

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

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** GA-508 - DeKalb County CoC

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

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** GA Department of Community Affairs

| 1A-5. New Projects                    |  |     |
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|                                       | Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO. |     |
| 1. Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside |  | Yes |
| 2. Rural Homelessness Set Aside       |  | No  |

## 1B. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking—Local Competition

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| <b>1B-1.</b> | <b>Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline—Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)</b>                   |            |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.   |            |
|              | You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.                            |            |
|              | Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition. | 08/29/2022 |

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| <b>1B-2.</b> | <b>Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)</b>  |     |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.   |     |
|              | You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.  |     |
|              | Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition:  |     |
|              | 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).   | Yes |

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| <b>1B-3.</b> | <b>Projects Rejected/Reduced—Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)</b>  |    |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.   |    |
|              | You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.   |    |
|              | 1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?  | No |
|              | 2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?  | No |
|              | 3. If you selected yes, for element 1 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, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22. |    |

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| 1B-3a. | <b>Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)</b>  |  |
|        | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.   |  |
|        | You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.   |  |
|        | Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22. |  |

**You must enter a date in question 1B-3a.**

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| 1B-4. | <b>Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)</b>   |            |
|       | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.  |            |
|       | You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.  |            |
|       | Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or affiliate's website—which included:<br>1. the CoC Application, and<br>2. Priority Listings. | 10/17/2022 |

## 2A. System Performance

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| <b>2A-1.</b> | <b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors.</b> |  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.                                     |  |

Describe in the field below:

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|  | 1. how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;   |
|  | 2. how your CoC addresses 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families. |

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1) **DETERMINE RISK FACTORS:** Analyzed data from past 10 homeless PIT surveys, coordinated entry assessments, HMIS and other risk factor research.(i.e.no job, can't pay rent), COVID response, housing (i.e. eviction, can't find affordable housing), family (i.e. Domestic Violence, divorce) & mental health;

2)**ADDRESS AT RISK BECOMING HOMELESS:** Households at risk of homelessness access coordinated entry (CE) to complete pre-screen which includes needs assessment to request prevention services. Referral made by coordinated entry (CE) specialists to the ESG & other funded agencies based on who has available funds to set appointments. Client meets with prevention agency for eligibility screening and if meet criteria, agency works with landlord to pay outstanding arrears, late fees and current month rent to prevent homelessness. Individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless are eligible to receive ESG and ESG-CV funded Homeless Prevention Services (financial/utility/rental/arrear); The CoC also coordinates with Faith Based entities and the United Way to provide prevention services to at-risk families moving from hotels to permanent housing; Collaborative partnership exists with Georgia Power to identify persons at-risk of homelessness due to utility shut offs.

3) **RESPONSIBLE:** Collaborative Applicant and planning committee in conjunction with the CoC Governance Board

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| <b>2A-2.</b> | <b>Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)</b> |  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.                                     |  |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;  |
| 2. | 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. |

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**1) STRATEGIES:**

**1A. Reduce Barriers:** CoC adopted housing 1st model; Coordinated Entry (CE) specialists (CES) address problems that arise w/ high barrier clients via case conferences & client discussion; Identify housing properties willing to work w/ bad credit, recent evictions & criminal records; **1B. Bridge Housing:** CoC recommended the County use County funds to add non-congregate units and case management. As a result, County added noncongregate apartments (Step Up, Caring Works, & CHRIS 180) and over 200 hotel rooms (HUB Community Development Corporation) where agency staff provides intensive case management & wrap around services for jobs, daycare, transportation, MH intervention, & housing search to quickly (w/n 90 days) place into permanent housing via CE; **1C. Outreach Engagement:** Upon 1st engagement, outreach identifies people

on street who want perm housing & get paperwork ready for PSH; Crossroads Community Min., First Presb. Church & Sal Army help clients obtain free documents that are required for housing/jobs/schooling i.e. birth certificates, identification, SS card; Outreach staff work w/ street population for homeless verification, medical docs, finger printing, est. SSI payee, TB test, etc. to be doc ready via constant engagement to get perm. housed;

**1D. Jobs:** Salvation Army, Decatur Cooperative Ministry & other agencies connect clients with job agencies, i.e. WorkSource Development, Goodwill, First Step Staffing (can place in job immediately)

