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1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

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Competition the NOFA. FY 2018 Please CoC Application submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A

Question.

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: CA-525 - El Dorado County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

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1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants. For the period from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, using the list below, applicant must: (1) select organizations and persons that participate in CoC meetings; and (2) indicate whether the organizations and persons vote, including selecting

CoC Board members.

Organization/Person Categories
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Votes, including Participates selecting CoC in CoC Board Members

Meetings
Local Government Staff/Officials Yes Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction No No
Law Enforcement Yes Yes
Local Jail(s) Yes Yes
Hospital(s) Yes Yes
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s) Yes Yes
Mental Health Service Organizations Yes Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations No No
Affordable Housing Developer(s) Yes Yes

Disability Service Organizations Yes Yes

Disability Advocates Yes Yes

Public Housing Authorities Yes Yes

CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations Yes Yes

Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations Yes Yes

Youth Advocates Yes Yes

School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons Yes Yes

CoC Funded Victim Service Providers Yes Yes

Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers Yes Yes

Domestic Violence Advocates Yes Yes

Street Outreach Team(s) Yes Yes

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates Yes No

LGBT Service Organizations Not Applicable No

Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking Yes Yes

Other homeless subpopulation advocates Yes Yes

Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons Yes Yes

Mental Illness Advocates Yes Yes

Substance Abuse Advocates Yes Yes

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Other:(limit 50 characters)

US Bank, Community Foundation, Other Philanthropy Yes No

1B-1a. Applicants must describe the specific strategy the CoC uses to solicit and consider opinions from organizations and/or persons that have an interest in preventing or ending homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters) El Dorado Opportunity Knocks CoC (EDOK) solicits community input and opinions thru quarterly (Brown Act-noticed) board and general membership meetings. Through CA law, Brown Act-noticed meetings guarantee the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. Additionally, through the EDOK website, email listserves, and the Coordinated Entry and HMIS WorkGroup, information is widely shared to encourage and consider opinions from a wide variety of community participants. From this wide reach, we have established a unique set of EDOK Board Members, including: Homeless service & SSI advocacy; Domestic Violence; Faith Based; Health & Human Services/PHA/Emergency Medical Services; Probation, City of Placerville Mayor; Office of Education McKinney-Vento Liaison; Barton Hospital; City of Placerville Police; Veterans; Formerly Homeless Individual, Community Member at Large; Youth & Family homeless & runaway youth provider; Realtor/business owner. The County's McKinney-Vento Liaison is

currently our Board Chair and provides deep expertise into child and youth homelessness, and all other board members that represent homeless subpopulations (veterans, mentally ill, incarcerated,DV survivors etc) add a depth of knowledge to help strengthen the local conversation. Through the CoC website (www.edokcoc.org), the CoC advertises its quarterly meetings, provides local statistics and information on HUD programs, and seeks to link the community to Coordinated Entry information and CoC meetings for continued growth. Through the various networks of our board members, the CoC is advertised widely so that all of El Dorado County is engaged with the CoC.

1B-2.Open Invitation for New Members. Applicants must describe: (1) the invitation process; (2) how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members; (3) how often the CoC solicits new members; and (4) any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC. (limit 2,000 characters) (1)INVITATION: For The Invitation Process, annual email invitations are sent through our board listsery of approximately 126 addresses, Invitations are posted and easily accessible on the EDOK website, and members of the public can also sign up at CoC Quarterly Meetings.(2) SOLICIT NEW MEMBERS: The CoC avidly seeks to fill its board seats by reaching out to personal contacts to solicit interest. Additionally, an invitation

exists on the EDOK website, and

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during meetings community stakeholders are encouraged to submit an application of interest.(3)

HOW OFTEN: The CoC solicits new members through its email blasts to the community, through its quarterly general membership and board meetings, and upon its website daily. (4)

SPECIAL OUTREACH: Many EDOK Board Members work directly with homeless individuals or are formerly homeless themselves. These folks speak with individuals receiving services from their organization or agency to inform them about the work being done by EDOK. Locations include through the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Team, Probation, Health and Human Services Agency, faith based churches and nomadic shelter groups, veterans organizations, McKinney-Vento Liaisons, and more.

