30	30	30	0
% Successful exits/retention	97%	97%	97%	0%

## 2019 HDX Competition Report FY2018 - SysPM Data Quality

### GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

This is a new tab for FY 2016 submissions only. Submission must be performed manually (data cannot be uploaded). Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your Sys PM submissions.

Your bed coverage data has been imported from the HIC module. The remainder of the data quality points should be pulled from data quality reports made available by your vendor according to the specifications provided in the HMIS Standard Reporting Terminology Glossary. You may need to run multiple reports in order to get data for each combination of year and project type.

You may enter a note about any field if you wish to provide an explanation about your data quality results. This is not required.

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	All ES, SH				All TH				All PSH, OPH				All RRH				All Street Outreach			
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	205	160	138	133	161	144	71	55	170	169	169	185			80	0				
2. Number of HMIS Beds	193	160	103	108	161	144	61	45	35	34	34	35			70	0				
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )	94.15	100.00	74.64	81.20	100.00	100.00	85.92	81.82	20.59	20.12	20.12	18.92			87.50					
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1447	1341	1305	1284	312	236	18	111	52	52	64	39	172	233	224	268	7	0	0	259
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1293	1279	1255	1109	172	127	11	58	3	7	8	7	95	189	182	181	4	0	0	203
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	35	55	37	11	7	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0	0	0	80
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	2.71	4.30	2.95	0.99	4.07	2.36	0.00	8.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.11	0.53	0.00	2.76	0.00			39.41

**2019 HDX Competition Report**  
**Submission and Count Dates for GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County**  
**CoC**

**Date of PIT Count**

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2019 PIT Count	1/22/2019	

**Report Submission Date in HDX**

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2019 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/30/2019	Yes
2019 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/30/2019	Yes
2018 System PM Submittal Date	5/31/2019	Yes



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The  
**HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
Of The City of Augusta, Georgia

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

RE: Continuum of Care (CoC)

To Whom It May Concern,

The Housing Authority of the City of Augusta, Georgia understands that the CoC is a critical component of a community's efforts to end homelessness. As a partner in the community, we work toward the common vision and common goals around ending homelessness.

The attached information demonstrates our agency's admission preferences for households experiencing homelessness for our Housing Choice Voucher program (commonly referred to as Section 8) and our Public Housing program.

Our Public Housing utilizes in-house resources via a Resident Services Department to link with tenants with area resources to fulfill needs in the prevention of homelessness including but not limited to: life skills training, mental health resources and substance/alcohol abuse rehabilitation resources. Our Housing Choice Voucher program, also, utilizes in-house resources through its own Family Self-Sufficiency program in assisting program participants in the fulfillment of goals to achieving self-sufficiency and the prevention of homelessness.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the Augusta-Richmond County Housing and Community Development and participation in the CoC.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 706-312-3174 or [abazemore@augustapha.org](mailto:abazemore@augustapha.org)

Sincerely,

Amy M. Bazemore  
Executive Assistant/HR Coordinator

**Excerpt of the Admin Plan (Housing Choice Voucher), Regarding Preferences**

Families will be selected from the waiting list based on the selection preference(s) for which they qualify. Within each preference category, families will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date and time their complete application is received by the Augusta Housing Authority.

Local preferences will be used to select families from the waiting list. All local preferences will be treated equally at the Augusta Housing Authority.

Among applicants with equal preference status, the waiting list will be organized by the following:

1. By date and time of the application.
2. By priority rating:
  - a. First Priority – Applicants qualifying for a local preference who are occupying Substandard Housing, Involuntary Displaced or Rent Burden (paying more than 50% of family income for rent)
  - b. Second Priority – Applicants not qualifying for a local preference but paying between 31% and 50% of family income for rent.
  - c. Third Priority – Applicants not qualifying for a local preference but paying 30% or less of family income for rent.

Descriptions of these preferences and their "definitional elements" are as follows:

**Involuntary Displacement**

Involuntarily displaced applicants are applicants who have been involuntarily displaced and are not living in standard, permanent replacement housing, or will be involuntarily displaced within no more than six months from the date of preference status certification by the family/verification by the Augusta Housing Authority.

Families are considered to be involuntarily displaced if they are required to vacate housing as a result of the following:

1. A disaster (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.) that has caused the unit to be uninhabitable.
2. Federal, state or local government action related to code enforcement, public improvement or development.
3. Action by a housing owner which is beyond an applicant's ability to control, and which occurs despite the applicant's having met all previous conditions of occupancy and is other than a rent increase.

**For purposes of this definitional element, reasons for an applicant to vacate a housing unit include, but are not limited to:**

- Conversion of an applicant's housing unit to non-rental or non-residential use;
  - Closure of an applicant's housing unit for rehabilitation or non-residential use;
  - Notice to an applicant that s/he must vacate a unit because the owner wants the unit for the owner's personal or family use or occupancy;
  - Sale of a housing unit in which an applicant resides under an agreement that the unit must be vacant when possession is transferred; or
  - Any other legally authorized act that results, or will result, in the withdrawal by the owner of the unit or structure from the rental market.
4. To avoid reprisals because the family provided information on criminal activities to a law enforcement agency and, after a threat assessment, the law enforcement agency recommends rehousing the family to avoid or reduce risk of violence against the family.
    - The family must be part of a Witness Protection Program, or the HUD Office or law enforcement agency must have informed the Augusta Housing Authority that the family is part of a similar program.

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- The Augusta Housing Authority will take precautions to ensure that the new location of the family is concealed in cases of witness protection.
5. By hate crimes if a member of the family has been the victim of one or more hate crimes, and the applicant has vacated the unit because of the crime or the fear of such a crime has destroyed the applicant's peaceful enjoyment of the unit.
    - A hate crime is actual or threatened physical violence or intimidation that is directed against a person or his property and is based on the person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status.
    - The Augusta Housing Authority will determine that the hate crime involved occurred recently or is of a continuing nature.
  6. Displacement by non-suitability of the unit when a member of the family has a mobility or other impairment that makes the person unable to use critical elements of the unit and the owner is not legally obligated to make changes to the unit.