**2) 2A. IDENTIFY:** Clients call into CE intake phone line. CE specialists complete coordinated entry (CE) enrollment, prescreen & comprehensive assessment (VI-SPDAT) in HMIS. Longest LOTH is factor in VI-SPDAT for higher score & automatically ranked higher on permanent housing by name list (PH BNL); Street outreach staff complete weekly outreach efforts throughout DeKalb County to locate new homeless persons and connect with already known homeless. Street homeless people are enrolled in outreach program in HMIS. Outreach team has an outreach BNL to keep track of LOTH. **2B. HOUSE LONGEST LOTH:** CES review PH BNL & receive notice of PH openings daily; Priority for CES to match & refer as soon as housing available; CES coordinate b/n outreach/ES & RRH/PSH (Goal - ES stays less than 90 days); Goal to refer highest scored longest LOTH w/n a week of being on PH BNL to PSH for immediate housing; Goal that once referred for RRH, clients housed w/n 60 days

**3) RESPONSIBLE:** ESG & CE Coordinators

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| <b>2A-3.</b> | <b>Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)</b> |  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.  |  |

Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:

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| 1. | emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing ext to permanent housing destinations; and |
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2. permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

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1)INC TO PH: CoC meets with each agency yearly & trains at monthly CoC mtgs 1a) Emergency Shelter (ES) connects clients with resources for income, help with client documentation getting them ready for move in, and work with CE to refer to available PH options. CE has the clients based on a prioritized By Name List (BNL). CE and the ES program staff conduct monthly case conferencing to review clients status.

1b) No safe haven programs in CoC 1c) For TH, case managers work with clients to develop individual stability plan to sets goals, (i.e. jobs, GED, sobriety, budget) to accomplish for exiting to PH. TH case managers work with Ce specialist to find PH options.

1d) RRH agencies partner with Open Doors (OD) to connect clients to apartments where they have relationships w. landlords to place high barrier households (i.e. poor credit, evictions, income ratio disparity, criminal records). OD has list over 100+ apt complexes that are affordable & work with. high barrier hholds. RRH case mgrs connect clients fr job training & placement at Workforce Development, 1st Step Staffing, Next Step Staffing, and Goodwill training programs.

2)RETAIN/EXIT TO PERM HOUSE: CoC focuses on providing agencies with resource for clients to increase cash & noncash income while in PH; Clients meet with the case managers once a month to review their Individual Service Plan (ie budgeting). CoC funded projects have access to medium or long term rental assistance.

2A-4. Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)

Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.

Describe in the field below:

1. how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;

2. 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)**

1)IDENTIFY: The CoC uses preexisting HMIS data for clients coming through Coordinated Entry (CE) to identify clients that have returned to homelessness.

2)STRATEGY: The CoC analysis data from HMIS to identify hard to serve clients that may be at a higher risk of returning to homelessness. Once those clients are identified, plans are made with program case managers to address possible barriers that may impede the clients ability to gain long term housing. Strategies may include homeless prevention programs to assist with housing costs, coordination between client and landlords to address issues before evictions, and case managers monitor progress (including rental payments) for at least six months after rental payments have ended.

3)RESPONSIBLE: CE coordinator & housing navigator

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| <b>2A-5.</b> | <b>Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)</b>  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.  |
|              | Describe in the field below:   |
| 1.           | the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;   |
| 2.           | how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their 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)**

1. To increase employment income the CoC agencies assess participants for job interests at engagement, as part of the CoC-wide Comprehensive Assessment/ Coordinated Entry process. The CoC’s plan incorporates agencies using the CoC referral process to refer participants directly to partners/organizations that can assist in employment. Employment opportunities, and placement are discussed during the bi-weekly CoC case conferencing meetings. Employment opportunities are distributed to all agencies for posting. The CoC’s objectives encourage providers to emulate workplace norms, emphasize employment, ensure access to transportation, and provide appropriate clothing, so that participants can retain employment and increase employment income
2. The CoC partners with Goodwill Industries, DeKalb WorkSource, First Step Staffing, and local employment agencies to provide training, resources, and tools for CoC service providers in order to equip them to assist the homeless to succeed in the workplace and to provide job opportunities for clients;
3. Collaborative Applicant and planning committee in conjunction with the CoC Governance Board oversee the CoC’s strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

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| <b>2A-5a.</b> | <b>Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)</b>  |
|               | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.  |
|               | Describe in the field below:   |
| 1.            | the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;  |
| 2.            | your CoC’s strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and   |
| 3.            | provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase non-employment cash income. |

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**1) NEEDS ANSWER**

**2)The CoC partners with the Social Security Administration to help clients navigate the process for applying for SSI, SSDI, Medicaid and Medicare benefits. The CoC also provides training through CoC and Case manager meeting for speakers to instruct the process for agencies to better serve clients with applications. CoC works with the local Department of Family and Children services to secure TANF, SNAP, and WIC benefits.**

