



As the Collaborative Applicant for the Beaver County Continuum of Care (CoC), the Community Development Program (CDP) is accepting proposals for new projects and/or project expansions to address the issue of homelessness in Beaver County. CDP is requesting proposals for Continuum of Care funds through either the CoC Bonus, or the Domestic Violence Bonus. The CoC Bonus can be used for: Permanent Supportive Housing; Rapid Rehousing (RRH); Joint Transitional Housing-RRH; HMIS; Coordinated Entry, or to expand an eligible renewal project. PSH projects will receive bonus points in this selection process. The CoC Bonus amount for the Beaver County CoC is confirmed to be **\$468,661**. The DV Bonus can be used to serve survivors of DV (as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 – *Homeless*, 4.) through either: RRH, Joint TH-RRH, Coordinated Entry, or to expand an eligible renewal project to serve this population. The DV Bonus amount is confirmed to be **\$585,826**. **This RFP will be updated when HUD confirms the Bonus amounts.** The 2024/2025 CoC competition covers 2 years. Thus Bonus funds are not guaranteed next year, so interested applicants should apply this year.

Interested applicants should read the entire HUD 2024/2025 Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in order to address the requirements of each project type as well as applicant and project eligibility requirements. The NOFO can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition Applicants should also inform the CoC Coordinator of their intent to apply to review basic eligibility and local need.

Additional standards for the use of CoC funds are outlined in the CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR 578) located at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578>. Applicants are expected to secure 25% of the requested funds in matching funds or in-kind services. Applicants will receive more points in the proposal selection and ranking processes if they have partnerships with healthcare partners, leverage housing units, and address racial equity in their project design. Strong project proposals will also address the gaps and strategies on the attached *CoC Strategic Planning Tool* and use their performance data to demonstrate capacity. The Beaver County Continuum of Care FY 2023 System Performance Measures (Sys PM) can be viewed at: <https://www.bchmis.info/>. Proposals should describe how the project will enhance these outcome measures.



PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Eligible projects will serve homeless individual/s as defined at 24 CFR 578.3, and as dictated by project type and the NOFO. Proposals should include a detailed description of the project and at a minimum it should detail: the project type, target population, project design, strategy for racial equity, role of lived homeless experience input, fair housing efforts, included supports, projected outcomes, matching funds/in-kind services, and a budget with eligible costs. Also, the proposal should demonstrate the agency's capacity to: 1. carry out such a program including experience with homelessness (as evidenced by performance data – DV providers will use a comparable database for their data) and 2. manage federal grant funded programs. Eligible entities include: nonprofit organizations, states and local governments, Indian Tribes, and Public Housing agencies, AND do not owe funds to the Beaver County government. Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible. Additional applicant and project eligibility standards can be found in Section III. of the 2024/2025 NOFO. CDP values a broad array of partnerships in our CoC's efforts so all interested, eligible entities are encouraged to apply – even if they have never received CoC funding in the past. Proposals are due no later than 12:00 pm on 9/13/2024 and should be delivered to the Community Development Program at 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Proposals will be selected using the *Proposal Selection Scoring Sheet* (See attached). Chosen applicants will then complete an application in *e-snaps* by 4pm on 9/27/2024. All applications (including eligible renewals) will then be prioritized for funding by the Beaver County Review & Rank Committee following the *Review, Rank, and Scoring Procedures* (See attached). HUD will make the final award decisions based on the CoC Application score, project and agency criteria (as outlined in the 2024/2025 NOFO), and the Review & Rank Committee's Priority List. HUD will provide updates and additional informative resources throughout the competition. This information can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition Questions can be directed to the CoC Coordinator at ciabottonidina@gmail.com or HUD at CoCNOFO@hud.gov

Attachments: 1. CoC Strategic Planning Tool (7 pgs)