Critical elements are as follows:

    - entry and egress of unit and building
    - a sleeping area,
    - a full bathroom,
    - a kitchen if the person with a disability must do their own food preparation/other.
  7. Due to HUD disposition of a multifamily project under Section 203 of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978.

Standard Replacement Housing In order to receive the displacement preference, applicants who have been displaced must not be living in "standard, permanent replacement housing." Standard replacement housing is defined as housing that is decent, safe and sanitary according to Housing Quality Standards, that is adequate for the family size according to Housing Quality Standards, and that the family is occupying pursuant to a lease or occupancy agreement.

Standard replacement housing *does not* include transient facilities, hotels, motels, temporary shelters, and (in the case of Victims of Domestic Violence) housing occupied by the individual who engages in such violence. It does not include any individual imprisoned or detained pursuant to State Law or an Act of Congress. Shared housing with family or friends is considered temporary and is not considered standard replacement housing.

### Substandard Housing

Applicants who live in substandard housing are families whose dwelling meets one or more of the following criteria provided that the family did not cause the condition:

- Is dilapidated, as cited by officials of local code enforcement office and does not provide safe, adequate shelter; has one or more critical defects or a combination of defects requiring considerable repair; endangers the health, safety, and well-being of family.
- Does not have operable indoor plumbing.
- Does not have usable flush toilet in the unit for the exclusive use of the family.
- Does not have usable bathtub or shower in unit for exclusive family use.
- Does not have adequate, safe electrical service.
- Does not have an adequate, safe source of heat.
- Should, but does not, have a kitchen. (Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing is not substandard solely because it does not contain sanitary and/or food preparation facilities in the unit).
- Has been declared unfit for habitation by a government agency.

An applicant who is a "Homeless Family" is considered to be living in substandard housing. "Homeless Families":

- Lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; and

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- Have a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing), or an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not ordinarily used as a sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Homeless families may maintain their place on the waiting list while completing a transitional housing program.

Families who are residing with friends or relatives on a temporary basis will not be included in the homeless definition.

Persons who reside as part of a family unit shall not be considered a separate household.

### **Rent Burden**

Families paying more than 50% of their income for rent and utilities for at least 90 days commencing before they were selected from the Waiting List/and continuing through the verification of preference will receive this preference. For purposes of this preference, "Family Income" is Gross Monthly Income as defined in the regulations.

"Rent" is defined as the actual amount due under a lease or occupancy agreement calculated on a monthly basis without regard to the amount actually paid, plus the monthly amount of tenant-supplied utilities which can be either:

- The Augusta Housing Authority's reasonable estimate of the cost of such utilities, using the Section 8 Utility Allowance Schedule; or
- The average monthly payments the family actually made for these utilities in the most recent 12-month period, or if information is not obtainable for an appropriate period.

**An applicant family may choose which method to use to calculate utilities expense. Any amounts paid to or on behalf of a family under any energy assistance program must be subtracted from the total rent burden if included in Family Income. The applicant must show that they actually paid the utility bills, regardless of whose name the service is under.**

If an applicant owns a mobile home, but rents the space upon which it is located, then "Rent" must include the monthly payment made to amortize the purchase price of the home. Members of a cooperative are "renters" for the purposes of qualifying for the preference. In this case, "Rent" would mean the charges under the occupancy agreement.

### **Excerpt of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (Public Housing) , Regarding Preferences**

The Augusta Housing Authority system of preferences may select families either according to the date and time of application or by a random selection process.

Families will be selected from the waiting list based on preference. Among applicants with the same preference, families will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date and time their complete application is received by the Augusta Housing Authority.

Public housing agencies are permitted to establish local preferences and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the Augusta Housing Authority to establish other local preferences at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the Augusta Housing Authority plan and the consolidated plan and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources [24 CFR 960.206(a)].

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In order to meet the housing needs of local families, the Augusta Housing Authority has established a local preference for families residing within a 25-mile radius from the City of Augusta. This 25-mile radius includes families residing in the following counties: Richmond, Columbia, Burke, McDuffie & Lincoln Counties located in the state of Georgia and Aiken and Edgefield Counties located in the state of South Carolina.

Also, to bring higher income families to public housing the Augusta Housing Authority will establish an additional preference for "working" families, where the head, spouse, co-head, or sole member is employed at least 20 hours per week. As required by HUD, families where the head and spouse, or sole member is a person age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities, will also be given the benefit of the working preference [24 CFR 960.206(b)(2)]. Preference will also be given to families who are homeless and/or have been involuntarily displaced [24 CFR 960.206(b)5].

The local resident preference will be given the highest ranking, and the working, homeless and involuntary displacement will have equal rankings below.

**Prevention / Re-Housing  
Vulnerability Index -  
Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool  
(PR-VI-SPDAT)**

**Prevention/Re-Housing Prescreen Tool for Families**

***To be used ONLY with people that are currently housed and feel they are at imminent risk of losing their housing. "Imminent risk" is determined by the program participant. Types of dwellings that count as "housed" for this tool are:***

- ***An apartment that is in their name (legally permitted to stay there)***
- ***A home that they own***
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- the importance of relaying accurate information to the assessor and not feeling that there is a correct or preferred answer that they need to provide, nor information they need to conceal

## Basic Information

<b>FAMILY HEAD 1</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nickname</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
	<b>In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?</b> _____		
	<b>Date of Birth</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Age</b>	<b>Social Security Number</b>
	<b>Consent to participate</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>FAMILY HEAD 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No second parent currently part of the household		
	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nickname</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
	<b>In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?</b> _____		
	<b>Date of Birth</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Age</b>	<b>Social Security Number</b>
<b>Consent to participate</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
IF EITHER HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, SCORE 1.			<b>SCORE:</b> <input type="text"/>

