

Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application, and
2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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

1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application 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 the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. 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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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: NV-500 - Las Vegas/Clark County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Clark County Social Service

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Clark County Social Service

1A-5.	New Projects	
	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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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	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.	08/08/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	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

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	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)?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
	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.	10/05/2022

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	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.	09/13/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	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: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/18/2022

2A. System Performance

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	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) The Data and Systems Improvement Working Group (DSIWG) analyzes homeless and community data and its trends to understand homelessness and implement systemwide strategies. A lead driver of homelessness is the lack of affordable housing. The National Low Income Housing Coalition cited NV as having 18 out of 100 units available for every very low-income renter and a person earning minimum wage must work 74 hours weekly to afford a 1-bedroom unit at FMR. This contributes to the increasing number of first-time homeless; thankfully, unsheltered homelessness increased at a slower rate because NV-500 expanded non-congregate shelters and RRH projects. NV-500 recognizes certain populations are at increased risk for homelessness due to racial/LGBTQ+ inequities. In alignment with public health models, NV-500 understands zip codes are the biggest predictors of outcomes. In looking at juvenile justice, health outcome and homeless data, there are 10 zip codes that are prioritized as high risk for first time homeless.

2) NV-500 is expanding Housing Problem Solving to prevent first time homeless, identify personal resources to reduce length of time homeless and increase successful exits to permanent destinations and use non-system solutions. To reduce first time homeless, NV-500 engages in community-building efforts to partner with organizations who serve populations with shared risk/protective factors and provide services within high-need zip codes; homelessness will not be solved by CoCs alone but rather through collective impact. NV-500 works to coordinate local, state, federal and private funds to provide rental assistance and increase permanent, affordable housing.

3) The NV-500 Board is informed by the DSWIG and local experts. The working groups are assigned strategies to address risk factors. DSIWG is responsible for federal reports, including system performance measures, addressing population disparities in the system and oversees the CoC strategy to reduce first-time homelessness. This work is further supported by: the Housing Problem Solving Collaborative focus on expanding housing problem solving conversations; the 4 jurisdictional partners work to expand housing capacity by leveraging dollars and overseeing projects with affordable housing developers, the NV Housing Coalition and NV Homeless Alliance focus on advocacy/education, the Shared Housing Collaborative work to match housemates, and the Youth Working Group focus on prevention of youth homelessness.

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	
	Describe in the field below:	
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) While the average length of time homeless (LOTH) has increased, there are 2 primary barriers: data quality and length of time on the community queue. One of the data quality concerns is that street outreach established automatic exits, which increases the average LOTH due to the unknown final destination. NV-500 works to build capacity and secure street outreach resources; street outreach is prioritized in this proposal. LOTH is also extended each time a client has a note entered to their HMIS file. The Data and System Improvement Working Group (DSIWG) is developing a supplemental Data Quality Monitoring Plan that expands the statewide Data Quality Plan implemented by HMIS system administrator, Bitfocus, Inc. NV-500 has multiple strategies to address contributing factors of long wait times on the queue. Bridge housing provides low-barrier shelter for people as they wait for a permanent housing unit and staff can prepare clients for housing quickly, locate clients and streamline the connection to PH, which significantly increases the likelihood of completing the coordinated entry referral and reducing LOTH. Second, long wait times on the queue are attributed to the current housing market and lack of available, affordable units. County general funds incentivize landlords to prioritize units for the homeless population. A team of landlord specialists conduct landlord outreach and education to increase the number of units and improve system flow. NV-500 provides right-size assistance and reserves the most intensive programs (PSH) for the most vulnerable clients.

2) The coordinated entry system’s assessment tools identify individuals and families with the longest LOTH, the most vulnerable, and those who have recently re-entered homelessness to offer the most appropriate level of intervention to end homelessness through placement at a permanent destination as quickly as possible. NV-500 targets long stayers of shelters to support exits to housing by reducing barriers to exit and ultimately reduce LOTH.