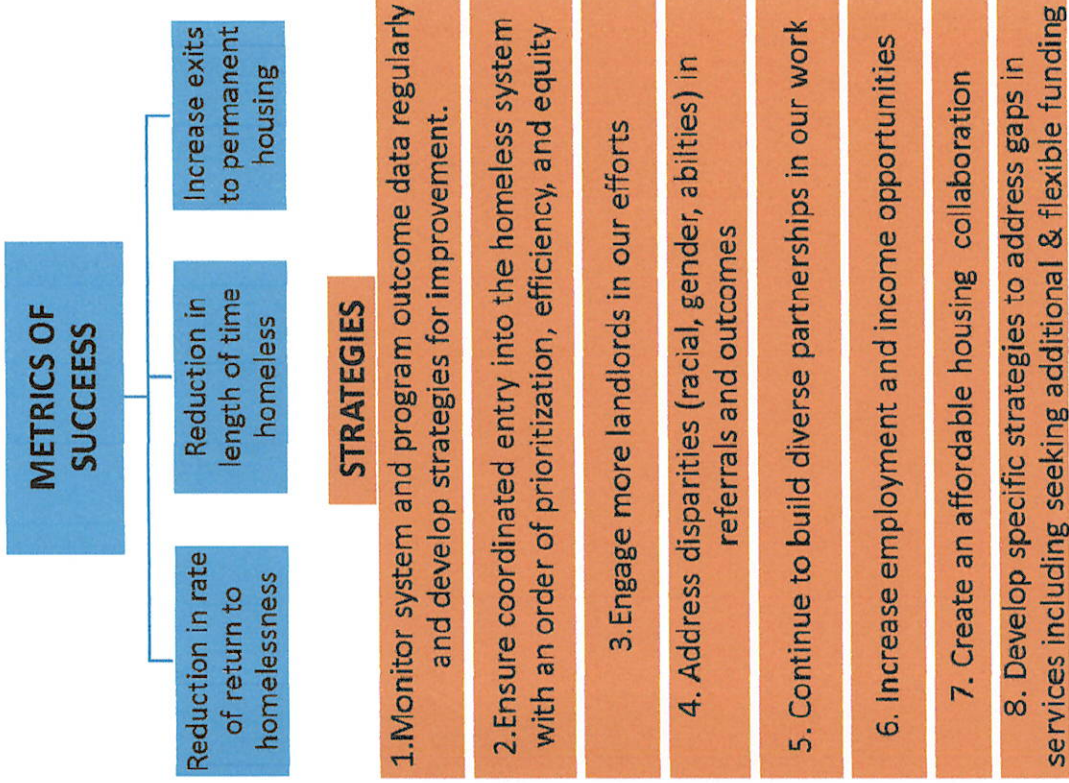
3. CoC Review, Score, and Ranking Procedures (1 pg)

2. Proposal Selection Score Sheet (3 pgs)

4. Rating & Ranking Tools (2 pgs)

PA-603 COC – 2021- 2024 STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL

The PA-603 Steering Committee is committed to the goal of ending homelessness in Beaver County by operating a system of partners that quickly identifies, engages, and rehuses households who face a housing crisis. The Steering Committee will use this tool in addition to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action plans to guide their decision making over the course of the next 3 years (2021-2024). It will be updated as determined necessary by data and outcomes.





PA-603 Continuum of Care Strategic Plan to End Homelessness In Beaver County, PA

PURPOSE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL

The Strategic Planning Tool is meant to be used as a reference to guide decision making and to help make funding decisions. It is used by the CoC Governing Board, the CoC Coordinator, and the Collaborative Applicant. Entities who apply for some homeless funds are asked to structure their proposals around the needs identified in this document. The Governing Board reviews the Strategic Planning Tool annually and formally updates it every 3 years. Input is gathered from CoC and ESG funded programs, the Housing & Homeless Coalition members, and the Lived Homeless Expertise committee. The CoC Coordinator also provides data to inform the process.