### Household Composition

1. How many children under the age of 18 are currently with you? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
2. How many children under the age of 18 are not currently with your family, but you have reason to believe they will be joining you when you get housed? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
3. IF HOUSEHOLD INCLUDES A FEMALE: Is any member of the family currently pregnant?  Y  N  Refused
4. Please provide a list of children's names and ages:

First Name	Last Name	Age	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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IF THERE IS A SINGLE PARENT WITH 2+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 11 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1. **SCORE:**

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### Safety

**I want to start by asking you some questions about your safety in your current location.**

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## Long Term Housing Stability

**Now, let's examine some of the other life areas that might impact long term housing stability.**

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SCORE:

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IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

11. Have you or any member of your family harmed yourself or anyone else in the last six months?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

12. Is anyone currently forcing you or any member of your family to do something they don't want to do?  Y  N  Refused

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SCORE:

## History of Housing and Homelessness

13. At any point in the last three years have you stayed in a shelter, in your car, on the street, outdoors, or any other place not fit for people to live?  Y  N  Refused

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IF "YES" AND 3+ TIMES AND/OR 6+ MONTHS, THEN SCORE 3.

SCORE:

14. In the last six months, have you accessed supports from any churches, other faith groups, or a non-profit organization to get supports to stay housed such as financial assistance, help working things out with a landlord, re-locating from one apartment or home to another because where you had been staying was unsafe, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

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SCORE:

16. Do any of the following issues make it hard for you to find or stay in permanent housing or connect with other resources that can help you do that:

- a) Accessible housing because you or another member of your family has a disability that requires a special type of housing?  Y  N  Refused
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- c) Restrictions on where you can live because of legal stuff in the life of any family member?  Y  N  Refused
- d) Special school programming required for any of the children?  Y  N  Refused
- e) No references for your housing or poor references on your housing history?  Y  N  Refused
- f) Difficulties understanding or communicating in English?  Y  N  Refused
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SCORE:

17. Are you and your family currently overcrowded (which means there are too many people living in the home for the amount of space you have), and where there are arguments or conflicts because of the overcrowding?  Y  N  Refused

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SCORE:

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19. Is there any person, landlord, business, utility company, bookie, dealer, or government group like the CRA that thinks you or anyone in your family owes them money?  Y  N  Refused

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20. Do you get any money or assistance from the government like Income Support/Welfare, Disability Benefits, or do you have a pension (CPP), inheritance, get money from a regular job or working under the table, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

a) IF YES: What is the next date you know you will receive money? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused

b) IF YES: What is the total amount you will expect to receive? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused

IF THE DATE IS MORE THAN 14 DAYS AWAY AND/OR THE VALUE IS LESS THAN HALF THE VALUE OF 19A, THEN SCORE 1. SCORE:

21. What is the total amount of money you and your family currently has, including any money in the bank or investments? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused

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SCORE:

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SCORE:

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- 31. When you or a family member is sick, do you avoid getting medical help?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH.

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32. Has the drinking or drug use of anyone in your family caused you to being kicked out of an apartment or residential program or other place in the past?  Y  N  Refused

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IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MENTAL HEALTH. SCORE:

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IF "YES", SCORE 1. SCORE:

37. Are there any medications that a doctor said you or anyone in your family should be taking that, for whatever reason, they are not taking?  Y  N  Refused

38. Are there any medications like painkillers that you or anyone in your family does not take the way the doctor prescribed or where the medication is sold?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1. SCORE:

**Family Unit Considerations**

39. Are there any children that have been removed from the family by a child protection service within the last 6 months?  Y  N  Refused

40. Do you have any family legal issues that are being resolved in court or need to be resolved in court that would impact your housing or who may live within your housing?  Y  N  Refused

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41. In the last 6 months have any children lived with family or friends because of your homelessness or housing situation?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," SCORE 1.

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42. IF THERE ARE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN: Do your children attend school more often than not each week?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

43. Have the members of your family changed in the last 6 months, due to things like divorce, your kids coming back to live with you, someone leaving for military service or incarceration, a relative moving in, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

44. Do you anticipate any other adults or children coming to live with you within the next 6 months?  Y  N  Refused

IF "NO" TO 42 OR "YES" TO 43 OR 44, SCORE 1.

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45. Do you have two or more planned activities each week as a family such as outings to the park, going to the library, visiting other family, watching a family movie, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

46. IF THERE ARE CHILDREN BOTH 12 AND UNDER & 13 AND OVER: Do your older kids spend 2 or more hours on a typical day helping their younger sibling(s) with things like getting ready for school, helping with homework, making them dinner, bathing them, or anything like that?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

47. After school, or on weekends or days when there isn't school, is the total time children spend each day where there is no interaction with you or another responsible adult...

a) 3 or more hours per day for children aged 13 or older?  Y  N  Refused

b) 2 or more hours per day for children aged 12 or younger?  Y  N  Refused

IF "NO" TO 45, OR "YES" TO 46 OR 47, SCORE 1.

SCORE:

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Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool  
(PR-VI-SPDAT)**

**Prevention/Re-Housing Prescreen Tool for Single Adults**

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## Basic Information

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<b>In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?</b> _____		
<b>Date of Birth</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Age</b> _____	<b>Social Insurance Number</b> _____
		<b>Consent to participate</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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## Safety

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8. Is anyone currently forcing you to do something you don't want to do?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1. SCORE:

9. If female, are you currently pregnant?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1. SCORE:

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SCORE:

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SCORE:

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SCORE:

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SCORE:

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SCORE:

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23. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water, and other things like that?  Y  N  Refused

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SCORE:

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SCORE:

**Wellness**

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IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH.