3) The Coordinated Entry Services Working Group and DSIWG are the 2 primary agencies who monitor LOTH and recommend system improvements. County staff monitor implementation of bridge housing, the 4 jurisdictions work to expand affordable housing, and the Clark County oversees landlord incentives and landlord specialists. The Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative provides oversight of long-term stayers of shelters.

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
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:		
1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) NV-500's strategy to increase rates of exits to permanent destinations includes a focus on case managers at all levels providing housing navigation services to clients, especially those in congregate and non-congregate shelters. A recent shift to fully embrace housing first transformed service delivery and increased capacity for comprehensive supportive services to promote participant self-sufficiency. This focus also served as a housing retention strategy as case managers worked with clients to help break down barriers, become document ready to meet landlord requirements and enter their PH unit. This effort was valued by landlords who saw the agency level support and committed to accepting clients who would not pass traditional background or financial checks but were backed by an agency providing 24/7 assistance. This year, NV-500 launched the housing problem solving initiative that includes prevention, diversion, and rapid exit furthering rapid exits from shelters to PH destinations. The housing problem solving strategy encourages accessing personal resources and flexible funds and addressing specific needs of a household to secure PH solutions.

2) To increase the rate clients obtain and retain permanent housing, NV-500 uses the following strategies: a) State and County dedicated funds increase affordable housing units through capital development and supportive policies for builders. b) County funding for the Landlord Engagement and Property Services team who educates landlords and provide ongoing support to increase inventory, prevent client evictions, host a 24/7 landlord hotline, implement a risk mitigation fund to support repairs and home modifications to meet Housing Quality Standards, and develop a marketing strategy to increase shared housing options. c) Case managers work with clients to find housing units that fit client budgets so that clients can visualize self-sufficiency and exit from programs while remaining stably housed and independent. d) Case managers are able to connect eligible people to SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) benefits as a sustainable source of income. e) The Moving On Working Group includes members of housing providers, the local public housing authority, private funders, and people with lived experience to support exits to permanent destinations through housing vouchers, affordable housing programs, subsidized housing options and connections to community-based services.

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.

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1) CoC street outreach and coordinated entry assessment tools collect information around returns to homelessness from clients at engagement. The coordinated entry call-line allows past clients familiar with the system and who may have limited transportation to call for a housing assessment. This information is posted to the NV-500 website. HMIS allows NV-500 to analyze demographic, trends and rates of persons/families returning to homelessness. In addition to evaluating system-wide return rates, individual agencies can monitor their own programs' rates of return. By running a Program Recidivism Return Rate Report from HMIS, programs determine the number of clients who exited during a specific date range, the number of clients that exited to permanent destinations, and the number of clients returning to homelessness. Programs can also review the average number of days from program exit to re-entry. These agency-level reports encourage agencies to evaluate their approach to housing people, including considering permanency of exit destination and post follow-up supports.

2) The local jurisdictions leverage funds to support supportive services that empower clients to self-sufficiency. Case managers connect clients to supportive services including counseling, treatment and other services that support client stability. To reduce returns to homelessness, clients receive assistance in accessing mainstream benefits and other community resources they can rely on after program exit. Providers offer tenancy training that teaches clients landlord interaction and how to be a successful tenant, staff can also mediate between tenant and landlord to reduce negative housing outcomes. CoC providers continue to check-in and provide supportive services for 6 months post discharge. Several providers plan social events, like going to a baseball game, to normalize a client's transition from homelessness to housing.

3) The Data and Systems Improvement Working Group tracks return rates at the system-level and provides system solutions. The Monitoring Work Group evaluates project performance, including returns to homelessness, through annual monitoring. Each provider has a Partner Agency Data Lead who regularly meets with the system administrator, Bitfocus, for technical assistance and training. This person can pull the necessary HMIS report to guide program change. At least annually, the Board reviews system performance-returns to homelessness.