CONTEXT OF HOMELESSNESS IN BEAVER COUNTY

PA-603 CoC is made up of partners working in coordination with various housing programs to end homelessness in Beaver County. Ending homelessness means the experience of homelessness is a rare occurrence and when it does occur it is brief and non-recurring. The Housing & Homeless Coalition is comprised of 296 distinct service and resource partners and advocates. Of these partners approximately 50 regularly attend monthly partner meetings. 16 different programs provide housing to homeless people and include: 3 Permanent Supportive Housing programs, 2 Transitional Housing programs, 6 Rapid Rehousing programs, and 5 Emergency Shelters. These housing programs provide 397 beds for people who are homeless (2024 HIC). On the night of January 23, 2024, 94% of those beds were filled (372 people). This represents an increase from the last three years and it exceeds the pre-pandemic levels of 330 people reported on the 2020 HIC. Numbers peaked at 444 people during the height of the pandemic in 2021 as reported on that year's HIC so FY 2024 still demonstrates a decrease from that peak. Length of time homeless had steadily decreased over the last two years (FY 2021 and 2022 System Performance Measures). But it increased in 2023 by an average of 40 days which is not surprising given the extraordinarily tight affordable housing market in Beaver County (FY 2023 System Performance Measures). In fact, in 2023 the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania estimated that Beaver County only has 68 affordable housing units for every 100 extremely low-income households. And the Housing Authority of the County of Beaver (the largest affordable housing provider in the County) is at full capacity for the first time in memorable history.

METRICS OF SUCCESS

The PA-603 CoC has a wealth of data to determine progress toward the goal of ending homelessness in Beaver County. The Governing Board has adopted the three metrics indicated on the Tool to determine progress toward meeting that goal. These metrics further guide the Governing

Board's planning efforts and their development of strategies to improve performance and overall progress toward the goal. The chart below demonstrates these outcomes over the last four years.

Metric of Success	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Avg length of time homeless for ES	77 days	60 days	66 days	104 days
Avg length of time homeless for ES and TH	125 days	74 days	70 days	111 days
Exits to PH from ES, TH, RRH	49% (347 people)	48% (380 people)	51% (395 people)	60% (290 people)
Exits to PH or maintenance of PH from PSH	95% (231 people)	98% (196 people)	91% (197 people)	92% (177 people)
Returns to Homelessness	16% (68 people)	16% (70 people)	15% (64 people)	11% (58 people)

ANALYSIS OF METRICS OF SUCCESS

Comparing FY 2023 to FY 2020, PA-603 CoC has increased the average length of time homeless by 27 days for ES and decreased it by 14 days for ES & TH combined. The increase could be attributed to the newly opened Men's Emergency Shelter. Exits to PH from ES, TH, and RRH increased by 11% since 2020. Exits to PH (or maintenance of PH) from PSH decreased by 3% from 2020 to 2023 but FY 2023 shows 1% improvement from last year. It should be noted that 2021 has a very high exit rate to PH likely due to the introduction of Mainstream Vouchers which the Housing Authority prioritized for households exiting PSH and RRH. The metric of exits to PH needs further analysis to develop strategies to continue the improvement of the last year. Returns to homelessness showed a significant improvement from FY 2020 with a 5% decrease. This could be attributed to the massive influx of homeless prevention funds into the County during the pandemic.

STRATEGIES

The Strategies identified on the Strategic Planning Tool will advance the goal of ending homelessness as described below. The numbers correspond with the strategies numbered above.

1. Monitoring data enables the CoC to gauge its progress toward the goal of ending homelessness. The CoC needs to develop a formal process for this analysis and for developing strategies to enhance this progress. The Governing Board is currently taking this issue under consideration.
2. Fair and equitable access to CoC services will help ensure efficient and effective service delivery to all homeless households. Coordinated Entry (CE) implemented the referral system through HMIS thereby expediting access to the housing programs. The CoC updated the CE tool to reflect

changing needs and to be more inclusive and respectful. The Lived Homeless Expertise committee provided valuable insight into this effort. The CE tool has been embedded into the HMIS system thereby streamlining the data collection and HUD reporting.

