

## Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application,
2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

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

1. The FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2023 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.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It  
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Meeting the Needs of Our Community, Inc.

## 1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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<b>1B-1.</b>	<b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b>	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	No	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	No	No	No
4.	Disability Service Organizations	No	No	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	No	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	No
7.	Hospital(s)	No	No	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	No	No	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	No	No	No

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	No	No	No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	No	No
20.	Public Housing Authorities	No	No	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	No	No	No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Nonexistent	No	No
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	No
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Nonexistent	No	No
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Nonexistent	No	No
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Federally Qualified Health Center	Yes	Yes	No
35.				

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VICoC serves the entire Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Territory's population is diverse with the majority being persons of color. Many of the Territory's residents identify as Hispanic (Latino). The CoC's membership is reasonably representative of the cultural diversity of the community and of those individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness in the Territory. The CoC's membership also represents the broad spectrum of individuals and organizations that have an interest in preventing/ending homelessness across the Territory.

Increasing participation in the CoC - particularly to include representation of law enforcement, hospitals, and the local PHA - continues to be a priority goal of the VICoC. (Some of these previously participated but waned with staff turnover). The CoC's primary strategy for addressing equity is by inviting/encouraging organizations that have an interest in preventing/ending homelessness or that serve as advocates for subpopulations disproportionately represented among the homeless to become active, participating members of the CoC. During the period, members of the Re-entry Group (which includes officials of the local Bureau of Corrections as well as other inmate advocates) joined the CoC.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's membership represents the broad spectrum of individuals and organizations that have an interest in preventing/ending homelessness across the Territory. The CoC's membership consists of organizations that have an interest in preventing/ending homelessness or that serve as advocates for subpopulations disproportionately represented among the homeless to become active, participating members of the CoC. The CoC's quarterly general membership meetings provide an opportunity for open discussion of issues, challenges, and ideas for addressing homelessness.

The CoC is also represented on the Territory's Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness (IACH) which brings together public, non-profit, and community organizations to develop strategies regarding homelessness and to recommend public policy to both the executive and legislative branches of local government. The VICoC's Collaborative Applicant, the VI Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA), administers various HUD CPD programs - to include CDBG-Entitlement, and ESG - on behalf of the Territory. In that capacity, VIHFA works closely with the various non-profit homeless service providers across the Territory. The VIHFA will also administer the HOME-ARP Program for the Territory. In conjunction with the development of the jurisdiction's HOME-ARP Plan earlier this year, the VIHFA engaged a host of social service provider agencies serving homeless and other vulnerable populations disproportionately represented among the homeless to solicit information about needs, systemic issues, and strategies for preventing and ending homelessness. A public hearing was also held to present the draft plan and solicit additional opinions about the proposed use of funds to prevent/end homelessness among the vulnerable populations.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)		
Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:		
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

For the past several funding cycles, the VICOC has been restricted to renewal applications. The VICoC has not utilized reallocation as a strategy; as such, it has not been necessary to solicit for applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. The VICoC looks forward to improving its scores with the end goal of earning the opportunity to submit applications for new projects in the next funding cycle. Once the VICoC is able to accept new project applications, the CoC will publish notices in local media of general circulation - which notices will solicit proposals, outline the application process and the scoring criteria that will be used to determine which projects will be recommended for funding.

For the current application cycle, the information was shared with the CoC membership at the general meeting.

## 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Nonexistent
2.	Head Start Program	No
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	No
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Nonexistent
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	No
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	No
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	No
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	No
14.	Private Foundations	No
15.	Public Housing Authorities	No
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	



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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The collaboration between the ViCoC and the ESG recipient is very close. This is due to the fact that the CoC's Collaborative Applicant, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA) is also the ESG recipient for the Territory. Another factor which facilitates consultation with ESG is the fact that all current ESG (as well as ESG-CV) subrecipients are active participants in the CoC.

The VIHFA is also the agency tasked with the development of the Territory's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. The fact that VIHFA is also the Collaborative Applicant ensures the sharing of PIT and HIC data critical to the coordination of strategies toward effectively addressing homelessness.

The consultation between the CoC and the ESG recipient is reciprocated as the ESG recipient is represented on the Evaluation Committee that reviews applications for CoC grant funding. VIHFA has incorporated consultation with the CoC in its written standards for ESG. Areas of consultation include, but are not limited to , determining priorities for the allocation of ESG funds, evaluating the outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and developing policies and procedures for HMIS. This consultation is also intended to foster increased coordination among ESG, CoC and other HUD entitlement programs available to the Territory - such as CDBG- that can be employed as funding sources to address the issue of homelessness.

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.c.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity:
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1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	No

4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	No
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	No

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

1.	Youth Education Provider	No
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	No
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	No
4.	School Districts	No

1C-4a.	Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below the formal partnerships your CoC has with at least one of the entities where you responded yes in question 1C-4.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The VICoC has not collaborated with education providers within the jurisdiction. (It should be noted that, according to the data reported by the annual homeless counts over the past years, the number of homeless families with school-aged children/youth is virtually non-existent).

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has not formally adopted written policies and procedures around informing individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services. Individuals and families who are homeless, or at-risk of becoming homeless, typically are also receiving case management services from other entities outside the CoC - such as the Division of Children, Youth, and Families within the local Department of Human Services. Enrollment of minor children in appropriate educational services is typically among the linkages to care arranged by the case management providers.

<b>1C-4c.</b>	<b>Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC has written formal agreements or partnerships with the listed providers of early childhood services:

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.	Note: A number of the listed programs are not available in the VI		

<b>1C-5.</b>	<b>Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with:

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

<b>1C-5a.</b>	<b>Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The two local non-profits that are victim service providers serve survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. Both organizations are active members of the CoC and regularly participate in meetings, elections, and policy discussions. In addition, the local domestic violence and sexual assault council (DVSAC) is also a participating member of the CoC. A representative of one of the victim service provider agencies also sits on the CoC Board and the CES sub-committee. These various involvements help ensure that the perspective of trauma-informed care is reflected in the CoC-wide policies.

One of the mentioned victim service provider agencies provides training to first-responder agencies, social service agencies, and others - to include many of the CoC member agencies (which includes ESG-funded agencies) upon request at no cost. These trainings focus on trauma-informed, victim-centered care -to include referrals to VSP agencies with the client's consent.

As part of the operationalization of the formal Territorial Coordinated Entry System, the CoC will enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding with a victim service provider agency to provide training on best practices regarding trauma-informed care in serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking.

1C-5b.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

One of the mentioned victim service provider agencies provides training to first-responder agencies, social service agencies, and others - to include many of the CoC member agencies (which includes ESG-funded agencies) upon request at no cost. Through these services, staff at many social service agencies have been trained on trauma-informed, victim-centered care - to include referrals to victim service providers with the client's consent.

The CoC recognizes that the VSP agencies are the subject- matter experts in this area and thus, as part of the operationalization of the formal Territorial Coordinated Entry System, the CoC will enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the victim service provider agency to provide training on best practices regarding trauma-informed care in serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking.

1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:	
1.	safety planning protocols; and	
2.	confidentiality protocols.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Territory's coordinated entry system has not been fully implemented; however, the protocols which are under development are centered around trauma-informed care. The safety planning protocols include meeting with clients in safe spaces that afford privacy to allow persons to discuss sensitive information or safety concerns in a confidential setting. Confidentiality protocols that have been included in the draft policies include ensuring that sensitive information is kept secured and that only those persons who need access to client's file have access.

If, during engagement with an outreach worker, or social service worker, an individual discloses that he/she is a victim of DV, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, a referral will be made to a victim service provider.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The implementation of the use of a comparable database by the victim service provider agencies has been accomplished. The de-identified aggregate data will enable a better understanding of the needs of survivors and challenges of addressing homelessness among this subpopulation.

The CoC also utilizes basic data obtained from the victim service provider agencies to assess the scope of community needs. It is anticipated that the CoC will continue to rely on this to supplement data provided via the comparable database.