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	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) NV-500 is constantly working with stakeholders to provide workforce development and training to clients. Recently, Clark County Social Service launched 2 workforce development projects to aid in quality-of-life improvements for clients: The Culinary Academy of Las Vegas and the BETterment Program. NV-500 also works with Board member, Workforce Connections, to strengthen partnerships and implement strategies to provide broader access to employment/training services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including new access points for training and employment. Libraries currently serve as access points and providers refer to the nearest location. WIOA resources improve employment, stability and housing outcomes. Youth providers have established a hiring preference for their clients at area Terrible Herbst gas stations. The largest emergency shelter provider has set aside 65 beds for clients who are employed to allow them a consistent place to stay while they work towards self-sufficiency through the Renewing Hope project.

2) To help individuals and families increase their cash income, agency advocates work with clients to address barriers to employment such as lack of job training and criminal history. Intensive case managers address employment at the start of, during and after exiting the program. Clients are referred to Nevada Partners, Workforce Connections, and others job skill training and employment assistance agencies. The City of Las Vegas partners with a staffing agency to employ individuals accessing services at the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center in positions such as operations worker or peer navigator. Providers ResCare and HELP receive WIOA funds for workforce training and skills development, like resume building and how to have a successful interview. Vegas PBS provides vocational assistance and adult education to increase access to employment. Youth providers have worked with the University of Las Vegas, Nevada to establish a scholarship program for students who have experienced housing insecurity as a means to create long-term careers and sustained income.

3) Oversight of NV-500's strategy to increase job and income growth from employment is provided by the Monitoring Work Group. This group evaluates project performance, including cash income/employment, through annual external monitoring. This measure is also used by the Evaluation Work Group in the scoring of project applications in the local competition.

	2A-5a. Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	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) To increase non-employment cash income, SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) trained case managers work with clients to identify potential retirement benefits, SSI/SSDI, alimony & child support. When needed, providers can refer to nonprofit legal services to help obtain child support, alimony, other spousal support, and unemployment benefits. Former foster youth in the Step-Up program receive a monthly stipend of \$773.
- 2) To increase non-employment cash benefits, case managers encourage all clients to apply for and assist clients with applications for mainstream benefits such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women Infant Children (WIC), and Urban League for early childhood education. Mainstream Programs Basic Training informs providers on the application process and many providers offer on-site application support to clients. Homeless service providers refer Veterans to specific Veterans Affairs resources. Since 2021, the collaborative applicant has worked alongside the State Department of Public and Behavioral Health's Medicaid Office on the 1915i waiver, including standards of care, that once approved will allow SOAR activities to be reimbursed by Medicaid.
- 3) The Monitoring Working Group evaluates project performance, including non-employment cash income, through annual external monitoring and provides technical assistance to providers to increase non-employment cash income. Partnership on this strategy is provided by: the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services process SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) applications which are tracked through HMIS; the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services provides oversight for TANF benefits; the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services oversees the former foster care stipend; and Nevada Homeless Alliance provides oversight of the Mainstream Programs Basic Training.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	No
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	No
7.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
9.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	No
11.	Hospital(s)	No	No	Yes
12.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	Yes	No
13.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	No
14.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
15.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Local Jail(s)	No	No	Yes
18.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	No

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	No	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	No
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	No	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	No	No
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.	MCO (Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Yes	Yes	Yes
34.	Faith Based Organizations (Promise Land Community Church)	Yes	Yes	No