**3)Collaborative Applicant and planning committee in conjunction with the CoC Governance Board oversee the CoC's strategy to increase non-cash benefits and supplemental income**



## 2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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| <b>2B-1.</b> | <b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)</b> |  |
|              | Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)   |  |

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:

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| 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 of CoC Board Members | Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System |
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| 1.  | Affordable Housing Developer(s)   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 2.  | Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking                                       | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 3.  | CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction  | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 4.  | CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 5.  | CoC-Funded Youth Homeless Organizations   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 6.  | Disability Advocates  | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 7.  | Disability Service Organizations  | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 8.  | Domestic Violence Advocates   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 9.  | EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 10. | Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 11. | Hospital(s)   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 12. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent                  | No   | No   |
| 13. | Law Enforcement   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 14. | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates                         | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 15. | LGBTQ+ Service Organizations  | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 16. | Local Government Staff/Officials  | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 17. | Local Jail(s)   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 18. | Mental Health Service Organizations   | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |
| 19. | Mental Illness Advocates  | Yes                          | Yes  | Yes  |

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| 20. | Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 21. | Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 22. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 23. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons                                     | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 24. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities                           | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 25. | Other homeless subpopulation advocates  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 26. | Public Housing Authorities  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 27. | School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 28. | Street Outreach Team(s)   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 29. | Substance Abuse Advocates   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 30. | Substance Abuse Service Organizations   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 31. | Youth Advocates   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 32. | Youth Service Providers   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|     | Other:(limit 50 characters)   |     |     |     |
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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| 2B-2. | Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants) |  |
|       | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.      |  |

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|    | Describe in the field below how your CoC:   |
| 1. | communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;  |
| 2. | ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;  |
| 3. | conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and  |
| 4. | invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities). |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The DeKalb CoC extends an open invitation for new members continually through a variety of means. Open invitation to join is communicated to the public via the DeKalb County government website, at all public comment/hearings and stakeholder meetings (ex. HUD AAP, ESG/CDBG, HOME ARP), at all general body CoC membership and governance committee meetings, monthly meetings of HMIS and CE User groups as well as all external meetings attended by collaborative applicant staff. The public, agencies and stakeholders are invited and provided contact information, dates for scheduled General Body Meetings and direct appeals to invite new members including current project participants or persons with lived experience (current or recent). 2. During and post COVID all meetings have been held virtually and include ADA compliant transcripts and recordings to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities. The DeKalb CoC is ethnically and culturally diverse. To address barriers to participation and to engage underserved populations, direct invitations to join have resulted in the joining and ongoing participation of culturally specific communities such as the Latin American Association, Pan Asian Community Services and Refugee Assistance programs in CoC meetings, homeless outreach and biennial point in time counts.

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| <b>2B-3.</b> | <b>CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)</b> |  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)   |  |

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| 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; and  |
| 3.  | 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)

**1. SOLICITS OPINIONS:** The DeKalb CoC solicits and considers the opinions of a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness in the jurisdiction by having bi monthly meetings of the CoC General Body, Governance Board, Monthly CoC Planning and Service Coordination meetings, and monthly case manager, CE and HMIS user group meetings. Over the past year, the CoC had multiple opportunities to solicit and consider the opinions of DeKalb citizens, homeless advocates and community neighborhood groups representing DeKalb County and the City of Decatur. **2. COMMUNICATED INFORMATION:** Information both requested and communicated during public meetings include strategies to more effectively engage and coordinate efforts by the community, funded service providers and County government to address the needs of DeKalb's unsheltered population, ways the community can best support the work of the CoC in serving unsheltered homeless, and how homeless data collected is used to determine funding for housing and wrap around services. **3. CONSIDERED INFORMATION:** Concerns, opinions and recommendations gathered in public meetings from Dekalb citizens and homeless advocates were acted upon to improve the County's cold weather shelter response, including new and more timely communication to the public, at-risk and homeless populations regarding cold weather shelter openings, requirements and locations, coordinating transportation to cold weather shelter locations and expanded outreach to transition at risk and homeless individuals and families to temporary non-congregant shelter with connections to permanent housing and supportive services.