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1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	

2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC is currently working to update both CoC and ESG policies to include the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures. A key objective will be to ensure that the process for requesting an emergency transfer is clear, simple, and consistent with best practices (trauma-informed, victim-centered care) for safety protocols for victims (survivors) of domestic violence.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and
2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

In the design of the Territory's Coordinated Entry System, DV service provider agencies have been designated as CES access points; however, DV clients may access the system from any access point. The CoC protocol includes a separate, confidential process for individuals/families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and self-identified survivors who are seeking shelter or services through non-victim service provider agencies. This process will provide for the highest level of confidentiality and safety of DV clients while ensuring that they receive identical opportunities for accessing housing and services as non-victim clients. The CoC's protocol includes a provision that prohibits denial/restriction of access to the Coordinated Entry process by virtue of being a DV client.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Presently, no survivors with a range of lived experience have participated in the development of the CoC-wide policy and programs; however, the unique and complex needs of survivors are reflected in the policies and programs. This has been accomplished through the strong representation of victim service providers in the CoC and on the sub-committees that have been working to develop CES policy.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+–Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	No
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Assisting Providers–Evaluating Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;
2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VICoC's Governance Charter includes general anti-discrimination language; however, VICoC has not formally updated a separate, system-wide anti-discrimination policy relative to LGBTQ+ individuals and families. The CoC is aware that several CoC member agencies have proactively adopted such policies on a project- and agency-wide level ahead of formal action by the CoC.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
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Virgin Islands Housing Authority		Yes-Public Housing	No
N/A; only 1 PHA serves the Territory			

**You must enter information for at least 1 row in question 1C-7.**

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

There is only one public housing agency (PHA) within the CoC's geographic area. VIHA, the local PHA, has a limited homeless preference in its written admission policy for public housing; however, there is no parallel preference for the regular Housing Choice Voucher program. The CoC has long advocated for the adoption of a general homeless admission preference for both programs; however, that has not been adopted. Most recently, the CoC has developed a formal letter to the PHA requesting the adoption of the homeless preference for the HCV program and also urging the PHA to implement policy changes recommended by HUD to reduce barriers for persons with criminal records.

VIHA 's housing stock in the St. Thomas/St. John district suffered heavy losses during the devastation of the 2017 hurricanes; to date, the housing stock has not been restored. Due to the shortage of units, VIHA's ability to admit new residents has been limited.

The CoC recognizes that a key concern for VIHA relative to adoption of a general homeless preference is that many of the Territory's chronic homeless persons have co-occurring mental illness and, without the guarantee of critical wrap-around services, the PHA is apparently reluctant to proceed with a general homeless preference.

The jurisdiction has been approved for twenty (20) Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) - which vouchers are dedicated for homeless. The required collaboration between the CoC and the PHA for administration of the EHV Program as prescribed has fostered a closer working relationship between the CoC and VIHA. The CoC has referred more than 20 clients for the EHV program; as of this writing, the dashboard reflects that 9 households have been assisted under EHV; however, the documentation available to the CoC shows that 17 households have been issued vouchers.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:



1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	No
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	N/A

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

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## 1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

**Name of PHA:** Virgin Islands Housing Authority

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.

1. Foster Care	No
2. Health Care	No
3. Mental Health Care	No
4. Correctional Facilities	No

1D-2.	Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	2
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	1
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	50%

1D-2a.	Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC evaluates every project—where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application—to determine if they are using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Outside of the CoC competition cycle, the Collaborative Applicant and the CoC keep regular interactions and discussion with the project sponsors individually and also through updates at the general CoC membership meetings. At case conferencing meetings, the importance of adherence to low barriers is emphasized. The CoC has recently incorporated the use of an evaluation tool based on the USICH checklist as part of its project application review process.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Scope.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	your CoC's street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged;
2.	whether your CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area;
3.	how often your CoC conducts street outreach; and
4.	how your CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Although there are no CoC-funded programs which provide street outreach, a number of CoC-member organizations carry out street outreach programs utilizing other funding sources - to include ESG. Each organization delivers its street outreach program in its own unique way - for example, some organizations deploy staff to canvass known areas frequented by unsheltered persons while others utilize distribution of items (cooked meals, snacks, and/or hygienic supplies) to engage unsheltered individuals. The frequency with which the street outreach efforts are conducted varies by organization and ranges from daily to monthly (largely dependent on capacity). In some cases, there is some overlap in the areas covered by some programs; together, the existing programs cover a wide range of the CoC's geographic area. Although the various programs may vary in their approach, virtually all have recognized that one of the most effective approaches to persons experiencing homelessness - including those least likely to request assistance - is through the distribution of basic necessities in a compassionate, culturally-sensitive, non-judgmental manner without demand for participation in services.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate strategies your CoC implemented to ensure homelessness is not criminalized and to reverse existing criminalization policies in your CoC's geographic area:

Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1. Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2. Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3. Engaged/educated local business leaders	No	No
4. Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5. Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	0	0

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m.	

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

Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1. Food Stamps	No
2. SSI–Supplemental Security Income	No
3. SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	No
4. TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	No
5. Substance Use Disorder Programs	No
6. Employment Assistance Programs	No
7. Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;	
	2. works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and	
	3. works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Many of the mainstream benefit programs that are available in the CoC's geographic area are administered by the local Department of Human Services. A representative of DHS is a member of the CoC Board and also chairs the CoC's CES subcommittee. In this role, the DHS representative regularly provides information updates regarding the mainstream programs. The sole substance abuse treatment agency in the Territory, The Village/VI Partners in Recovery, is also a regular participant in the CoC. As a member organization, The Village provides regular updates about the services that are available through their agency. Another CoC member agency, Frederiksted Health Care, Inc., is a Federally Qualified Health Care Center. FHC provides a range of health care services and assists clients with the effective use of the local medical assistance program and other health care benefit programs. FHC collaborates with project staff to ensure that program participants can receive necessary health care services at their facility.

SSI benefits are not available in the Territory of the Virgin Islands; as such the CoC has not promoted the SOAR certification of program staff.

1D-7.	Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many providers have recognized the challenges associated with congregate sheltering. Fortunately, in the VICOc's jurisdiction, there were no major outbreaks of infectious diseases within any congregate shelters during the pandemic.

The CoC has not had access to funds for new projects over the past several years -which has precluded its ability to increase its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering via CoC funds. Nonetheless, the VIHFA (the CoC's Collaborative Applicant) in its role as the administering agency for the CDBG and ESG Programs (to include CDBG-CV and ESG-CV) has actively supported the CoC-s efforts to increase its capacity to provide non-congregate (or semi-congregate) sheltering through the approval of CDBG grant funding for construction of new shelters in each district which feature dormitory-style accommodations with maximum 2 persons per room, a limited number of family suites, and even rooms that can serve as isolation spaces, if needed.

Fortunately, the two PSH renewal projects - one is a tenant-based rental assistance project (scattered site units) while the other is a leasing project - both provide non-congregate sheltering.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:		
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has not entered into any formal partnerships with the local Department of Health to respond to and prevent the spread of infectious diseases among people experiencing homelessness. Since the start of the pandemic, CoC member agencies have implemented safety measures to prevent and respond to infectious disease outbreaks. The member agencies coordinated with local health agencies to arrange for testing of program staff and participants and also for the administration of vaccinations.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



During the pandemic and continuing on to the new endemic stage, the CoC held virtual meetings of the general CoC membership. Especially during the active pandemic, the focus of the meetings was information-sharing about COVID protocols, best practices, and availability of tests, supplies, and vaccinations etc. By virtue of the representative of the local Department of Human Services, the CoC benefitted from a direct line of communication to report to membership re: local policy, testing availability, and vaccine implementation.

The Territory was very fortunate that there was no reported widespread outbreak among either the sheltered or unsheltered homeless.

Since the transition to the endemic phase, providers have continued to observe safety protocols recommended by public health officials to prevent or limit any re-occurrence of disease among program participants.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System—Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

During the period, the VICoC made strides in the implementation of its Coordinated Entry System (CES). As a result of the implementation of the Emergency Housing Voucher Program with its required collaboration between the CoC and the local PHA, VICoC stood up a case-conferencing process which includes the fundamentals for assessment, prioritization, and referral. The process has worked well and it has affirmed the framework of the design of the CES. The CoC has committed to the pursuit of the case-conferencing process as its rudimentary coordinated entry system. Refinements such as the 24-hour access and the incorporation of the scoring tool into the HMIS will follow.