SCORE:

29. Has your drinking or drug use caused you to be kicked out of an apartment or residential program or other place in the past?  Y  N  Refused

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SCORE:

31. Have you ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, residential program or other place you were staying, because of:

a) A mental health issue or concern?  Y  N  Refused

b) A past head injury?  Y  N  Refused

c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment?  Y  N  Refused

32. Do you have any mental health or brain issues that make it hard for you to live independently because help is needed?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MENTAL HEALTH.

SCORE:

33. DID THE INDIVIDUAL SCORE 1 EACH FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND MENTAL HEALTH?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

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SCORE:

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SCORE:

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	0-10:	NO ASSISTANCE PROVIDED; MAY, HOWEVER, PROVIDE REFERRAL TO MAINSTREAM RESOURCES



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**AMERICAN VERSION 2.01**

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## Basic Information

<b>First Name</b> _____	<b>Nickname</b> _____	<b>Last Name</b> _____
<b>In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?</b> _____		
<b>Date of Birth</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Age</b> _____	<b>Social Security Number</b> _____
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0

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**A. History of Housing and Homelessness**

1. Where do you sleep most frequently? (check one)

- Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- Safe Haven
- Outdoors
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Refused

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN "SHELTER", "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING", OR "SAFE HAVEN", THEN SCORE 1. SCORE:

2. How long has it been since you lived in permanent stable housing? \_\_\_\_\_ Years  Refused

3. In the last three years, how many times have you been homeless? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused

IF THE PERSON HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1. SCORE:

**B. Risks**

4. In the past six months, how many times have you...

- a) Received health care at an emergency department/room? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers and suicide prevention hotlines? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- e) Talked to police because you witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told you that you must move along? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- f) Stayed one or more nights in a holding cell, jail or prison, whether that was a short-term stay like the drunk tank, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS EQUALS 4 OR MORE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE USE. SCORE:

5. Have you been attacked or beaten up since you've become homeless?  Y  N  Refused

6. Have you threatened to or tried to harm yourself or anyone else in the last year?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF HARM. SCORE:

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7. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR LEGAL ISSUES.

SCORE:

0

8. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do?  Y  N  Refused

9. Do you ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone you don't know, share a needle, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF EXPLOITATION.

SCORE:

0

### C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

10. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you owe them money?  Y  N  Refused

11. Do you get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 10 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 11, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MONEY MANAGEMENT.

SCORE:

0

12. Do you have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make you feel happy and fulfilled?  Y  N  Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY.

SCORE:

0

13. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that?  Y  N  Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SELF-CARE.

SCORE:

0

14. Is your current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

SCORE:

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**D. Wellness**

- 15. Have you ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of your physical health?  Y  N  Refused
- 16. Do you have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart?  Y  N  Refused
- 17. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you?  Y  N  Refused
- 18. Do you have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help?  Y  N  Refused
- 19. When you are sick or not feeling well, do you avoid getting help?  Y  N  Refused
- 20. FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS ONLY: Are you currently pregnant?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH.

SCORE:

0

- 21. Has your drinking or drug use led you to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past?  Y  N  Refused
- 22. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford your housing?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR SUBSTANCE USE.

SCORE:

0

- 23. Have you ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:
  - a) A mental health issue or concern?  Y  N  Refused
  - b) A past head injury?  Y  N  Refused
  - c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment?  Y  N  Refused
- 24. Do you have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for you to live independently because you'd need help?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MENTAL HEALTH.

SCORE:

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IF THE RESPONDENT SCORED 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND 1 FOR SUBSTANCE USE AND 1 FOR MENTAL HEALTH, SCORE 1 FOR TRI-MORBIDITY.

SCORE:

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25. Are there any medications that a doctor said you should be taking that, for whatever reason, you are not taking?  Y  N  Refused

26. Are there any medications like painkillers that you don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where you sell the medication?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR MEDICATIONS. SCORE:

27. YES OR NO: Has your current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you have experienced?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR ABUSE AND TRAUMA. SCORE:

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DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	0 /1	<b>Score: Recommendation:</b> 0-3: no housing intervention 4-7: an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 8+: an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	0 /2	
B. RISKS	0 /4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	0 /4	
D. WELLNESS	0 /6	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>0 /17</b>	

**Follow-Up Questions**

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	place: _____ time: __ : __ or <b>Night</b>
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to:

- military service and nature of discharge
- ageing out of care
- mobility issues
- legal status in country
- income and source of it
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- safety planning

## **Appendix A: About the VI-SPDAT**

The HEARTH Act and federal regulations require communities to have an assessment tool for coordinated entry - and the VI-SPDAT and SPDAT meet these requirements. Many communities have struggled to comply with this requirement, which demands an investment of considerable time, resources and expertise. Others are making it up as they go along, using “gut instincts” in lieu of solid evidence. Communities need practical, evidence-informed tools that enhance their ability to satisfy federal regulations and quickly implement an effective approach to access and assessment. The VI-SPDAT is a first-of-its-kind tool designed to fill this need, helping communities end homelessness in a quick, strategic fashion.

### **The VI-SPDAT**

The VI-SPDAT was initially created by combining the elements of the Vulnerability Index which was created and implemented by Community Solutions broadly in the 100,000 Homes Campaign, and the SPDAT Prescreen Instrument that was part of the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool. The combination of these two instruments was performed through extensive research and development, and testing. The development process included the direct voice of hundreds of persons with lived experience.

The VI-SPDAT examines factors of current vulnerability and future housing stability. It follows the structure of the SPDAT assessment tool, and is informed by the same research backbone that supports the SPDAT - almost 300 peer reviewed published journal articles, government reports, clinical and quasi-clinical assessment tools, and large data sets. The SPDAT has been independently tested, as well as internally reviewed. The data overwhelmingly shows that when the SPDAT is used properly, housing outcomes are better than when no assessment tool is used.