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| <b>2B-4.</b> | <b>Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)</b>                                      |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)   |
|              | Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:  |
| 1.           | that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;   |
| 2.           | that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;               |
| 3.           | about how project applicants must submit their project applications;   |
| 4.           | about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and                                    |
| 5.           | how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats. |

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## 2C. Coordination / Engagement—with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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| <b>2C-1.</b> | <b>Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)</b>   |  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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 Planning or Operations of Projects |
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| 1.  | Funding Collaboratives  | Yes   |
| 2.  | Head Start Program  | Yes   |
| 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            | Yes   |
| 6.  | Housing and services programs funded through State Government                                   | Yes   |
| 7.  | Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) | Yes   |
| 8.  | Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)                   | Yes   |
| 9.  | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)   | Yes   |
| 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   | Yes   |
| 13. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities                                       | Yes   |
| 14. | Private Foundations   | Yes   |
| 15. | Public Housing Authorities  | Yes   |
| 16. | Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)  | Yes   |
| 17. | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  |   |
|     | Other:(limit 50 characters)   |   |
| 18. |   |   |

**You must select a response for elements 1 through 17 in question 2C-1.**

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| 2C-2. | CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)  |  |
|       | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.   |  |
|       | Describe in the field below how your CoC:   |  |
| 1.    | consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG 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 Consolidated Plan update. |  |

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- 1) The DeKalb County Community Development Department serves as the administrator of the DeKalb ESG Annual Program and the ESG-CV Program consults in weekly meetings with all ESG and ESG-CV subrecipients to support COC/ESG/ESG-CV service coordination and outreach. To maximize all available HUD resources DeKalb County, as both the ESG/ESG-CV subrecipient and the CoC Collaborative Applicant, has continued increased collaboration between providers and stakeholders to achieve common system goals and system performance outcomes of preventing first time homelessness, mitigating the impact of homelessness by decreasing the length of time homeless and preventing a return to homelessness in the jurisdiction . Key funding criteria for ESG and ESG-CV funded projects include consistency with HUD priorities, active CoC, Coordinated Entry and HMIS participation. The 1-year annual action plan goal of serving a minimum of 120 homeless/at risk persons will be met in collaboration with CoC and ESG funded agencies.
- (2) Local CoC monitoring takes place quarterly that evaluates each Subrecipient's program to make sure that the monthly data that is reported is accurate and truly reflects the Subrecipient overall program performance by end of year. Local CoC combines all the relevant content from numerous rules and regulations into one place so that providers can more easily carry out their duties and navigate their responsibilities under the CoC and ESG Programs. The CoC adopted a shared community vision, identified strategically linked outcomes that has redesigned the homeless service system and is being used to align funding so that we reach the collective vision, has clear, defined and measurable indicators, such as number clients served, returns to homelessness and families housed for making funding decisions.
- (3) Information is provided annually by CoC to the Consolidated Plan jurisdiction includes information on local homeless demographics housing and services – data derived from HMIS, CAPER, PIT & HIC/AHAR. (
- 4) CoC provides annual updates on ESG projects in all Consolidated Plan Department Meetings and workshops. The CoC uses the ESG HMIS data in the funding process for assisting with the decision making for the next ESG application. The Consolidated Plan for DeKalb outlines the jurisdictions 5-year goals for reducing and ending homelessness.

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| <b>2C-3.</b> | <b>Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)</b> |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.                          |

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.

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| 1. | Foster Care             | Yes |
| 2. | Health Care             | Yes |
| 3. | Mental Health Care      | Yes |
| 4. | Correctional Facilities | Yes |

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| <b>2C-4.</b> | <b>CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)</b> |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.   |

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

|    |                              |     |
|----|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. | Youth Education Provider     | Yes |
| 2. | State Education Agency (SEA) | Yes |
| 3. | Local Education Agency (LEA) | Yes |
| 4. | School Districts             | Yes |

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| <b>2C-4a.</b> | <b>CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts—Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)</b> |
|               | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.   |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and        |
| 2. | the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4. |

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The CoC Governance Board Chair represents the CoC and the interests of homeless families and children in three state and local education agencies, the GA Early Education Alliance, Infant Toddler Affordability Planning Agency, and the GA Association for the Education of Young Children.

Another member of the DeKalb Governance Board is a representative of the local education agency (LEA) - DeKalb County School District (K-12). The CoC signed an MOU with the DeKalb School District codifying the shared commitment to collaborate to mitigate the impact of homelessness among children and youth and to aid in the distribution of programmatic eligibility information to eligible families with children in the school district. During the height of the COVID pandemic, the CoC and the LEA agreed to meeting monthly to ensure that the educational (virtual and in-person), technological, transportation and housing needs of homeless families and youth in the foster care system were met.