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

	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 solicitation of new CoC members occurs year-round. The membership form is publicly posted to the NV-500 website and open to all. The Governance Working Group provides targeted member recruitment throughout the year. Targeted recruitment efforts are based on representation gaps needed for a healthy and diverse membership. Each January the CoC hosts a general membership meeting that serves as a platform to educate interested stakeholders on the CoC's role and covers how to get involved. In Jan 2022, 50 people attended the general membership meeting and since October 2021, 21 new individuals completed the NV-500 membership application and joined the CoC. Funding opportunities are a fantastic recruitment strategy and in July and August 2022 there were 22 new agencies who attended virtual CoC Introduction trainings in preparation of the CoC and Special NOFO local competition.
- 2) NV-500 does not discriminate against people with disabilities from engaging in CoC related activities. All NV-500 Board and working group meetings occur through video-conferencing platforms with auxiliary aids available, including transcripts and subtitles. Requests for reasonable accommodations are made as needed. All materials are available through electronic format either on the website, fax or email. Meeting agendas are sent out 2 to 7 days in advance to allow participants a chance to review and understand the items scheduled for discussion.
- 3) NV-500, in partnership with the Nevada Homeless Alliance, conducts outreach to ensure people with lived experience (PLE) of homelessness are invited to join the CoC. Two seats are dedicated to PLE, one general seat and one specific to a member of the Youth Action Board. Private foundation funding has been committed for stipends for youth PLE to compensate them for their participation in CoC activities over the next 2 years.
- 4) NV-500 maintains diverse membership, including organizations that serve culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness. Promise Land Community Church serving the Black community, Asian Community Development Council, Indian Voices, Chicanos Por La Causa Nevada, Jewish Family Services Agency, The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, True Beginnings, Veterans Administration, and U.S. Vets. The Cupcake Girls, Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Sexual Exploitation of Children and The Embracing Project serve trafficked and exploited individuals.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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; 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) NV-500 solicits feedback from a wide array of stakeholders and people with lived experience (PLE) through formal and informal pathways. Formal pathways are defined in the governance structure and include the Board and each of the 18 working groups. These formal meetings are a platform for stakeholders to facilitate discussions on how to systematically coordinate local approaches to prevent and end homelessness. Working Groups report to the Steering Committee and Board monthly to ensure progress on action items and initiatives. NV-500 members serving culturally specific communities noted in 1B-2 and PLE are active in the working groups. Out of a random sample of 38 NV-500 members, 21% had lived experience, with the majority also experiencing unsheltered situations. Informal pathways include PLE, community providers and the broader community participating in listening sessions to inform system efforts. At the Board's direction, the Community Engagement Working Group is developing a plan to best engage PLE in the CoC.

2) All Board meeting agendas, policies, procedures, and standards are publicly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law and each meeting has 2 opportunities for public comment on these and other topics. Each work group submits a report to the Board and discussion of these reports remains a standing agenda item. All reports are maintained on NV-500's website. Working group meetings are posted publicly on the website as an invitation for public attendance.

3) NV-500 facilitates an inclusive and participatory process to gather information from PLE, community providers and the broader community. Information gleaned guided needs assessments, comprehensive community plans, priorities and grant proposals. Client listening sessions often aligned with provider feedback; however, clients emphasized expanding street outreach efforts, which allowed street outreach projects to be prioritized in the Special NOFO submission. PLE supported the community plan, priority listing and consolidated application for the Special NOFO. Beyond the working groups NV-500 convened listening sessions, strategy sessions, consortiums meetings, quality improvement groups and disseminated surveys to understand and improve the homeless system of care. Through these collaborations, NV-500 led with equity and used feedback from PLE to implement new approaches to prevent and end homelessness.

2B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)	
	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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) NV-500 encouraged new organizations to apply for CoC funding through the local competition. 15 new agencies applied and 9 were selected for the Special NOFO. Public notification included posting to NV-500 website (8/8), press releases to media with broad circulation, announcements at community meetings and word-of-mouth. NV-500 and partner agencies, including United Way of Southern Nevada, sent announcements to e-mail distribution lists that are broader than existing CoC membership. NV-500 provided CoC Intro trainings to 22 new agencies on 7/21/22 and 8/8/22.

2) To support and encourage new project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC funding, NV-500 hosted multiple trainings and office hours, provided 1:1 consultation, and provided written feedback to both approved and rejected applicants. Project Application Instructions, Scoring and Ranking Policies and Procedures, and scoring tools were posted to the NV-500 website. Regular emails, website postings, updated FAQs and weekly technical assistance sessions kept applicants informed throughout the process.

3) All press releases and notification of the Special NOFO included information on how applicants were to submit project applications in the zoomgrants portal and included timelines for submission. This information was reiterated during webinars, trainings, and emails. Scoring tools were publicly available to support applicants in their responses and a virtual resource library was provided to support applicants new to federal grants.