The VI-SPDAT is a triage tool. It highlights areas of higher acuity, thereby helping to inform the type of support and housing intervention that may be most beneficial to improve long term housing outcomes. It also helps inform the order - or priority - in which people should be served. The VI-SPDAT does not make decisions; it informs decisions. The VI-SPDAT provides data that communities, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness can use to help determine the best course of action next.

### **Version 2**

Version 2 builds upon the success of Version 1 of the VI-SPDAT with some refinements. Starting in August 2014, a survey was launched of existing VI-SPDAT users to get their input on what should be amended, improved, or maintained in the tool. Analysis was completed across all of these responses. Further research was conducted. Questions were tested and refined over several months, again including the direct voice of persons with lived experience and frontline practitioners. Input was also gathered from senior government officials that create policy and programs to help ensure alignment with guidelines and funding requirements.

You will notice some differences in Version 2 compared to Version 1. Namely:

- it is shorter, usually taking less than 7 minutes to complete;
- subjective elements through observation are now gone, which means the exact same instrument can be used over the phone or in-person;
- medical, substance use, and mental health questions are all refined;
- you can now explicitly see which component of the full SPDAT each VI-SPDAT question links to; and,
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  - Parts of Alabama Balance of State
- Arizona**
  - Statewide
- California**
  - San Jose/Santa Clara City & County
  - San Francisco
  - Oakland/Alameda County
  - Sacramento City & County
  - Richmond/Contra Costa County
  - Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County
  - Fresno/Madera County
  - Napa City & County
  - Los Angeles City & County
  - San Diego
  - Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County
  - Bakersfield/Kern County
  - Pasadena
  - Riverside City & County
  - Glendale
  - San Luis Obispo County
- Colorado**
  - Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative
  - Parts of Colorado Balance of State
- Connecticut**
  - Hartford
  - Bridgeport/Stratford/Fairfield
- Connecticut Balance of State**
  - Norwalk/Fairfield County
  - Stamford/Greenwich
  - City of Waterbury

- District of Columbia**
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- Florida**
  - Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties
  - Tampa/Hillsborough County
  - St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County
  - Tallahassee/Leon County
  - Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties
  - Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties
  - Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties
  - Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County
  - Ocala/Marion County
  - Miami/Dade County
  - West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County
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  - Atlanta County
  - Fulton County
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- Tennessee**
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  - Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas
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	<b>In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?</b> _____		
	<b>Date of Birth</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Age</b>	<b>Social Security Number</b>
			<b>Consent to participate</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PARENT 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No second parent currently part of the household		
	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nickname</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
	<b>In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?</b> _____		
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IF EITHER HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.			<b>SCORE:</b> <input type="text"/>

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**Children**

1. How many children under the age of 18 are currently with you? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
2. How many children under the age of 18 are not currently with your family, but you have reason to believe they will be joining you when you get housed? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
3. IF HOUSEHOLD INCLUDES A FEMALE: Is any member of the family currently pregnant?  Y  N  Refused
4. Please provide a list of children's names and ages:

First Name	Last Name	Age	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

IF THERE IS A SINGLE PARENT WITH 2+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 11 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY SIZE.	SCORE:
IF THERE ARE TWO PARENTS WITH 3+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 6 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY SIZE.	<b>0</b>

**A. History of Housing and Homelessness**

5. Where do you and your family sleep most frequently? (check one)
  - Shelters
  - Transitional Housing
  - Safe Haven
  - Outdoors
  - Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Refused

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN "SHELTER", "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING", OR "SAFE HAVEN", THEN SCORE 1.	SCORE:
	<b>0</b>

6. How long has it been since you and your family lived in permanent stable housing? \_\_\_\_\_ Years  Refused
7. In the last three years, how many times have you and your family been homeless? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused

IF THE FAMILY HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1.	SCORE:
	<b>0</b>

## B. Risks

8. In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your family...

- a) Received health care at an emergency department/room?  Refused
- b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital?  Refused
- c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient?  Refused
- d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers and suicide prevention hotlines?  Refused
- e) Talked to police because they witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told them that they must move along?  Refused
- f) Stayed one or more nights in a holding cell, jail or prison, whether that was a short-term stay like the drunk tank, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between?  Refused

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS EQUALS 4 OR MORE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE USE. SCORE: 0

9. Have you or anyone in your family been attacked or beaten up since they've become homeless?  Y  N  Refused

10. Have you or anyone in your family threatened to or tried to harm themselves or anyone else in the last year?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF HARM. SCORE: 0

11. Do you or anyone in your family have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in them being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR LEGAL ISSUES. SCORE: 0

12. Does anybody force or trick you or anyone in your family to do things that you do not want to do?  Y  N  Refused

13. Do you or anyone in your family ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone they don't know, share a needle, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF EXPLOITATION. SCORE: 0

### C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

14. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you or anyone in your family owe them money?  Y  N  Refused

15. Do you or anyone in your family get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 14 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 15, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MONEY MANAGEMENT. SCORE: 0

16. Does everyone in your family have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make them feel happy and fulfilled?  Y  N  Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY. SCORE: 0

17. Is everyone in your family currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that?  Y  N  Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SELF-CARE. SCORE: 0

18. Is your family's current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because other family or friends caused your family to become evicted?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS. SCORE: 0

### D. Wellness

19. Has your family ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of the physical health of you or anyone in your family?  Y  N  Refused

20. Do you or anyone in your family have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart?  Y  N  Refused

21. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you or anyone in your family?  Y  N  Refused

22. Does anyone in your family have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help?  Y  N  Refused

23. When someone in your family is sick or not feeling well, does your family avoid getting medical help?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH. SCORE: 0