3. Landlords are a critical partner in quickly housing homeless households and for providing PH options upon exit. Although our programs tend to have strong partnerships with many landlords, the CoC does not have a formal process to recognize those efforts. Further, there is very limited landlord representation on the Housing & Homeless Coalition. Currently one landlord regularly attends the monthly Coalition meeting and she is also an active member of ACRE (the local landlord association). Enhancing efforts to invite more landlords to the monthly meeting would be beneficial. As ERAP is coming to an end, there may be opportunity to continue partnership with some of the landlords who engaged with ERAP.
4. The CoC is aware of disparities in how different people enter the CoC and move through our CoC. While CoC partners are aware that many systemic factors have an impact on these disparities, they also want to determine which factors are within their control so they can address them. During the Summer of 2023 a cohort of partners attended a HUD Community Workshop series to review CoC data for disparities and to develop strategies to address them. One of their goals is to develop a local committee to continue this work on an ongoing basis.
5. The CoC recognizes that no two homeless situations are the same; therefore, households benefit from different combinations of supports and services to resolve their unique housing crises. To do this, we need broad partnerships of diverse services and resources, and across sectors. We currently have 296 entities represented in our Housing & Homeless Coalition with approximately 50 who regularly attend the monthly partner meeting. We are always inviting new partners into the work. And current partners are encouraged to invite new people as well. Since they are out navigating the resources, they often encounter new people who could play a stabilizing role in homeless situations. This enables the CoC to grow its membership every year and continue to offer the unique complement of services from which a household facing a housing crisis may benefit.
6. The CoC recognizes stable income as a significant factor in achieving long-term housing stability. CoC partners do coordinate with job training and education resources and the CoC Coordinator is in the process of growing these efforts. The housing programs also screen households for other sources of income for which they may be eligible, and they work to connect the households with these resources. Our CoC funded programs decreased income by 1% for stayers in the last year (FY 2023 System Performance Measures). It is worth noting here that this is still significant since there was a 5% increase between the previous two years. These same programs saw an 8% increase in income for households who left the program during the last year (FY 2023 System Performance Measures). This increase occurred on the heels of a 7% decrease the previous year demonstrating significant progress for this population. This issue will continue to be addressed by the programs and the CoC will continue to pull in partners to assist.
7. As detailed above, Beaver County continues to face an affordable housing shortage. Partners have requested an affordable housing collaboration to help develop more affordable housing in the County. The County is currently implementing \$2 million to develop affordable housing for homeless people through HOME ARP funds. Additionally, private developers have developed new affordable housing. In fact, the

Housing Alliance of PA indicated an increase of 11 affordable units for 100 extremely low income households from 2022 to 2023. However, there is still a shortage as evidenced by the Housing Authority of Beaver County being at full capacity. Further, lengths of time homeless have increased due to the time it takes to locate and secure available affordable housing.

8. The CoC has identified several gaps in vital services and is committed to developing strategies and funding to address them. Requests for Proposals for homeless funds include the Strategic Plan and require that proposals address it. This ensures that new funding is being directed at the identified gaps. Further strategies include identifying relevant partners and experts to address the gaps, considering reallocation of funds as needs change, securing new funds, securing flexible funds, and learning best practices for addressing the gaps.

GAPS IN SERVICE

The CoC Coordinator, CoC partners, and the Governing Board identified these 11 gaps in services as having a negative impact on ending homelessness in Beaver County. Each is detailed below according to the number of the gap as listed above.