The CoC recently secured a commitment of local funds under the miscellaneous section of the Territorial government's budget to assist with the formal implementation of the CES. These funds, coupled with prior year's Planning Grant funds available pursuant to recently-amended grant agreements, will enable the CoC to hire at least one FTE staff to launch the CES forward.

The over-arching tenet of the CES framework is that persons with the greatest need for housing and services will access the housing crisis system faster. The system design considers that the demand for services outweighs existing resources; thus, priority is given to those clients with the greatest need and who are also least likely to succeed without intervention and supports.

Presently, virtually all service provider agencies (to include street outreach teams) serve as access points - which ensures 100 percent coverage across the VICoC's geographic area.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The current case-conferencing process which temporarily serves as a proxy to the CES relies on referrals from provider agencies who may become aware of people in need of assistance through street outreach efforts, referrals from emergency services and even mainstream programs. In the case-conferencing process, an assessment protocol similar to the VI-SPADT is used to assign a vulnerability score - which ensures that persons most in need of assistance are prioritized. To date, the referrals to permanent housing have focused on the Emergency Housing Vouchers - which provides the greatest choice and flexibility for participants. As the supply of EHV's is exhausted, clients will be referred for other permanent housing options consistent with their preferences and as available given the limited resources.

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry-Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

As indicated, the CoC's Coordinated Entry System has not been fully operationalized. The proxy process which is temporarily in place relies on referrals from provider agencies who may become aware of people in need of assistance through street outreach efforts, referrals from emergency services and even mainstream programs. In the case-conferencing process, an assessment protocol similar to the VI-SPADT is used to assign a vulnerability score - which ensures that persons most in need of assistance are prioritized. To date, the referrals to permanent housing have focused on the Emergency Housing Vouchers - which provides the greatest choice and flexibility for participants. As such, there is currently no process in place through the CES to inform participants of their rights and remedies available.

Given that the Collaborative Applicant is the same entity that prepares the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction, once the formal CES is fully implemented, the process/mechanism for reporting any identified/reporting conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current prospective program participants to the Con Plan certifying agency will be naturally in place. (The Collaborative Applicant is represented on the CES oversight committee).

1D-10.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	No
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identified Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | your CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and |
| 2. | what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.                                     |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has not conducted a racial disparities assessment to date. Although the Territory is a majority-minority community, its population is culturally diverse and the service providers' agencies and staff reflect that diversity.

1D-10b.	Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to address any racial disparities.

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	No
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	No
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	No
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	No
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	No
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	No
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC is taking to address the disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has not conducted a racial disparities assessment to date; thus, no disparities have been identified. Although the Territory is a majority-minority community, its population is culturally diverse. The service providers' agencies and staff reflect that diversity. The updated written standards drafted for the ESG Program and the CoC prohibit discrimination against any protected class under the Fair Housing Act. Although there has been no indication of disparities, the provision of system-wide training to ensure that all providers learn how to avoid discriminatory practices will be incorporated into the ongoing capacity building of the CoC.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	the tools your CoC uses.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has not conducted a racial disparities assessment to date and no disparities have been identified; thus, there are no measures currently in place to track progress on preventing/eliminating disparities in the provision of homeless assistance.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below your CoC’s outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC conducted targeted outreach toward specific individuals with lived experience of homelessness to participate in endeavors such as the PIT count and also to serve on CoC committees. It has been difficult to get consistent participation by former consumers and most have shown limited interest in service on formal committees. Presently, there is one person with lived experience serving on the CoC Board.

1D-11a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	1	0
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	1	0
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s local competition rating factors.	0	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s coordinated entry process.	0	0

1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The VICoC is very small and does not have any staff; as such, the CoC is not in a position to provide professional development or employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

Several CoC member organizations provide employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience; however, the number of such opportunities is limited given the relatively small size of the member organizations. (Many of the CoC member organizations have relatively few paid staff and rely heavily on volunteers to carry out their program activities).

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and	
3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

CoC member agencies routinely gather feedback from their clients and from former consumers of CoC- or ESG-funded programs with whom they are still in contact. The feedback provided by the clients is then shared at membership or working sub-group meetings. One member of the CoC Board is a person with previous lived experience and the individual has shared his insights as well.

The CoC has recognized that some persons with lived experience who have been invited to participate directly in the CoC are reluctant to participate in formal meetings etc. to share their insights.

One of the biggest challenges raised by persons with lived experience of homelessness is gaining access to housing - specifically the need for more low-barrier housing.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.t.	
	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The challenges of increasing affordable housing supply in the Territory are numerous and entail much more than administrative factors such as reform of zoning and land use policies or reduction of regulatory barriers. The Territory's relative geographic isolation as well as its location in active seismic and hurricane zones, and labor shortages resulting in high costs are among external factors limiting the development of affordable housing. In this sense, the concerns of the CoC relative to increasing affordable housing supply are represented to local government officials.

The CoC has not undertaken any steps to engage local government officials regarding policies aimed at increasing affordable housing supply by permitting more housing development; however, it is important to note that the CoC's Collaborative Applicant, the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA) is an entity of the Territorial government which has the development of affordable housing across the housing continuum as its primary mission. In this sense, the concerns of the CoC relative to the need for additional affordable housing development are constantly represented to local government officials.

## 1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition

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1E-1.	<b>Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.</b> NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	09/02/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	09/02/2023

1E-2.	<b>Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.</b> NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
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1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	No
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes



5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	No

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	95
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	3
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Three projects were submitted in this application cycle. Two projects were renewals of permanent supportive housing - which housing is critically needed in the Territory. Although serving only small numbers of persons, these programs were ranked and selected because they address populations that are difficult to serve ( i.e., chronically homeless).In general, it is challenging identifying affordable housing for vulnerable (low income) residents of the Territory due to acute housing shortages. This situation is even more challenging when working with homeless or at-risk persons - especially persons who need supports or wrap-around services. The VICoC acknowledges that certain performance levels could be improved but this is generally outweighed by the fact projects of this type are needed in the jurisdiction.

The other renewal project was for HMIS services. This is also critical because data-informed decision-making has become an increasingly important component of obtaining funding for homeless services. For this reason, this renewal received the highest ranking.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Territory is a majority-minority jurisdiction yet the population is very diverse. Likewise the composition of the CoC membership and member agencies reflects that same diversity. With respect to the local homeless population, the race diversity reflects the Territory's population. The most over-represented population in the local homeless population tends to be persons with mental illness or co- occurring mental illness and substance abuse (i.e., regardless of race, ethnicity). At least one agency which exclusively serves this population is represented in the CoC and ensures that the needs of this population is reflected in the priorities of the CoC and ultimately, the rating factors to review applications.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.f.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

VICoC has not engaged in any reallocation during this funding cycle.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.f.		

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/25/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/26/2023
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Eccovia Solutions
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC’s HMIS coverage area.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	06/27/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

There are two DV provider agencies in the Territory (and also one Council). To date, one provider has implemented the use of a HUD-compliant database comparable database. The CoC looks forward to utilizing the de-identified aggregate data to better understand the needs of DV victims and the challenges of addressing homelessness among this subpopulation.

Prior to the implementation of the comparable database, the CoC utilized basic statistical data obtained from the DV provider agencies to assess the scope of community needs. It is anticipated that, until all local DV providers have implemented the use of a comparable database, the CoC will continue to rely on this methodology to supplement data provided via the comparable database.

The CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 22 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5.	Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.	

Enter 2023 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	16	0	16	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	53	0	53	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	0	0	0	
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	23	0	23	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

1.	steps your 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 your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The calculated bed coverage rate for each type of housing exceeds 84.99 percent; thus, no remedial action is required at this time.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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<b>2B-1.</b>	<b>PIT Count Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/28/2023
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<b>2B-2.</b>	<b>PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/01/2023
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<b>2B-3.</b>	<b>PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process;	
	2. worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process; and	
	3. included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC’s most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



With respect to homeless youth, this population is not typically found in the Territory and there are no known stakeholders that exclusively serve homeless youth.