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| 2C-4b. | CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants) |  |
|        | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.   |  |

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

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The DeKalb CoC coordinates with K-12, Department of Family and Children Services, and early childhood providers to ensure that homelessness and education providers mutually share information regarding resources and opportunities. CoC policy requires that each housing provider designate a liaison that is responsible for ensuring that children and youth within the program are enrolled in school, receive information regarding educational opportunities, take advantage of educational opportunities, and are provided help from the agencies that is geared toward positive educational outcomes. The CoC written standards and procedures adopted by the CoC include the following requirements: (1) Intake process for housing programs that serve families will include questions about the educational status of all children in the household. (2) Each housing program identifies a lead staff person to ensure children are enrolled in school and connected to the appropriate educational services within the community. (3) Parents/Legal Guardians/Unaccompanied Youth will be offered the ability to sign a release of information allowing the housing provider to speak with the school education provider to coordinate services.(4) Housing programs establish policies and practices that are consistent with, and do not restrict the exercise of rights provided by the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act, and other laws relating to the provision of educational and related services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. (5) Housing program provides families with information about educational rights and protections for their school aged children and youth upon intake, which is posted, read or otherwise made known to clients upon admission.

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| 2C-5. | Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants) |  |
|       | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.                                      |  |

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

|    | Mainstream Resource                          | CoC Provides Annual Training? |
|----|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Food Stamps                                  | Yes                           |
| 2. | SSI—Supplemental Security Income             | Yes                           |
| 3. | TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | Yes                           |
| 4. | Substance Abuse Programs                     | Yes                           |
| 5. | Employment Assistance Programs               | Yes                           |



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| 6. | Other | No |
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| 2C-5a. | Mainstream Resources—CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants) |  |
|        | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.  |  |

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| 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, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area; |
| 2.  | works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;  |
| 3.  | provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and   |
| 4.  | works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.   |

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(1) DeKalb County CoC systematically provides up-to date information and training on mainstream resources available for program participants within the CoC geographic area. Presenters representing the local Department of Family and Children Services attend the General Body CoC meetings to ensure that agencies, responsible for project level coordination with participants, have the most up to date information on available mainstream and non-cash benefits such as SNAPs and TANF benefits. The CoC has also presented information from the United Way and the IRS to ensure that participants access new benefits made available through the CARES Act, including child tax credits and Covid Stimulus checks.

2. The CoC also collaborates with the DeKalb department of Public Health, Mental Health providers (DeKalb Community Service Board) and Substance Abuse Treatment Providers (STAND) to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services. For example, the CoC collaborated with the Health Department to coordinate on-site COVID testing and vaccinations and flu shots; Collaborated with DeKalb CSB, a state authorized mental health provider to provide assessment and connection mental health treatment to unsheltered homeless and persons in non-congregant shelter; a recent collaboration with Grady Hospital introduced a specialized Trauma Recovery Center which provides ongoing trauma informed support to persons who are victims of violent crimes, including homeless individuals.

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4. SSI/SSDI Outreach: CoC membership and Agency staff are SOAR trained and play a critical role in assisting clients with the SSI/SSDI Application by gathering the necessary medical evidence for the disability determination and by serving as a link between SSA and Claimants in COC projects.

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

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

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| 3A-1. | Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only).   |    |
|       | Special NOFO Section VII.A.   |    |
|       | If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. |    |
|       | Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?         | No |

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

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- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
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| <b>3B-1.</b> | <b>Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)</b> |  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.C.  |  |

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| 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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| <b>3B-2.</b> | <b>Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)</b>   |  |
|              | Special NOFO Section VII.C.   |  |
|              | You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.   |  |
|              | If you answered yes to question 3B-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.   |  |

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## 4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images and reduces file size. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print Option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
  - 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).
  - We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7. Open attachments once uploaded to ensure they are the correct attachment for the required Document Type.

| Document Type                                   | Required? | Document Description | Date Attached |
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| 1B-1. Local Competition Announcement            | Yes       |                      |               |
| 1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool            | Yes       |                      |               |
| 1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced | Yes       |                      |               |
| 1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted        | Yes       |                      |               |
| 1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application | Yes       |                      |               |
| 3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs       | No        |                      |               |
| 3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes   | No        |                      |               |
| P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment              | No        |                      |               |
| P-1a. PHA Commitment                            | No        |                      |               |
| P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment           | No        |                      |               |
| P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter           | No        |                      |               |
| Plan. CoC Plan                                  | Yes       |                      |               |

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## Submission Summary

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| 1B. Project Review, Ranking and Selection    | Please Complete   |
| 2A. System Performance                       | 10/13/2022        |
| 2B. Coordination and Engagement              | Please Complete   |
| 2C. Coordination and Engagement—Con't.       | 10/17/2022        |
| 3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction | No Input Required |
| 3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes   | 10/17/2022        |
| 4A. Attachments Screen                       | Please Complete   |
| Submission Summary                           | No Input Required |