1. Beaver County only has 68 affordable housing units for every 100 extremely low-income households. This shortage impacts how long a homeless household remains homeless while looking for housing. It also lengthens the time in a program while a household looks for affordable housing when ready for exit. And finally, as a household may need to move or is evicted, the lack of affordable housing makes it more likely that the household will become homeless again.
2. The CoC is committed to embedding equity into our programs so that all homeless households have equal access to the appropriate level of housing supports, within reasonable timelines, and the opportunity to establish long term stable housing without returns to homelessness.
3. Over the last year, our PSH programs (in total 3 programs comprised of 160 beds) were primarily at full capacity. This led to significantly longer wait times and households being placed in available programs that did not best meet their needs. It has also placed increased demand on the RRH programs.
4. Partners have identified the need for more case management support after a homeless household is housed. The CoC recognizes that challenges to housing do not disappear with housing alone. For long term housing stability ongoing case management support is increasingly needed – even if only as a safety net to prevent returns to homelessness. Partners have also highlighted the need for case management for people without behavioral health challenges as this population is often not eligible for traditional case management services. Some support models that partners have suggested include: open table and Family Group Decision Making.
5. PA-603 is a stand alone CoC within the geographical boundaries of Beaver County, PA. Beaver County is a small county where many partners have worked on the issue of homelessness for extended periods of time. This means that partnering is often seamless and non-contractual.

However, CoC partners recognize the value in formalizing these partnerships so that consistent service is rendered. There is also value in being able to point to these formal partnerships when applying for funding and when demonstrating the cohesion within our CoC partnerships.

6. Unhoused people often face complicated medical and behavioral health challenges. However, they often have difficulty accessing much needed medical care outside of emergency settings. This delay can result in conditions becoming chronic (and therefore more difficult to treat) and increased vulnerability due to weakened immunity. Furthermore, the PSH programs require that eligible households have a documented disability. With complicated access to medical care, this lack of documentation often delays their housing. A dedicated medical mobile outreach team could bring critical care directly to people where they are and streamline the documentation process to establish PSH eligibility.

7. People face homelessness for a vast variety of reasons making their situations complex in unique ways. However, the majority of the funding CoC partners receive to provide housing are highly regulated and for very specific costs. These funds make it difficult to meet the complex and unique circumstances of every unhoused household. Continuing to grow our partnerships can help meet these needs as can securing flexible sources of funding.

8. People with lived homeless expertise have shared that some of our programs have very lengthy admission processes which can often lead to households disregarding those housing options. CoC partners are encouraged to review their processes to ensure the most efficient and streamlined procedures. Further, our CoC Policies & Procedures mandate that CoC partners actively seek input from people with lived homeless expertise to inform their processes and approaches.

9. CoC partners report households are presenting with increasingly complex situations – such households include teen/young adult, previously incarcerated, elderly, and/or those with mental illness. Children under 18 years of age do not have the option for emancipation in Beaver County. This means that unaccompanied children are still viewed as part of a family unit by our Child Welfare partner. Landlords are not likely to rent to persons under the age of 18. And those aged 18-21 often struggle with maintaining independent living initially. We work to address this with supportive services, but programs tailored to meet the needs of unaccompanied children and young adults are needed to better meet their unique needs. The CoC Coordinator is in conversation with our Child Welfare partner and other CoC partners to address this critical gap.

People leaving jail face many challenges to secure housing including a criminal history that often serves as a barrier to housing. We currently have an agency who connects with people in jail who are readying for release. This enables the incarcerated person to start working on housing before they are out in the community with no money and limited supports. This population could benefit from expanding this program and/or developing additional programs similar to it.

Elderly households face many challenges to secure housing including but not limited to low incomes and the need for in-home supports to live safely and healthfully. Partnering with our Office on Aging and other elderly focused service partners enables the CoC to bring specialized supports to these households but there continues to be a gap for those elderly adults with complex medical and behavioral health needs.

Our CoC continues to struggle with a small segment of the population who does not meet the criteria for institutional residential settings but who face many emotional and behavioral challenges to living safely, healthfully, and independently in the community. The CoC works very closely with Beaver County Behavioral Health and numerous other behavioral health treatment providers, but stably housing households with complex behavioral health needs remains a very real challenge in the CoC.