The most recent count of unsheltered persons was in January 2023. The 2023 count of sheltered persons was held on January 28, 2023. The count of sheltered persons is conducted annually. Based on the reported statistics, no homeless youth were identified (i.e., neither unaccompanied youth nor youth in households with adults).

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;	
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and	
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
4.	state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Not applicable. No changes were made to methodology or data quality for the sheltered count implementation between 2022 and 2023; however, it was noted that the results of the 2023 count were more robust. This is attributed to the fact that the 2021 count was significantly impacted by the pandemic.

## 2C. System Performance

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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<b>2C-1.</b>	<b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategies 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 your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Based on anecdotal evidence gathered from first-time homeless during intake conducted by agencies providing HP/RRH services and also intake for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), the major risk factors for becoming homeless for the first time was loss of primary source of income associated with job loss. Over the past two years, this has primarily been due to the pandemic's impact on the tourism/hospitality sector of the local economy and also the closure of the Limetree Refinery on the island of St. Croix. Another risk factor which has been known to leave persons at risk of becoming homeless was loss of primary residence (most particularly, rental housing) due to natural disaster (i.e., the 2017 hurricanes) and the subsequent inability to find affordable housing. A third risk factor which has been shown to leave families at risk of becoming homeless for the first time is income loss due to debilitating illness affecting the head of household or a household member for whom the head of household is the primary caregiver.

The primary strategy employed to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless includes referral to ESG-funded programs that provide homeless prevention services and also the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (for those directly impacted by the pandemic). In the case of the agencies administering the ESG-funded HP/RRH programs, those agencies provide case management service which not only align clients with rental assistance but also provide referrals to housing and other social services in an effort to divert these households from becoming homeless. The CoC understands that linking individuals and families to the right level of assistance and services at the right time is essential for their success. It is also the most efficient use of the Territory's scarce resources. The CoC continues to work towards finalizing the design of its crisis response system now informed by the lessons learned since the implementation of the case-conferencing process as a proxy to the CES.

There is no singular organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time. The CoC's CES design includes all the various provider agencies serving as access points able to conduct intake, case navigation, and referral of clients for assessment via the case conferencing as a proxy process.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Current data reflects an increase in the length of time persons remain homeless. This is likely due to the ongoing economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic which has had disproportionate impacts on "gig workers" and persons employed in the tourism and hospitality sector. The situation was very acute for extremely- and very-low income persons. The reduction in low-wage positions such as servers, attendants, housekeepers has left many persons without income to afford even the most affordable rents. Although the local moratorium on evictions that was in place through 2021 and the subsequent rental assistance provided via the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) has enabled many vulnerable persons to avoid homelessness; however, the fact is that some persons "self-evicted" prior to researching available resources. Many of these persons are forced to couch-surf even though rental units may be available in the market.

Another factor impacting the length of time persons experiencing homelessness for the first time as a result of the 2017 hurricanes or the economic impacts of the COVID pandemic is the tight rental market which has sent rents skyrocketing. This is attributed to the slow pace of restoration of damaged housing units as well as the withdrawal of units that were previously included in the affordable housing stock by landlords who have opted to chase the more lucrative market-rate rentals or even short-term vacation rentals (such as Airbnb).

While the curtailment of the pandemic will likely reduce this cohort of homelessness, the CoC recognizes that the more traditional cohorts of homelessness still require resources in order to be addressed. The most acute need for that segment has been previously identified as permanent supporting housing units.

The CoC's strategy for identifying and housing individuals/families with the longest lengths of time homeless is being crafted as part of the development of the Coordinated Entry system. Chronic homelessness and the most intensive service needs are being targeted as the criteria for entry into permanent supportive housing while homelessness with the least intensive service needs are being addressed via the new Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV).

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	

3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

During the period, the exits to permanent housing destinations increased slightly compared to the previous two years. The reason for the slight increase in exits reflected in the current data may be attributable to the beginning of the recovery from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic which had disproportionately impacted "gig workers" and extremely- and very-low income persons. Even so, the local rental market remains tight - which has sent rents skyrocketing. This is attributed to the slow pace of restoration of damaged housing units as well as the withdrawal of units that were previously included in the affordable housing stock by landlords who have opted to chase the more lucrative market-rate rentals or even short-term vacation rentals (such as Airbnb).

One of the strategies to increase the rate of exits to permanent housing has been the employment of the Emergency Housing Vouchers to assist persons needing only minimal supports thus ensuring the likelihood that they will retain their permanent housing. Related strategies include referrals to the PHA for public housing as well as the regular Housing Choice Voucher program as well as referrals to other subsidized housing, as appropriate. The primary strategy for increasing the rate that persons in permanent housing retain their housing or exit to other permanent housing destinations is ensuring that clients have the necessary income, mainstream subsistence benefits, as necessary, and case management supports to ensure stability. The recent implementation of case conferencing as a proxy for CES incorporates standardized assessment and referrals as appropriate.

The CoC recognizes that the more traditional cohorts of homelessness -i.e., chronically homeless - still require resources in order to be addressed. The most acute need there has been previously identified as permanent supportive housing units or the provision of wrap-around services which are necessary to ensure that clients can maintain housing stability once exited to permanent destinations; thus, a key strategy has been continued advocacy for robust mental health services to include identification of funding for ACT teams. The CoC has recently secured local government funding for a Homeless Services Administrator - which position will oversee the CES and the development of CoC strategy.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The most recent reported recidivism rate (returns to homelessness) is 29% (returns in 2 years). Eighteen (18%) of exiters returned in the first six months and 12% returned between 13 -24 months. The greatest contributor to return to homelessness is the lack of support services - such as substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and medication management - necessary for the client to maintain stability and thus remain stably housed. The primary means of identifying persons returning to homelessness is via the client data reported in HMIS. (Once the electronic component of the Coordinated Entry System is implemented, a client would be immediately identified as a returner at intake).

The primary strategy for reducing returns to homelessness entails reliance on increasing the availability of wrap-around case management services to ensure that vulnerable clients attain long-term stability in their housing situations - whether transitional or permanent supportive housing. Case management also includes linkage to services such as substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and medication management, as needed.

The CoC has recently secured local government funding for a Homeless Services Administrator - which position will oversee the CES and the development of all CoC strategy relative to the reduction of homelessness.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Recognizing that income stability is a critical factor toward successfully retaining permanent housing, the CoC has included in its written standards the provision of employment counseling and referrals for job training among the services that must be provided to persons who are being assisted by the homeless crisis response system. These services can either be provided directly by the CoC or ESG-funded program or via referral to the local Department of Labor or other providers of job-training services. The local DOL provides assistance with job search skills, job training, and registration for employment.

Where the client being assisted is a veteran, referrals are made to the SSVF program which provides linkages to veteran-specific initiatives such as Hero to Hired. Clients with disabilities are referred to the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for assessments of abilities and determination of employment skills and/or training needs.

The availability of private employment and/or staffing agencies in the Territory is very limited so such partnerships are not a viable option for the VICoC. Although clients are routinely referred to the local Department of Labor, there is no formal partnership in place at this time. One of the efforts of the CoC has been to work through the Interagency Council on Homelessness to establish joint and cooperative efforts and policy initiatives which will result in more formal partnerships with some key agencies such as the VI Department of Labor.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
	2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The augmentation of household income is a key component of the services that must be provided to persons who are being assisted by the homeless crisis response system. As such, the CoC has included in its written standards that case management services shall include referrals of clients for mainstream benefits such as TANF, VA, Social Security annuities, or disability benefits, as appropriate. In addition to referrals for services, case managers shall also provide or arrange transportation and accompany clients to appointments, as needed.

Presently, all homeless service provider agencies provide case management to clients which include linkages to the mainstream benefits outlined above.

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>3A-1.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.a.	
	You must upload the Housing Leveraging Commitment attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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<b>3A-2.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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<b>3A-3.</b>	<b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			



### 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>3B-1.</b>	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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<b>3B-2.</b>	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

N/A; no new project applications included.