4) Scoring and Ranking Policies and Procedures and ranking tools to guide the selection and ranking of projects were developed with guidance from the Evaluation Working Group and people with lived experience of homelessness. The Plan to Address Unsheltered Homelessness served as a guide that prioritized the needs of the unsheltered population. Scoring and Ranking Team selected projects that met the prioritization and ensured that project submissions included a variety of strategies including leveraged housing and healthcare resources. Scoring and Ranking was done publicly and approved by the NV-500 Board.

5) The local application process was conducted virtually this year. All trainings and meetings used video-conferencing platforms with closed captioning capability. All written materials and webinar recordings were posted publicly so that all participants, including those with disabilities, could view the material on the NV-500 website.

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

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	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
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
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	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)	Yes
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	No
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.	Workforce Connections - WIOA; United Way - EFSP	Yes

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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1) The CoC is an active participant in the bi-monthly Consortium of Participating Jurisdictions where ESG program staff from the funded jurisdictions (Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and State) work together to determine the most effective and efficient way to utilize ESG, ESG-CV, CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME funds. Over the past year, the jurisdictions combined their dollars to ensure robust RRH throughout the community. ESG-CV and CDBG-CV jurisdictional funds were pooled to support the local initiative Operation Home! that will have permanently housed 2,022 people by the end of 2022.
- 2) Strategic Progress, a third-party contractor, monitors all CoC and ESG programs in Southern Nevada with the same criteria. Monitoring reports are shared with all members of the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Groups, which includes ESG staff from the three jurisdictions. These reports and any recommended courses of action are discussed prior to contact with the providers. The Monitoring Work Group works with the local jurisdictions to identify any agencies of concern to ensure that all funds being used to combat homelessness are being used effectively. An Operation Home! Leadership team composed of CoC and ESG stakeholders also monitored progress by receiving updates from work team leads and using this information to adjust implementation.
- 3) Each jurisdiction participates in the planning and coordination of the Point-In-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) through the ad hoc Census Sub-Working Group. Participation of ESG jurisdictions helps to ensure the information collected is most useful for the consolidated plan. For this reason, each jurisdiction receives PIT data specific to their areas instead of just CoC-wide data. One role of the Census Sub-Working Group is to discuss and interpret the PIT data prior to public release. The CoC is responsive to any special data requests by ESG stakeholders throughout the year. In July 2022, the ad hoc group of 12 agencies began monthly planning meetings for the January 2023 HIC/PIT.
- 4) Integration of ESG staff and providers into CoC efforts has been very successful in Southern Nevada. Through the CoC Board meetings, ESG jurisdictions stay current on local homeless conditions. The CoC also collaborates on the development of the Consolidated Plans, ensuring that it reflects an agreed upon regional approach to ending homelessness. The HMIS Lead for the CoC is part of the collaboration to ensure a data-driven approach.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)
	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.

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

2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)
	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

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

Describe in the field below:

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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The McKinney-Vento Community Liaison has established a working relationship with all HUD-funded providers and all public and privately funded emergency shelters in order to identify school-age youth and provide educational advocacy and support as needed. This system-level approach includes enrolling students in school programs, providing school supplies, connections to technology, credit retrieval, and transportation. This team also works to connect the CoC to the other entities identified in 2C-4.