10. Many factors impact the length of time a household remains homeless - limited affordable housing options, insufficient case management support, delayed referrals, poor communication between partners etc. The CoC recently implemented three strategies to reduce the time homeless — creation of a new Men’s Emergency Shelter, streamlined CE referral process, and efficient data sharing. Lack of affordable housing continues to impact the length of time homelessness in two ways. The first way is the length of time it takes the program to find affordable housing for the household. The second way is upon exit when the household seeks affordable housing to which they will exit. Long lengths of homelessness not only increase the negative consequences that the household experiences but it also causes the homeless system to “back up”. When the programs have limited housing capacity because households are unable to move on, then the currently waiting homeless people remain unsheltered or in emergency shelter for longer periods of time which is not a best practice. The goal of the CoC is to make homelessness a rare and BRIEF experience when it happens. Expanding affordable housing as well as the capacity of the permanent housing programs could help shorten this length of time.

11. An analysis conducted by the Housing Alliance of PA compared eviction rates prior to the pandemic (2018-2019) to those after the pandemic (2022-2023). Beaver County’s post pandemic eviction rates both exceed pre-pandemic levels as well as the 2022-2023 State eviction rate. Beaver County is one 16 counties in the State that exceed the state average. It should be noted that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program which was in operation throughout the pandemic is slated to close at the end of May 2024. This likely means that without intervention (i.e. increase in homeless prevention funds, increase in rental assistance for eviction prevention, mediation, coordination with the local magistrates etc) that we will see an increase in homelessness as a result of these high eviction rates.

CONCLUSION

The Strategic Plan is meant to guide the CoC’s efforts toward the goal of ending homelessness in Beaver County. It identifies the measures that are used to gauge progress toward that goal and provides data to demonstrate that progress. It explores gaps in services that slow that progress, and it outlines strategies to fill those gaps. The Strategic Plan is formally updated every 3 years by the Governing Board and reviewed annually (by the Governing Board, the Housing & Homeless Coalition, and the Lived Homeless Expert committee) and updated as needed. The CoC Coordinator amasses input from partners throughout the year and pulls data to further inform the process for updating the plan. Anyone with input or questions on the Strategic Plan may reach out at any time to the CoC Coordinator, Dina Ciabattini, at ciabattinidina@gmail.com or 724.987.0714.

CoC and DV Bonus Proposal SELECTION Score Sheet in the FY 2024 CoC Funding Competition

Agency: _____ Project Name: _____

Bonus applying for: CoC Bonus: _____ DV Bonus: _____ Project Type: _____

Requested Amount: \$ _____

Determine which measures are met below and provide points and comments accordingly.

Measure	Points Awarded & Comments
The proposing agency is in good standing with the County and not delinquent on payments due to the County. (2 pts)	
Proposal details how the project will address a CoC need as indicated on the Strategic Plan. (5 pts)	
Proposal is an eligible project under the indicated Bonus and applicant is an eligible applicant per the 2024/2025 NOFO. (2 pts: 1 for each)	
Proposal meets all of the criteria outlined in 2024/2025 NOFO Section III, C,4 (pgs 59-64) for the proposed project type. (3 pts)	
Project addresses racial equity in the program design. At a minimum, this should include: analysis for potential disparities and steps to address any identified disparities (2 pts)	
Proposals details how the project will incorporate input from people with lived experience. (2 pts)	