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

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:

1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A - CoC is not requesting to designate any projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness at Question 3C-1.

## 4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants for New DV Bonus Funding

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- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
<b>Applicant Name</b>		
This list contains no items		

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1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes		
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/27/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes		
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes		
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms - MT...	09/27/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Certification re:...	09/27/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/27/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Competition Scori...	09/27/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Notice	09/27/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	CoC Notification ...	09/27/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HDX Competition R...	09/27/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
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# **VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY**

## **FY2021 ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY (ACOP)**

Effective February 1, 2021.



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- a. A wait list may remain open for an indefinite period of time if the number of applicants on the wait list does not exceed the number of applicants needed to fill anticipated vacancies.
  - b. A wait list may be opened for a defined period of time if the number of persons projected to apply within this period exceeds the number of applicants needed to fill anticipated vacancies.
3. The standard chronological application procedure shall apply unless VIHA opts to accept pre-applications on-line, by mail or by phone. If any of these methods of application taking are used the wait list shall be converted to one with application numbers. Current applicants will be assigned application numbers that correspond to their date and time of application. Thereafter application numbers will be randomly assigned to applications received the same day by mail, phone or on-line.
  4. Applicant names will be removed from a wait list if the applicant fails to respond to attempts made by VIHA or property manager to contact or communicate with them or at the applicant's request. 24 CFR § 960.206.
  5. VIHA will periodically update each wait list by contacting all applicants in writing<sup>7</sup>. All applicants are responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the personal information provided on their applications (i.e. applicant must communicate changes to address, telephone number, family composition, or income).

**E. The Preference System for Admissions 24 CFR § 960.206.**

**1. Admission preferences:**

An admission preference does not guarantee admission. Preferences establish the order of placement on the waiting list. Every applicant must still meet VIHA's Selection Criteria before being offered a unit.

**2. Factors other than preferences:**

Before applying its preference system, VIHA will match the characteristics of the available unit to the applicants available on the waiting list. Unit sizes, accessibility features, or type of project limit the admission of families to units whose characteristics match the vacant unit available. By matching unit and family characteristics, families lower on the waiting list may receive an offer of housing before families with an earlier date and time of application or families with a higher preference (e.g. the next unit available is an accessible unit and the only applicant family needing such features is in the non-preference pool, i.e. having no preference). Factors other than the preference system that affect applicant selection are described below:

- a. When selecting a family for a unit with accessible features, VIHA will give a preference to families that include persons with disabilities who can most benefit from the unit's features. First preference will be given to existing Tenant families seeking a transfer and second preference will be given to applicant families. If no family needing accessible features can be found for a unit with such features, VIHA will house a family not needing the unit features, but a non-disabled family in an accessible unit will be required to move when that a family needing the unit features can take advantage of the unit.
- b. When selecting a family for a unit in a property that houses elderly and disabled families, as opposed to a general occupancy development that houses non-elderly families as well, VIHA

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<sup>7</sup> Or alternative format requested by qualified applicant with a disability.



will give equal priority to elderly families and disabled families.

- c. When selecting a single person at a mixed population development, elderly, or disabled single persons have priority over other singles. Single applicants who are not elderly, or disabled, can only be admitted after all elderly or disabled persons have been offered units.

Preferences will be granted to applicants who are otherwise qualified and who, at the time of the unit offer (prior to execution of a lease); meet the definitions of the preferences described below. VIHA will not hold units vacant for applicants with preferences, nor will it relax eligibility or screening criteria to admit otherwise unqualified applicants with preferences.

3. Verification of Preferences:

At the time of application, initial determinations of an applicant's entitlement to a preference may be made on the basis of an applicant's certification of their qualification for that preference. Before a unit offer is made, this qualification must be verified. Applicants who do not qualify for the claimed preferences at the time of certification will be moved to the "no preference" application pool without losing their date and time of application/application number.

4. Preference (up front):

In any 12-month period 50% of waiting list admissions will be preference holders while the remaining 50% of waiting list admissions will be non-preference families. To achieve this mix admissions staff will alternate admissions between the preference and non-preference applicants.

The following equal (non-hierarchic and non-weighted) preferences are available to qualifying families if they are verified to qualify at the time of certification. Families qualifying for preferences will be sorted within the preference pool of applicants by date and time of application or application number, whichever is applicable. The preferences are not hierarchic nor are they aggregated – a family that qualifies for two preferences is not in a higher waiting list position than a family that qualifies for a single preference:

a. **Category 1: An individual or family displaced by a declared Natural Disaster or government action other than eviction or an individual or family who is homeless, meaning:**

- 1) An individual or family whose home was recently destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by a disaster declared by a general local government<sup>8</sup> (Federal, State, Territorial) including an individual or family who is currently housed in a FEMA trailer<sup>9</sup> and who has not found alternative housing;<sup>10</sup> or
- 2) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; or

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<sup>8</sup> Applicants, who were formerly public housing tenants or housing choice voucher participants and are victims of federally declared disasters, will be processed on an as needed basis before other applications from the wait list.

<sup>9</sup> Once a person is in permanent housing (whether leased in their name or not) the person will no longer qualify for the disaster preference.

<sup>10</sup> For Virgin Islands declared disasters, the Director of Asset Management will determine the length of time this preference will be in effect, in consultation with Federal and Territory emergency managers. For declared disasters in other jurisdictions, the Director of Asset Management will consult with the PHA and emergency managers in that jurisdiction to determine the length of time this preference will be in effect.

- 3) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements; or
  - 4) An individual or family who is exiting an institution (including a hospital) where he or she resided for 90 days or less or who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
  - 5) An individual who does not have standard rental housing leased in his/her name (this includes persons who are "couch surfing", bouncing between housing belonging to friends and/or extended family members).
  - 6) Before a homeless applicant (under numbers 2 through 5 above) will receive a unit offer, VIHA must be able to verify that the applicant family is willing and able to comply with the VIHA lease. This preference is not "housing first", rather it is for individuals and families who are "housing ready".
- b. **Category 2: The Violence Against Women Act preference: Any individual or family who:**
- 1) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; and
  - 2) Has no other residence; and
  - 3) Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.
  - 4) An individual or family claiming this preference must be able to verify qualification. VIHA does not accept self-certifications.
- c. **Category 3: Working Family preference:**
- 1) Working families will be given preference on the waiting list subject to VIHA meeting the HUD regulation of leasing a minimum of 40% of new admissions to extremely low-income families during a calendar year.
  - 2) A "working family" has an adult family member who is employed at a minimum of 30 hours per week at the Federal minimum wage for the last 120 calendar days prior to admission.
  - 3) Applicants housed as a result of the Working Families or Individuals Preference must maintain employment for at least six (6) months from the date the Tenant Dwelling Lease is executed. No interim recertification will be conducted for Tenants who fail to maintain employment without good cause and will continue to be charged rent based on the employment income for a period of six (6) months.
  - 4) Termination of employment with cause does not include failure to report to work, excessive absences, habitually tardy, abusive language, theft, or other behavior that is a direct result of the Tenant's actions.
  - 5) In accordance with HUD regulations, working family also includes a family with the head of household, co-head or spouse, or sole member being a person age 62 or older or is a person with disabilities as defined in this policy.
- d. **For all One bedroom and efficiency (studio) units:**
- 1) Elderly, disabled families and displaced persons over other single persons.