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24. Has drinking or drug use by you or anyone in your family led your family to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past?  Y  N  Refused
25. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for your family to stay housed or afford your housing?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR SUBSTANCE USE. SCORE:  
0

26. Has your family ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:
- a) A mental health issue or concern?  Y  N  Refused
- b) A past head injury?  Y  N  Refused
- c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment?  Y  N  Refused
27. Do you or anyone in your family have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for your family to live independently because help would be needed?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MENTAL HEALTH. SCORE:  
0

28. IF THE FAMILY SCORED 1 EACH FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND MENTAL HEALTH: Does any single member of your household have a medical condition, mental health concerns, and experience with problematic substance use?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR TRI-MORBIDITY. SCORE:  
0

29. Are there any medications that a doctor said you or anyone in your family should be taking that, for whatever reason, they are not taking?  Y  N  Refused
30. Are there any medications like painkillers that you or anyone in your family don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where they sell the medication?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR MEDICATIONS. SCORE:  
0

31. YES OR NO: Has your family's current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you or anyone in your family have experienced?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR ABUSE AND TRAUMA. SCORE:  
0

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## E. Family Unit

32. Are there any children that have been removed from the family by a child protection service within the last 180 days?  Y  N  Refused

33. Do you have any family legal issues that are being resolved in court or need to be resolved in court that would impact your housing or who may live within your housing?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY LEGAL ISSUES.

SCORE:

0

34. In the last 180 days have any children lived with family or friends because of your homelessness or housing situation?  Y  N  Refused

35. Has any child in the family experienced abuse or trauma in the last 180 days?  Y  N  Refused

36. IF THERE ARE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN: Do your children attend school more often than not each week?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 34 OR 35, OR "NO" TO QUESTION 36, SCORE 1 FOR NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

SCORE:

0

37. Have the members of your family changed in the last 180 days, due to things like divorce, your kids coming back to live with you, someone leaving for military service or incarceration, a relative moving in, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

38. Do you anticipate any other adults or children coming to live with you within the first 180 days of being housed?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY STABILITY.

SCORE:

0

39. Do you have two or more planned activities each week as a family such as outings to the park, going to the library, visiting other family, watching a family movie, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

40. After school, or on weekends or days when there isn't school, is the total time children spend each day where there is no interaction with you or another responsible adult...

a) 3 or more hours per day for children aged 13 or older?  Y  N  Refused

b) 2 or more hours per day for children aged 12 or younger?  Y  N  Refused

41. IF THERE ARE CHILDREN BOTH 12 AND UNDER & 13 AND OVER: Do your older kids spend 2 or more hours on a typical day helping their younger sibling(s) with things like getting ready for school, helping with homework, making them dinner, bathing them, or anything like that?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

IF "NO" TO QUESTION 39, OR "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 40 OR 41, SCORE 1 FOR PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT.

SCORE:

0

## Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	0 /2	<b>Score: Recommendation:</b> 0-3 no housing intervention 4-8 an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 9+ an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	0 /2	
B. RISKS	0 /4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	0 /4	
D. WELLNESS	0 /6	
E. FAMILY UNIT	0 /4	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>0 /22</b>	

## Follow-Up Questions

<b>On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?</b>	place: _____ time: __ : __ or <b>Night</b>
<b>Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?</b>	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
<b>Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to:

- military service and nature of discharge
- ageing out of care
- mobility issues
- legal status in country
- income and source of it
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- safety planning

## Appendix A: About the VI-SPDAT

The HEARTH Act and federal regulations require communities to have an assessment tool for coordinated entry - and the VI-SPDAT and SPDAT meet these requirements. Many communities have struggled to comply with this requirement, which demands an investment of considerable time, resources and expertise. Others are making it up as they go along, using “gut instincts” in lieu of solid evidence. Communities need a practical, evidence-informed way to satisfy federal regulations while quickly implementing an effective approach to access and assessment. The VI-SPDAT is a first-of-its-kind tool designed to fill this need, helping communities end homelessness in a quick, strategic fashion.

### The VI-SPDAT

The VI-SPDAT was initially created by combining the elements of the Vulnerability Index which was created and implemented by Community Solutions broadly in the 100,000 Homes Campaign, and the SPDAT Prescreen Instrument that was part of the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool. The combination of these two instruments was performed through extensive research and development, and testing. The development process included the direct voice of hundreds of persons with lived experience.

The VI-SPDAT examines factors of current vulnerability and future housing stability. It follows the structure of the SPDAT assessment tool, and is informed by the same research backbone that supports the SPDAT - almost 300 peer reviewed published journal articles, government reports, clinical and quasi-clinical assessment tools, and large data sets. The SPDAT has been independently tested, as well as internally reviewed. The data overwhelmingly shows that when the SPDAT is used properly, housing outcomes are better than when no assessment tool is used.

The VI-SPDAT is a triage tool. It highlights areas of higher acuity, thereby helping to inform the type of support and housing intervention that may be most beneficial to improve long term housing outcomes. It also helps inform the order - or priority - in which people should be served. The VI-SPDAT does not make decisions; it informs decisions. The VI-SPDAT provides data that communities, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness can use to help determine the best course of action next.

### Version 2

Version 2 builds upon the success of Version 1 of the VI-SPDAT with some refinements. Starting in August 2014, a survey was launched of existing VI-SPDAT users to get their input on what should be amended, improved, or maintained in the tool. Analysis was completed across all of these responses. Further research was conducted. Questions were tested and refined over several months, again including the direct voice of persons with lived experience and frontline practitioners. Input was also gathered from senior government officials that create policy and programs to help ensure alignment with guidelines and funding requirements.