	<p>Proposals describes how it will affirmatively further fair housing. The County's Fair Housing Plan can be accessed at the Community Development Program office.* (2 pts)</p>
	<p>Project serves eligible homeless populations (per the 2024 NOFO) AND targets prioritized populations – see <i>CoC Prioritized Populations</i>** listed below. (2 pts – 1 point each) DOES NOT APPLY TO HMIS PROJECTS</p>
	<p>Project design includes strategies for ensuring privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. (2 pts)</p>
	<p>Proposal describes the project design in detail. (2 pts) For RRRH, PSH, Joint RRRH-TH: an additional point for housing first (1 pt)</p>
	<p>Proposal describes the supports that will be offered and are <i>Best Practices</i>*** for addressing the target population's needs. (2 pts) DOES NOT APPLY TO HMIS PROJECTS</p>
	<p>Outcomes are projected and are applicable to systemically ending homelessness. (2 pts) An additional point if System Performance Measures are used. (1 pt)</p>
	<p>A plan for securing Match funding is presented and commitments are documented. (2 pts)</p>
	<p>Proposal includes a detailed budget with eligible costs. It is also cost effective. (2 pts – 1 pt each) For PSH, RRRH, and TH see the <i>Average Costs</i>*** listed below for cost effectiveness comparisons.</p>
	<p>Demonstrates capacity to manage federal grants. (2 pts)</p>



	<p>Demonstrates experience with addressing homelessness using their performance data (DV providers will use a comparable database for their data). (2 pts)</p>
	<p>FOR PSH & RRH PROPOSALS ONLY, includes a healthcare partner and leverages housing resources. (2 pts – 1 pt each)</p>
	<p>FOR PSH PROPOSALS ONLY – 2 additional bonus points</p>
	<p>FOR DV BONUS PROPOSALS ONLY, details experience serving the unique needs of people with DV status and the implementation of client centered practices. (2 pts)</p>

Reviewer: _____

Score: _____ out of _____

Do you recommend this proposal to be included in the Beaver County CoC Application (Yes or No)? _____
If yes, how much funding do you recommend? _____ (Available funding amounts: CoC Bonus - TBD; DV Bonus - TBD)

* Community Development Program office is located at 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010

***CoC Prioritized Populations per the CoC P&P*: Chronically Homeless, people who are pregnant, veterans, families with 4 or more dependent children, families with CYS involvement, people over the age of 60 years old, Head of Household is under the age of 24 years old and with a child under the age of 5 years, Head of Household is aged 18-22 years old and transitioned out of foster care, People with DV status, and unaccompanied youth.

*** *Best Practices* may include: assessment, linkage to support services, client centered practices, connection with mainstream resources, trauma informed care approaches, etcetera

**** Average Costs: Local PSH \$10,408; Local RRH \$4,378; National TH \$19,620 (calculated on an average 12 month stay using Urban Institute’s RRH data)

The FY 2024-2025 CoC NOFO can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition



CoC Application Review, Score, and Ranking Procedures

Below are the procedures that the Beaver County Continuum of Care (CoC) follows in the annual CoC Funding Competition to review, score, and rank accepted project applications.

- The CoC Coordinator assembles a subcommittee comprised of broad representation of our CoC partners including those with lived homeless experience. Selected members regularly attend the Housing & Homeless Coalition meetings, so they are familiar with the CoC funded programs, needs, and gaps in our services offerings. Additionally, the CoC Coordinator selects a few members with program management experience which gives them valuable knowledge for assessing the viability of new programs. Entities with projects in the Competition are not eligible for this subcommittee.
- Objective, standardized tools are used to review and score the programs. Various tools may be used to evaluate different program types to accurately assess their unique characteristics and objectives. Tools are updated annually to reflect both local and HUD priorities. The objective data used in the tools may include: cost effectiveness, performance outcomes (i.e. exits to PH, return to homelessness rate, length of time homeless, increasing income etc.), commitment to serving vulnerable and marginalized populations, history with addressing homelessness, and whether the program fills/will fill a unique CoC need.
- The CoC Coordinator sets a date that all projects are due in e-snaps which complies with the deadlines established in the current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). She reviews the project applications to ensure completeness and accuracy. Then she assembles packets for the subcommittee consisting of: the updated scoring tools, the project applications, detailed instructions, and a CoC Summary report which provides information on program participation in CoC activities, and outcome data from a variety of data sources including Annual Progress Reports, Program Monitoring scores, and System Performance Measures. Subcommittee members have 1 week to review and score the applications.
- The subcommittee then meets to review their score sheets for each project application. Members ask clarifying questions, and the CoC Coordinator provides program specific information as well as local context. Then subcommittee members have the opportunity to correct their score sheets if there was any misinterpretation in their initial review and they can adjust their scores accordingly. The final scores are then tallied to create the final priority list.
- The CoC Coordinator then informs all applicants outside of e-snaps about the status of their applications and their priority ranking. Additionally, the priority ranking list is shared publicly. These actions are completed within the deadlines established in the NOFO.
- These procedures are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they are in compliance with the current NOFO and can be adjusted with the approval of the Beaver County Steering Committee as needed.