5. **Administration of the Preferences:**
  - a. Depending on the time an applicant may have to remain on the waiting list, VIHA will either verify preferences at the time of application (when the waiting list is short or nonexistent) or require that applicants certify to their qualification for a preference at the time of pre-application (when the wait for admission exceeds four months). Verifying preferences is one of the earliest steps in processing applicants for admission when a family nears to top of the waiting list. Preference verifications shall be no more than 120 days old at the time of certification.
  - b. VIHA may use a pre-application to obtain the family's certification that it qualifies for a preference. The family will be advised to notify VIHA of any change that may affect their ability to qualify for a preference.
  - c. Applicants that are otherwise eligible and self-certified as qualifying for a preference will be placed on the waiting list in the appropriate applicant pool.
  - d. Applicants that self-certify to a preference at the time of pre-application and cannot verify current preference status at the time of certification will be moved into the non-preference category, based on date and time of application or application number, as applicable.
  - e. Applicants who disagree with VIHA's preference classification may not file a grievance. VIHA grievance procedure applies only to Tenants. It does NOT apply to applicants.
  - f. Applicants that do not qualify for a preference will be on the application pool based on date and time of application or application number as applicable.
6. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify VIHA of any change in his/her preference status. If an applicant's preference status changes while on the wait list, the applicant's position on the wait list will be adjusted to reflect the change. The applicant will retain his/her original date of application when a change is made.
7. **Ranking Preferences applicable to Senior Designated Housing Property Site-based Wait Lists 24 CFR § 960.206.**
  - a. **Domestic Violence Victims:** Eligible applicants who can document that they have been displaced by domestic violence or need to move from their present housing because of domestic violence. See full definition of domestic violence in II.E.8.a.
  - b. **Elder Abuse Victims:** Eligible applicants who can document that they are victims of elder abuse. "Elder abuse" refers to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an elderly adult. "Abuse" refers to causing any physical, mental, or sexual injury to an eligible adult, including exploitation of such adult's financial resources. Elder abuse also includes self-neglect, which is a condition that is the result of an eligible adult's inability, due to physical or mental impairments, or both, or a diminished capacity, to perform essential self-care tasks that substantially threaten his or her own health, including: providing essential food, clothing, shelter, and health care; and obtaining goods and services necessary to maintain physical health, mental health, emotional well-being, and general safety.
  - c. VIHA will not lower the age for the head of household below 62 at any senior designated housing property.

- d. **Elderly families who do not qualify for this ranking preference will be categorized as no-preference families.**
- 8. **Accessible Units: Qualified applicants on the wait list that require an accessible unit will be offered an available vacant accessible unit before it is offered to an applicant who does not need the features of the unit. See Section III.I. for the order in which accessible unit offers are made. VIHA will maintain a separate wait list for fully accessible units.**

**F. Screening Applicants for Suitability**

**VIHA will determine an applicant's suitability for tenancy for the type of unit being offered at the time of screening. All applicants will be screened in accordance with HUD regulations and established management practices. Screening will include a criminal background, credit, and Tenant history check. VIHA will review an applicant's criminal background from as far back as reasonably necessary for certain crimes.**

- 1. **During screening, VIHA requires applicants to demonstrate their ability to comply with the essential obligations of tenancy and the provisions of the lease, which include: 24 CFR § 960.202 – 205.**
  - a. **To pay rent, utilities, and other charges as required by the lease in a timely manner;**
  - b. **To care for and avoid damaging the unit and common areas;**
  - c. **To use facilities and equipment in their intended way;**
  - d. **To create neither health nor safety hazards;**
  - e. **To report damages and maintenance needs;**
  - f. **To not interfere with the rights and peaceful enjoyment of others;**
  - g. **To avoid damaging the property of others;**
  - h. **To not engage in criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other Tenants, staff, or people in the immediate vicinity;**
  - i. **To not engage in drug-related criminal activity; and**
  - j. **To comply with the program requirements of HUD and VIHA.**
- 2. **VIHA will determine each applicant family's ability to comply with the essential obligations of tenancy and the provisions of the lease.**
- 3. **A qualified applicant with a disability may comply with the essential obligations of tenancy if he/she can demonstrate, for example, that assistance with caring for the unit, if needed, has been secured. VIHA will grant a reasonable accommodation to the applicant as outlined in Section I.B. 24 CFR § 8.20.**
- 4. **An applicant who qualifies as a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking may provide incomplete rental and employment histories, otherwise required as a condition of admission or assistance, when disclosure of such rental and employment history is directly related to the situation of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking or would jeopardize the safety of the applicant or the applicant's family members.**
- 5. **All applicants and household members age 18 and over (including live-in aides) will be subject to a criminal/credit background check. VIHA will provide information to all applicants regarding how to obtain a free copy of their credit report. If housing is denied based on the criminal background information, VIHA will provide a copy of the criminal background information used.**

6. VIHA may conduct a credit check on the applicant head, spouse and co-head of household to determine whether the applicant has a history of non-payment of rent or utilities. VIHA may perform a credit check on all members of the applicant household age 18 years or older to verify income information, to determine if the person owes funds to any housing authority for any program, to confirm last place of residency and to determine whether a criminal background check must be conducted in states where the applicant(s) and household members have resided.
7. All adult applicant household members' past two years of Tenant history, including any lease violations, will be reviewed and verified.
8. All household members, age 18 and over, must sign all consent forms that authorize VIHA to make necessary inquiries into the applicant's behavior or background as it relates to lease compliance, including the HUD Form 9886 and VIHA Authorization and Consent Release Form, this includes obtaining arrest, conviction and eviction information in order to determine a pattern of behavior and the likelihood of lease compliance. Failure to sign consent forms, including HUD Form 9886 and VIHA Authorization and Consent Release Form, will result in the applicant's rejection.
9. An applicant who is withdrawn from the waiting list will not be eligible to reapply for one year from the withdrawn date. This date may be longer based on the federal regulations.
10. Administrative costs incurred to complete the applicant screening process will be paid for by VIHA or property management companies.

**G. Admissions Screening Criteria**

In addition to the eligibility criteria listed above, VIHA will use the following screening criteria in this section to determine if an applicant will be accepted or rejected for housing. If emergency applicants, who are victims of federally declared disasters, arrive without any documentation, VIHA will obtain the name and SSN of the head of household. VIHA will verify the families' current eligibility by using HUD's EIV system and conducting a criminal/credit check. If the data cannot be verified by HUD's EIV system and a criminal/credit check, VIHA may accept alternate documentation that demonstrates participation in the public housing program, participation in the HCV Programs, or establishes eligibility.

1. An applicant's past performance in meeting financial obligations, especially payment of rent, will be considered. 24 CFR § 960.203.
2. Applicants with a record of disturbance of neighbors, destruction of property, or living or housekeeping habits at prior residences that may adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of other Tenants may be denied. The tenant must wait one (1) year to re-apply. 24 CFR § 960.203.
3. Applicants with negative findings from this housing authority, other housing authorities or housing programs will be reviewed. The burden shall be on the applicant to provide evidence to show the negative finding(s) was not the fault of the applicant.
4. Applicants who have been evicted from VIHA or any other subsidized housing program within the last two (2) years from the date of the eviction for nonpayment of rent will have their applications denied.
5. Applicants who owe funds to VIHA or any other housing authority for any program that VIHA or another housing authority operates will be denied. 24 CFR § 960.203.
6. Applicants who owe funds or judgment debts to any utility company or cannot obtain utility connections will be denied.

**APPLICATION ATTACHMENT  
FY 2023 CoC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION**

**1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation (MTOC Permanent Supportive Housing 2023)**

# HOUSING FIRST EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Project: MTOC Permanent Supportive Housing (Hilltop Transitional Housing)

Location: St. Thomas, USVI

The purpose of the checklist is to assess the extent to which programs are implementing a Housing First approach. The CoC will adopt this tool for use during planning sessions or trainings, during a site visit or compliance audit of specific projects, or as guidance when reviewing funding applications.

- Access to programs is not contingent on sobriety, minimum income requirements, lack of a criminal record, completion of substance abuse treatment, participation in services, or other unnecessary conditions.
- Programs or projects do everything possible not to reject an individual or family on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, minor criminal convictions, or behaviors that are interpreted as indicating a lack of "housing readiness."
- People with disabilities are offered clear opportunities to request reasonable accommodations within applications and screening processes and during tenancy, and the building and apartment units include special physical features that accommodate disabilities.
- Programs or projects work through the coordinated entry process (or the case conferencing process that has been adopted pending the implementation of the full CES) to ensure that that an individual or family seeking services that cannot be served by the program have access to housing and services elsewhere.
- Housing and service goals and plans are unmistakably tenant-driven.
- Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem-solving over therapeutic goals.
- Participation in services or compliance with service plans are not conditions of tenancy, but information about available services is reviewed with tenants and regularly offered as a resource.
- Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes that drug and alcohol use and addiction are a part of some tenants' lives. Tenants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.
- Substance use in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not considered a reason for eviction.