2) NV-500 formally partners with the local education agency and local school district, Clark County School District. The Governance Structure specifies a reserved seat for Clark County School District on the Board. Clark County School District is the fifth largest nationally and the only school district serving NV-500's geographic region. The McKinney-Vento Liaison has participated in most Board meetings and is an active member of the Steering Committee and Youth Working Group. Clark County School District and the CoC work in tandem to ensure that students that meet both the HUD and McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness are aware of their rights under federal law and receive the necessary support to exercise those rights. CoC programs that serve youth and families are required to ensure that youth are enrolled in school programs. The CoC works with jurisdictional partners to ensure all local funding also requires youth enrollment in school programs. Title I Hope supports all programs and works to ensure that all youth are enrolled in appropriate educational programs. Through partnership with the Title I HOPE, the CoC establishes points of contact and trains shelter and housing program staff to implement procedures that promote identification and enrollment of students experiencing homelessness. The Title I Hope staff promote the coordinated entry process on behalf of the CoC to further engage families. NV-500 also formally partners with youth education provider and Board member, Workforce Connections. This entity provides oversight of workforce funding, including education and job training programs for 16- to 24-year-old youth. Workforce Connections established One Stop Shops, allowing program staff to refer youth and individuals experiencing homelessness to the nearest library site in each neighborhood to receive educational services, including one-on-one tutoring opportunities and GED preparation and test support.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NV-500 requires all CoC, ESG and locally funded emergency and housing programs to inform individuals and families experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services. Strategic Progress conducts an annual monitor of CoC and ESG funded programs, including a review of the agency's policies and procedures. Strategic Progress ensures each program has an education policy to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services. Annual monitoring of locally funding programs launched in September 2022. NV-500 has worked with Clark County School District's McKinney Vento's program, Title I Hope, to ensure a CoC-wide process for enrolling students residing in an emergency shelter or housing program. Title I HOPE staff work with community-wide youth programs and ensure school staff and district department staff have access to information regarding procedures to safeguard compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act requiring that all students and staff are aware of current community resources. Title I HOPE Department provides homeless service providers with printed materials regarding their programs. Printed material contains detailed information outlining the services provided by Title I HOPE, qualifications under the McKinney-Vento Act, and contact information for the department should anyone require help accessing their services. In addition, Title I HOPE has made all of their resources and information available electronically by enhancing their public facing website as well as creating an information hub on a Google Site for school district employees. This information will also be promoted on the NV-500 website. The development of relationships through attending CoC Board and working group meetings has improved coordination and collaboration among HOPE liaisons with multiple jurisdictional and community partners. The benefits of these fortified relationships enable Southern Nevada to further develop and strengthen a healthy system of care ensuring that the educational and personal needs of children and families experiencing homelessness are met. The McKinney-Vento Community Liaison sits on the CoC Board, CoC Steering Committee, Youth Working Group and various ad hoc groups as appropriate.

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	No
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	No
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	No
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	No
6.	Other	Yes

2C-5a.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Since 2009, NV-500 has provided Mainstream Programs Basic Training (MPBT), a free, monthly, training geared toward agencies to increase client access to resources, income, community resources, & mainstream benefits. Trainings are currently available virtually as just-in-time trainings across the continuum. Recorded MPBT sessions focus on client needs such as: Medical and Insurance; Behavioral Health; Income Supports; Veterans; Housing; LGBTQIA+; Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking, and Substance Misuse.

2) NV-500's Board consists of public and private healthcare organizations to support ongoing collaboration. NV-500 engages managed care organizations (MCOs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in discharge planning to prevent clients from being released into homelessness and to wrap clients in a variety of services, including enrollment in health insurance. Last year, a city-funded medical facility dedicated to serving individuals experiencing homelessness who require recuperative medical care and crisis stabilization served 1,563 clients. Nevada Health Centers and Nevada Behavioral Health serve as intake sites and complete coordinated entry housing assessments and complete health insurance enrollments with clients. Collaboration with the Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board focuses on cross-system partnership to build capacity and ensure that all program participants are able to access healthcare services. Several agencies also offer drop-in and mobile healthcare services on-site to provide easier accessibility to healthcare for clients.

3) The CoC and Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS which operates Medicaid) have a positive working relationship. DHHS staff attend CoC working group meetings including the Moving On Working Group, and provide regularly scheduled on-site appointments with housing program clients. Cross training between DHHS staff and CoC partners has provided staff with education on the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits.

4) During the past year, NV ranked in the SOAR Top 10 States due to the strong infrastructure of SOAR trained case managers. In FY22, 60 trainees passed the SOAR self-paced online course. In the 2021 legislative session, Nevada obtained approval to develop a 1915i state plan amendment. Once approved by Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), NV-500 will leverage Medicaid 1915i for SOAR activities and pre-tenancy support.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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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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3B-1.	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)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	

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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3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	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.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

n/a

4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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| | 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
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

Ensure that the Special NOFO Project Priority List is complete prior to submitting.

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