You will notice some differences in Version 2 compared to Version 1. Namely:

- it is shorter, usually taking less than 7 minutes to complete;
- subjective elements through observation are now gone, which means the exact same instrument can be used over the phone or in-person;
- medical, substance use, and mental health questions are all refined;
- you can now explicitly see which component of the full SPDAT each VI-SPDAT question links to; and,
- the scoring range is slightly different (Don't worry, we can provide instructions on how these relate to results from Version 1).



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A partial list of continua of care (CoCs) in the US where we know the VI-SPDAT is being used includes:

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**For more information:**  
Please call 706-821-1797

September 4, 2019

**Re: 1E-1. Public Posting – 15-Day Notification Outside e-snaps – Projects  
Rejected or Reduced**

The Ga-504 CoC received, reviewed and rated (as applicable) 7 projects in the local competition for priority listing projects. No project applications were rejected or reduced.

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**  
Augusta-Richmond County Continuum of Care (GA-504)

**FY2019 CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) NOFA**

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY2019 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (CoC NOFA) on June 3, 2019. The local Continuum of Care is announcing the availability for interested applicants for Renewal and New Project Applications to review HUD's NOFA requirements and express their interest in applying for funds under this funding opportunity.

**What is the Continuum of Care NOFA?**

The CoC NOFA is the national HUD Application process for funding assistance under the Continuum of Care grant program. The programs funded by this NOFA continue to be the most important tools for building local systems that identify everyone who becomes homeless, keeps them safe, and helps them get back into housing quickly. Project types supported by this NOFA include, but are not limited to, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing, Homeless Management Information System and Coordinated Entry SSO projects.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition can be found on the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Funding Availability page on the HUD Exchange website ([www.hudexchange.info](http://www.hudexchange.info)). Additional resources are available on the e-snaps page on the HUD Exchange website.

The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications will be available the week of July 8, 2019 in e-snaps. Collaborative Applicants and project applicants will be able to access the applications to review, update, and enter information that is required for the application process.

Any agency wishing to apply for New Project funding must contact the CoC Collaborative Applicant in writing by Monday, July 25, 2019, at the address below or via email at [devana2@angustaga.gov](mailto:devana2@angustaga.gov)

**Local Submission Deadline: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 8:00 PM EDT**  
**HUD Submission Deadline: Monday, September 30, 2019 at 8:00 PM EDT**

For information on the Local Submission Process, including timelines and funding availability, please visit the City of Augusta's Housing and Community Development webpage (<https://www.augustaga.gov/68/Housing-Development>) under the tab labeled GA-504 Continuum of Care for the Homeless

Participation of all residents of Augusta, Georgia including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments are encouraged to attend. Persons desiring accommodations should contact Daniel J. Evans at 706-821-1797.

**NOFA Information Meeting:**

**A CoC NOFA Local Process Information Meeting will be held:**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019 | 1:00 P.M.**

**Augusta Housing and Community Development Office**  
**2nd Floor Conference Room, 925 Laney Walker Blvd., Augusta, GA 30901**

For additional information, contact Daniel J. Evans, in care of:

**Augusta Housing and Community Development Department**  
**925 Laney-Walker Boulevard, Third Floor**  
**Augusta, GA, 30901 | 706-821-1797**  
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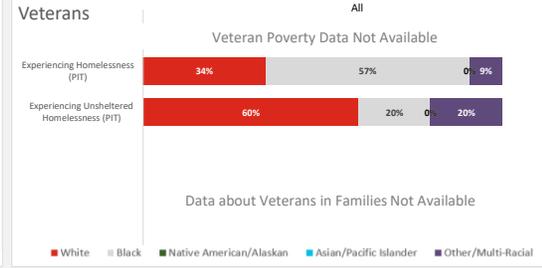
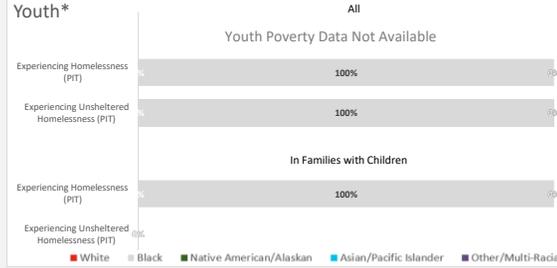
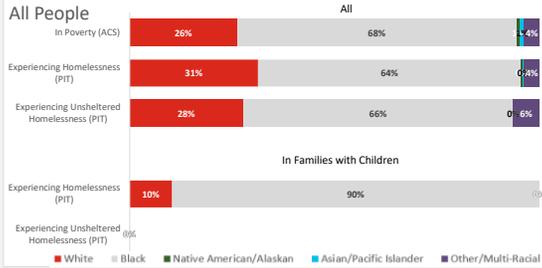
# CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool

Homelessness and poverty counts at the CoC and State level

Select your CoC

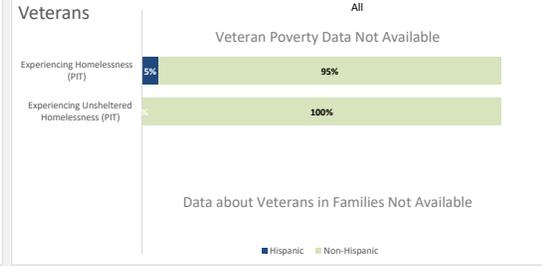
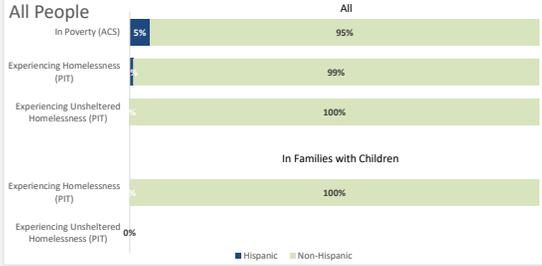
**GA-504** **Augusta CoC**

## Distribution of Race



\*Youth are individuals under the age of 25 who are unaccompanied or parenting.