## Quick Screen Questions:

### Does A Project Use Housing First Principles?

- 1) Are applicants allowed to enter the program without income?
- 2) Are applicants allowed to enter the program even if they aren't "clean and sober" or in compliance with a "treatment plan/protocol" ?
- 3) Are applicants allowed to enter the program even if they have criminal justice involvement – to include a criminal record, except where clearly prohibited by federal law?
- 4) Are service and treatment plans voluntary, such that tenants cannot be evicted for not following through on said plans?

Tenants in supportive housing are given reasonable flexibility in paying their share of rent on time and offered special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.

Every effort is made to provide a tenant the opportunity to transfer from one housing situation, program, or project to another if a tenancy is in jeopardy. Whenever possible, eviction back into homelessness is avoided.

Evaluator: Chivonne Moorhead

Date: 9/25/2023

Evaluation means:  Review of written policy & procedures; program lease

Staff interview with review of client files

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPLICATION ATTACHMENT  
FY 2023 CoC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION**

**1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project (MTOC Permanent Supportive Housing 2023)**

**Chivonne Moorhead**

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**From:** Kendall Tutein <Kendall.Tutein@dhs.vi.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** Janine Hector  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL MAIL]CoC Project Application Scoring Tool  
**Attachments:** Copy of Project Scoring Tool 2023 KT Reviewer 9-25-2023.xlsx

Good Afternoon Janine,  
I have attached the score sheets for the MTOC applications for your review.

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**Virgin Islands Continuum of Care on Homelessness  
Project Rating Tool  
FY 2023**

**Project Name:** MTOC - Permanent Supportive Housing 2023  
**Organization Name:** Meeting the Needs of Our Community  
**Project Type:** PH  
**Project Identifier:** VI0001LAN002110

**\*Points key**

POPULATION	POINTS	NUMBER OF BEDS	POINTS
Youth	5	1 to 5	5
DV	10	6 to 10	7
CH	25	11+	10

HOUSING TYPE	POINTS	UTILIZATION RATE	POINTS
Emergency Shelter	5	1-25%	5
Transitional	7	50-75 %	7
Permanent	10	100%	10

RATING FACTOR	MAXIMUM POINTS AWARDED
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**Applicant is Active CoC Participant**  
 Yes     No    10    10

**Application is Complete and Data Consistent**  
 Yes     No    10    10

**Housing First/Low Barrier Implementation**  
 Yes     No    25    25

**Population Served**  
 CH     DV     Youth    25    25

**Housing Type**  
 ES     TH     PH    10    10

**Number of Beds**  
 1 to 5     6 to 10     11+    10    5

**Bed Utilization Rate**  
 0-25%     50-75%     100%    10    10

**TOTAL POINTS AWARDED**    100    95

**From:** [Temara Honore](#)  
**To:** [Janine Hector](#)  
**Subject:** Scoring sheet  
**Date:** Monday, September 25, 2023 3:08:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [Receipt\\_2023-09-25\\_151343.pdf](#)

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Good day Mrs. Hector,

I am forwarding the scoring sheet to you. I got caught up working on something else. I do apologize for the late submission. I hope I did it correctly.

Best regards

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Temara M. Honore  
Housing Case Manager  
Transitional Housing Program

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FY 2023

Project Name: MTOC - Permanent Supportive Housing 2023  
 Organization Name: Meeting the Needs of Our Community  
 Project Type: PH  
 Project Identifier: VI0001L4N002110

\*Points key

POPULATION  
 Youth  
 DV  
 CH

HOUSING TY  
 Emergency S  
 Transitional  
 Permanent

RATING FACTOR	MAXIMUM POINT VALUE	POINTS AWARDED
Applicant Is Active CoC Participant <u>10</u> Yes      _____ No	10	
Application Is Complete and Data Consistent <u>10</u> Yes      _____ No	10	
Housing First/Low Barrier Implementation <u>25</u> Yes      _____ No	25	
Population Served <u>25</u> CH      _____ DV      _____ Youth	25	
Housing Type _____ ES      _____ TH <u>10</u> PH	10	
Number of Beds <u>5</u> 1 to 5      _____ 6 to 10      _____ 11+	10	
Bed Utilization Rate _____ 0-25%      _____ 50-75% <u>10</u> 100%	10	
<b>TOTAL POINTS AWARDED</b> <u>95</u>	<b>100</b>	

**Virgin Islands Continuum of Care on Homelessness  
Project Rating Tool  
FY 2023**

**Project Name:** MTOC -Permanent Supportive Housing 2023  
**Organization Name:** Meeting the Needs of Our Community  
**Project Type:** PH- 3 units  
**Project Identifier:** VI0001L4N002110

**\*Points key**

<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF BEDS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Youth	5	1 to 5	5
DV	10	6 to 10	7
CH	25	11+	10
<b>HOUSING TYPE</b>		<b>UTILIZATION RATE</b>	
Emergency Shelter	5	1-25%	5
Transitional	7	50-75 %	7
Permanent	10	100%	10

RATING FACTOR	MAXIMUM POINTS	POINTS AWARDED
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**Applicant is Active CoC Participant**  
 Yes       No      10      10

**Application is Complete and Data Consistent**  
 Yes       No      10      10

**Housing First/Low Barrier Implementation**  
 Yes       No      25      25

**Population Served**  
 CH       DV       Youth      25      25

**Housing Type**  
 ES       TH       PH      10      10

**Number of Beds**  
 1 to 5       6 to 10       11+      10      5

**Bed Utilization Rate**  
 0-25%       50-75%       100%      10      10

**TOTAL POINTS AWARDED**      100      95

*Christine Moralez 10/26/2023*

**APPLICATION ATTACHMENT  
FY 2023 CoC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION**

**1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced**

The CoC Collaborative Applicant certifies that no projects have been rejected or reduced in the 2023 application cycle.

**APPLICATION ATTACHMENT  
FY 2023 CoC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION**

**1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted**

Attached hereto is evidence of the VICoC's e-mail notification alerting the CoC applicants of projects accepted for ranking.



**From:** [Janine Hector](#)  
**To:** [wcanton](#)  
**Cc:** [Temara Honore](#)  
**Subject:** Notification re: CoC project applications  
**Date:** Monday, September 25, 2023 9:46:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [CoC FY 2023 Notification Letter to Project Applicants - MTOC.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good day, Ms. Canton:

Please see attached letter provided regarding the status of your organization's various CoC renewal application submissions.

Kindly review and advise if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Janine Hector  
Federal Programs Director  
V.I. Housing Finance Authority  
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## **VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY**

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September 25, 2023

Ms. Wynn Canton  
Interim Administrator  
Meeting The Needs of Our Community, Inc. (MTOC)  
P.O. Box 306816  
St. Thomas, VI 00803

Re: VI-HMIS Homeless Management Information Systems 2023  
MTOC – Permanent Supportive Housing 2023  
Permanent Supportive Housing 2023

Dear Ms. Canton:

The Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority, in its role as the Collaborative Applicant for the Virgin Islands Continuum of Care (VI CoC), acknowledges receipt of your organization's submission of three (3) renewal applications for funding under the FY 2023 CoC Consolidated Grant.

As you may be aware, the CoC is required to conduct a formal review of the project applications submitted for compliance with eligibility requirements and rating factors; projects are then either accepted (i.e., approved) and ranked or rejected. In this process, the CoC appointed an evaluation team comprised of the Collaborative Applicant and two other representatives of CoC participating organizations.

Upon review by the evaluation team, all three of your organization's applications were accepted. As such, the applications will be ranked and included among the projects submitted under the CoC Consolidated Application.

We applaud MTOC's effort to apply for funding to continue the administration of its two Permanent Supportive Housing Program which provides housing and supportive services to a total of seven (7) chronically homeless adults on the island of St. Thomas. We also commend MTOC's ongoing commitment to the administration and management of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which is used to collect client-level data and derive reports on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. The analysis of HMIS data is increasingly critical to the receipt of funding under both the ESG Program and the CoC Grant.