Adopted by the CoC Steering Committee through electronic vote on 8/30/2021.

Reviewed by the CoC Coordinator on 8/5/22; 7/7/23; 8/6/24

PA-603 Continuum of Care Program competition
2024 CoC & DV Bonus
New Project Rating & Ranking Tool

Measure & Data Source	Point Structure	Pts Given
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NEW PROJECT APPLICATION DETAILS

1. Does the agency have sufficient experience with homelessness?	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	
2. Does the agency show capacity to manage a federal grant?	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	
3. Provides a clear and concise description of the scope of the project.	Give 1 point each for mentioning: - target population - projected outcomes - coordination with partners - how will CoC funds be used - plan for addressing housing & service needs	
5. Budget includes 25% match & commitment letter	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	
6. Does the application include methods to ensure racial equity in the program? This should, at a minimum, include analysis of whether disparities exist and plans to address any.	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	
7. Does the application address needs on the Strategic Planning Tool?	Yes – 1 points No – 0 points	
8. If a DV project, does the application address the unique needs of DV survivors and use best practices*?	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	
9. If a PSH, RRH project, does it leverage housing units and partner with health care providers?	Yes to housing resources -- 1 pt Yes to health care partners – 1 pt If neither, 0 points	

PERFORMANCE

10. Does the proposal present as cost Effective?	<i>For PSH: 2 pts if equal or less than \$10,408 (CoC PSH Avg)</i> <i>For PSH: 1 pt if within \$1500 of CoC Avg</i> <i>For RRH: 2 pts if equal or less than \$4,378 (CoC PSH Avg)</i>	
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PA-603 Continuum of Care Program competition
2024 CoC & DV Bonus
New Project Rating & Ranking Tool

	For RRH: 1 pt if within \$1500 of CoC Avg	
11. Does the application use system performance data** to demonstrate their experience with addressing homelessness (DV providers can use a comparable database for their data).	Yes – 3 points No – 0 points	
12. Is it a PSH project?	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	
13. Does the project commit to using Housing First strategies?	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	

OUTCOMES

14. Does the application describe a strategy for producing and tracking positive system performance outcomes**?	Yes – 3 points No – 0 points	
15. Does the application use a system performance measure** as a project goal?	Yes – 1 point No – 0 points	

CoC PARTICIPATION

16. Attended majority of monthly Coalition meetings	Attended 50% or more – 2 points Attended 40-49% – 1 point Attended less than 40% - 0 points	
17. Does the agency regularly participate in any CoC committees such as Lived Exp, PIT, homeless memorial, CE, Racial Equity etc?	Yes – 2 points No – 0 points	

Total Points Available: 35

Total Points Awarded:

Reviewer’s Comments and Questions for Rank & Review meeting (3 points can be adjusted to accommodate for any misunderstanding after the discussion portion of the ranking meeting – not to exceed total available points for this project type):

Reviewer: _____

Date: _____

Data Sources

CoC Summary Report includes data from: HMIS; FY 2023 Systems Performance Measures Report; program’s most recent Annual Progress Reports; 2024 Technical Assistance & Review monitoring; and 2023- 2024 meeting sign-ins

*Best Practices may include: assessment, linkage to support services, client centered practices, connection with mainstream resources, trauma informed care approaches, etcetera

** System Performance Measures can be found at: <https://www.bchmis.info/>