## Distribution of Ethnicity



\*Youth experiencing homelessness is limited to unaccompanied and parenting youth persons under 25.

## CoC Data

Race and Ethnicity	All (ACS) <sup>1</sup>				In Poverty (ACS) <sup>1</sup>				Experiencing Homelessness (PIT) <sup>2</sup>				Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness (PIT) <sup>2</sup>				Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (PIT) <sup>2</sup>			
	All		In Families with Children		All		In Families with Children		All		In Families with Children		All		In Families with Children		All		In Families with Children	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>All People</b>	201,291		157,773		48,498		37,725		246		29		199		29		47		0	
<b>Race</b>																				
White	78,651	39%	60,435	38%	12,696	26%	9,876	26%	77	31%	3	10%	64	32%	3	10%	13	28%	0	0%
Black	110,369	55%	89,597	57%	33,127	68%	25,768	68%	158	64%	26	90%	127	64%	26	90%	31	66%	0	0%
Native	622	0%	640	0%	358	1%	278	1%	1	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,919	2%	2,726	2%	558	1%	205	1%	1	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other/Multi-Racial	7,730	4%	4,375	3%	1,759	4%	1,597	4%	9	4%	0	0%	6	3%	0	0%	3	6%	0	0%
<b>Ethnicity</b>																				
Hispanic	9,147	5%	6,409	4%	2,420	5%	1,882	5%	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	192,144	95%	151,364	96%	46,078	95%	35,843	95%	244	99%	29	100%	197	99%	29	100%	47	100%	0	0%
<b>Youth &lt;25</b>	72,434		NOT AVAILABLE				5		1		3		1		2		0		0	
<b>Race</b>																				
White	23,280	32%	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Black	43,105	60%	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	100%	1	100%	3	100%	1	100%	2	100%	0	0%
Native	262	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	936	1%	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other/Multi-Racial	4,851	7%	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Ethnicity</b>																				
Hispanic	4,429	6%	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	68,005	94%	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	100%	1	100%	3	100%	1	100%	2	100%	0	0%
<b>Veterans</b>	0		NOT AVAILABLE				44		NOT AVAILABLE	39		NOT AVAILABLE	5		100%		2		100%	
<b>Race</b>																				
White	0	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	34%	--	--	12	31%	--	--	3	60%	--	--
Black	0	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	57%	--	--	24	62%	--	--	1	20%	--	--
Native	0	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0%	--	--	0	0%	--	--	0	0%	--	--
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0%	--	--	0	0%	--	--	0	0%	--	--
Other/Multi-Racial	0	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	9%	--	--	3	8%	--	--	1	20%	--	--

## State Data

Race and Ethnicity	All (ACS) <sup>1</sup>				In Poverty (ACS) <sup>1</sup>				Experiencing Homelessness (PIT) <sup>2</sup>			
	All		In Families with Children		All		In Families with Children		All		In Families with Children	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>All People</b>	10,006,693		8,275,695		1,788,947		1,390,199		10,174		2,752	
<b>Race</b>												
White	6,025,691	60%	4,984,660	60%	798,517	45%	577,242	42%	2,805	28%	517	19%
Black	3,096,757	31%	2,514,939	30%	795,848	44%	645,766	46%	6,902	68%	2,053	75%
Native	25,887	0%	20,850	0%	6,568	0%	4,753	0%	73	1%	4	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	360,448	4%	316,951	4%	47,984	3%	37,391	3%	56	1%	25	1%
Other/Multi-Racial	497,910	5%	438,295	5%	140,030	8%	125,047	9%	338	3%	153	6%
<b>Ethnicity</b>												
Hispanic	915,120	9%	814,287	10%	271,129	15%	248,275	18%	422	4%	201	7%
Non-Hispanic	9,091,573	91%	7,461,408	90%	1,517,818	85%	1,141,924	82%	9,752	96%	2,551	93%
<b>Youth &lt;25</b>	3,506,488		NOT AVAILABLE		887,110		NOT AVAILABLE		601		75	
<b>Race</b>												
White	1,893,201	54%	--	--	354,928	40%	--	--	158	26%	22	29%
Black	1,210,785	35%	--	--	420,443	47%	--	--	412	69%	53	71%
Native	9,105	0%	--	--	2,678	0%	--	--	2	0%	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	122,079	3%	--	--	20,995	2%	--	--	4	1%	0	0%
Other/Multi-Racial	271,318	8%	--	--	88,066	10%	--	--	25	4%	0	0%
<b>Ethnicity</b>												
Hispanic	442,533	13%	--	--	159,566	18%	--	--	28	5%	11	15%
Non-Hispanic	3,063,955	87%	--	--	727,544	82%	--	--	573	95%	64	85%
<b>Veterans</b>	670,617		NOT AVAILABLE				712		NOT AVAILABLE			
<b>Race</b>												
White	448,855	67%	--	--	--	--	--	--	208	29%	--	--
Black	200,539	30%	--	--	--	--	--	--	470	66%	--	--
Native	2,396	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	1%	--	--
Asian/Pacific Islander	4,186	1%	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	0%	--	--
Other/Multi-Racial	14,641	2%	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	4%	--	--

Ethnicity																
Hispanic	0	0%	--	--	--	--	2	5%	--	--	2	5%	--	--	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	0	0%	--	--	--	--	42	95%	--	--	37	95%	--	--	5	100%

Ethnicity															
Hispanic	20,315	3%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	3%	--	--	--
Non-Hispanic	650,302	97%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	690	97%	--	--	--

**Sources:**

<sup>1</sup> American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015 5-yr estimates; Veteran CoC data comes from the ACS 2015 1-yr estimates; Total youth in the American Community Survey is a rollup of race estimates of all persons under 25.

<sup>2</sup> Point-In-Time (PIT) 2017 data

**Note:** Race estimates of individuals in families with children are based on the race of the householder.