Should you have any questions about the application review process, please feel free to contact me at (340) 772-4432 or via e-mail at [jhector@vihfa.gov](mailto:jhector@vihfa.gov).

Sincerely,

Janine Hector  
Federal Programs Director, VIHFA

xc: Evaluation Team  
CoC File

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**2023 HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT APPLICATION**  
**(Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6300-N-25)**

**This notice is posted pursuant to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY 2023) Continuum of Care Grant Program Competition.**

**Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues funding opportunities under the Continuum of Care Grant Program. The Continuum of Care Grant Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by non-profit providers, state, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.**

**The local Continuum of Care (VI-CoC) is required by HUD to submit a consolidated application for funding for renewal and/or new homeless services projects seeking funding under the CoC Grant.**

**This serves as notice that the FY 2023 Consolidated Application has been posted to the following website: [www.catholiccharitiesvi.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesvi.org).**

**The CoC's Approved Consolidated Application includes:**

- **The CoC Application and attachments;**
- **The Priority Listing and attachments; and**
- **All projects accepted, ranked.**

**The projects included in the application are:**

- **MTOC Permanent Supportive Housing 2023**  
**Location: (scattered site) St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands**  
**Applicant: Meeting the Needs of our Community, Inc.**
- **VI-HMIS Homeless Management Information System**  
**Location: (Territory-wide) Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands**  
**Applicant: Meeting the Needs of our Community, Inc.**
- **Permanent Supportive Housing**  
**Location: (scattered site) St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands**  
**Applicant: Meeting the Needs of our Community, Inc.**

**All projects listed herein are consistent with the Territory's current approved Consolidated Plan.**

**For more information, or to obtain a copy of the CoC Consolidated Application, please contact Janine Hector, CoC Collaborative Applicant, at [jhector@vihfa.gov](mailto:jhector@vihfa.gov).**

**APPLICATION ATTACHMENT  
FY 2023 CoC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION**

**1E-5d. Notification of CoC-approved Consolidated Application**

**From:** [Temara Honore](#)  
**To:** [Louise Petersen](#); [Halvor Hart](#); [Adyrann Glenn](#); [Juliette Millin](#); [Aisha Mussington](#); [Janine Hector](#); [Sandra Thomas Mason](#); [Andrea Shillingford](#); [Chalnie Lang](#); [Rudolph E. Krieger, Jr.](#); [Suzanne Magras](#); [Thomas Williams](#); [Shenika Fahle](#); [Anya Stuart](#); [Mark Constantine](#); [Kendall Tuteln](#); [Marilyn Carson](#); [Hensley, Scott](#); [joe.irvine@usa.salvationarmy.org](mailto:joe.irvine@usa.salvationarmy.org); [Leslie Raymer](#); [Peter Abrahams](#); [Sandra Mason](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Notification re: CoC Application process  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 9:13:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [2023 CoC Application Process - CoC Notification.pdf](#)

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Janine Hector** <[jhector@vihfa.gov](mailto:jhector@vihfa.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:59 PM  
**Subject:** Notification re: CoC Application process  
**To:** Temara Honore <[thonore@wcsfx.org](mailto:thonore@wcsfx.org)>

Good day, Temara:

Please disseminate the attached correspondence to the CoC membership as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Janine Hector  
Federal Programs Director  
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

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This correspondence provides notice to the CoC membership that the FY 2023 Consolidated Application and the CoC Priority Listing will be posted to the VIHFA's website on Tuesday, September 25.

The CoC's Approved Consolidated Application includes:

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Applicant: Meeting the Needs of our Community, Inc.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing\***  
Location: (scattered site) St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands  
Applicant: Meeting the Needs of our Community, Inc.

\* This project was previously administered by the Department of Human Services. As of 9/22/2022, it is now administered by Meeting the Needs of Our Community (MTOC), Inc.

For more information, or to obtain a copy of the CoC Consolidated Application, please contact Janine Hector, CoC Collaborative Applicant, at [jhector@vihfa.gov](mailto:jhector@vihfa.gov).

**From:** [Janine Hector](#)  
**To:** [Temara Honore](#)  
**Subject:** Notification re: CoC Application process  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 6:10:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [2023 CoC Application CoC Notification revised.docx](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good day, Temara:

Due to a technical issue, we were forced to switch the web location where the CoC application is posted. Therefore, please disseminate the attached revised notice to the CoC membership as soon as possible.

To eliminate any possible confusion, please indicate "Notification re: CoC Application process (REVISED)" in the subject line.

In the message, please indicate that the notification has been re-sent because of a change in the website where the CoC application has been posted.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

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**This correspondence updates the previous notice to the CoC membership regarding the posting of the FY 2023 Consolidated Application and the CoC Priority Listing. Due to technical challenges, the CoC application have been posted to the following website: [www.catholiccharitiesvi.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesvi.org)**

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# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## PIT Count Data for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

### Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	304	177	175	252
Emergency Shelter Total	12	12	36	19
Safe Haven Total	11	11	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	49	41	26	28
Total Sheltered Count	72	64	62	47
Total Unsheltered Count	232	113	113	205

### Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	105	0	0	0
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	0	0	0	0
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	105	0	0	0

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## PIT Count Data for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

### Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	0	1	1	1
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	0	0	0
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	1	1	1

### Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	32	13	6	6	9
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	0	0	0	0	0
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	32	13	6	6	9

\*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## HIC Data for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

### HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	16	16	16	100.00%	0	0	NA	16	100.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	53	53	53	100.00%	0	0	NA	53	100.00%
RRH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
PSH Beds	23	23	23	100.00%	0	0	NA	23	100.00%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	92	92	92	100.00%	0	0	NA	92	100.00%

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HIC Data for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## HIC Data for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

**Notes**

\*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

### PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	0			0

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	0			

### Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	24			

2023 HDX Competition Report  
HIC Data for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Summary Report for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

#### 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.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	37	78	257	321	64	67	146	79
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	76	105	404	417	13	146	197	51

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer 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.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.



2023 HDX Competition Report  
**FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)**

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	37	82	257	823	566	67	455	388
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	76	109	404	826	422	146	366	220

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### 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.

	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	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	10	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	1	10%
Exit was from TH	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	0	0		0		0		0	
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	11	0	0%	0	0%	1	9%	1	9%

### Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

#### Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	177	175	-2
Emergency Shelter Total	12	36	24
Safe Haven Total	11	0	-11
Transitional Housing Total	41	26	-15
Total Sheltered Count	64	62	-2
Unsheltered Count	113	113	0

### Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	76	106	30
Emergency Shelter Total	37	80	43
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	39	30	-9

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### 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 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	5	7	2
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	0%	0%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	5	7	2
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	0%	0%	0%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	5	7	2
Number of adults with increased total income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased total income	0%	0%	0%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	21	13	-8
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	0%	0%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	21	13	-8
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	0%	0%	0%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	21	13	-8
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased total income	0%	0%	0%

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### 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 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	44	66	22
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.	5	6	1
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)	39	60	21

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	44	66	22
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.	5	6	1
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.)	39	60	21

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**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 FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) 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 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	0	0	0
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0	0	0
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	0	0	0
% Successful exits			

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

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	46	47	1
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	8	17	9
% Successful exits	17%	36%	19%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	2	6	4
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	2	6	4
% Successful exits/retention	100%	100%	0%



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### VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	22	12	12	43	41	60	45			24					
2. Number of HMIS Beds	22	12	12	35	33	52	45			24					
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )	100.00	100.00	100.00	81.40	80.49	86.67	100.00			100.00					
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	43	37	54	63	39	39	46	0	0	28	21	25	116	46	54
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	28	12	12	25	5	7	5	0	0	11	1	1	1	8	9
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	2	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	7.14	0.00	0.00	28.00	0.00	0.00	20.00			0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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## Submission and Count Dates for VI-500 - Virgin Islands CoC

### Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/28/2023	

### Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/2/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	6/27/2023	No
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/27/2023	Yes