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

Applicants must describe how the CoC notified the public that it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, even if the CoC is not applying for new projects in FY 2018, and the response must include the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK is consistently seeking new providers to submit applications for program funding. The CoC is interested and open to all, whether CoC funding expertise exists or not. Emails were sent out to through the CoC and other community listservs and invitations were posted on the EDOK website for folks to attend our local NOFA workshop. The NOFA workshop was held on 7/23 for any interested agencies, covering available funding, eligible program types, and the local and federal submission process for submitting applications. To ensure that all were equally informed on the NOFA, all participants were provided with a NOFA introduction to explain the local process. As only one agency in this CoC has ever received CoC NOFA funding, the 6 other participating agencies would be new to pursuing CoC NOFA funds. Only one agency decided to pursue funding, as the other organizations felt they did not have the bandwidth to implement a new program at this time. Should they have applied, all proposals would have been accepted for Rank and Review. The EDOK Board met on 7/19 at a Brown Act-noticed meeting to approve the local scoring tool, NOFA policies, and local priorities, thereafter publicly posting this information on the EDOK Website. Using the adopted scoring tools, EDOK was prepared to utilize the local competition and scoring process to evaluate new applications, neutrally. The CoC has only one renewal HMIS project and no other agencies ultimately submitted applications

for funding.

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1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects. Applicants must use the chart below to identify the federal, state, local, private, and other organizations that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness that are included in the

CoCs coordination, planning, and operation of projects.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects FY2018\ CoC\ Application\ Page\ 5\ 09/13/2018\ Coordinates\ with\ Planning\ and\ Operation\ of\ Projects } \end{array}$

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Not Applicable

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Yes

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Yes

Head Start Program Yes

Funding Collaboratives Yes

Private Foundations Yes

Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs Not Applicable

Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Housing and Service Programs Yes

Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources Yes

Housing and services programs funded through State Government Yes

Housing and services programs funded through Local Government Yes

Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations Yes

Other:(limit 50 characters)

SSVF Veteran programs Yes

DV Survivor programs Yes

1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. Applicants must describe how the CoC: (1) consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds; and (2) participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients. (limit 2,000 characters) The Center for Violence Free Relationships (The CoC Collaborative Applicant) and Only Kindness are the two local organizations who recently received State ESG funding in the 2017 CA ESG Balance of State competition. Both agencies are board members and therefore readily consulted with the EDOK

Board to

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ensure proper planning and allocating of ESG funding. ESG recipients discuss program outcomes and progress to the EDOK Board, General CoC, and at monthly Coordinated Entry and HMIS WorkGroup meetings to ensure that proprer system planning, needs assessments, and overall performance can be monitored and nurtured by the EDOK Board. Through these practices, and by utilizing HMIS data and SPM, the CoC created its ESG policies to ensure that resources reached all areas of this geographically large county, Coordinated Entry was maintained as a high priority, and that PSH and RRH services continued to be the priorities of focus for ESG funded programs. El Dorado County does not have any CON plan jurisdictions, as we are a small rural county, however El Dorado County does coordinate with the State of CA for CON plan purposes. Our ESG providers submit data and information to CA Dept of HCD which support our coordination with the State's CON plan. Additionally, the State of CA has a new Homeless Coordinating Council that sends out surveys and holds meetings to ensure coordination of programs to support and enhance CON plan development. El Dorado County staff participate in these surveys and meetings with HCD.

1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated

Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area? FY2018 CoC Application Page 6 09/13/2018

Yes to both

1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide local homelessness information other than PIT and HIC data to the jurisdiction(s) Consolidated Plan(s)?

Yes

1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Applicants must describe: (1) the CoC's protocols, including the existence of the CoC's emergency transfer plan, that prioritizes safety and trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety; and (2) how the CoC maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality. (limit 2,000 characters) One of EDOK's biggest strengths is its provider base serving survivors of DV, Sexual Assault, Stalking, etc. Victim service providers are voting members of the CoC. EDOK developed its written standards, emergency transfer plan, and all other policies with much input from our two DVSA-Stalking providers to ensure that our victim-centered practices maximize client choice and safety. All written standards and policy documents ensure privacy, access to CoC services, client safety, choice in services and housing programs, and location of housing and services. Coordinated Entry providers work closely with our DVSA- Stalking agencies to assess survivors safely while referring to appropriate programs that are

trauma-informed. Survivors are first linked with DVSA-

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Stalking providers to ensure access to emergency services and all available resources. Should a survivor seek CoC services in addition to or in the place of DVSA-Stalking services, Bell-Data HMIS has the ability to easily and securely lock-down the minimal survivor information gather for prioritization (By-Name List) purposes so that they cannot be accessed by other entities or individuals within the CoC. Survivors are never denied access to services and only minimal info is gathered by the CoC for prioritization purposes.

1C-3a. Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide annual training to CoC area projects and Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (limit 2,000 characters) Both DVSA-Stalking provider agencies are voting members of the CoC Board and the General Membership. Trauma-informed trainings are provided annually by one of these providers, with the last one being provided 3/12/18 Additionally, and most recently, The EDOK board sought additional training from our Technical Assistance provider (HomeBase). The last training was provided to the CoC general membership on 6/1/2018 re: Domestic Violence, Survivors of Abuse, and Fair Housing. All Coordinated Entry agencies participated in this mandatory training. The EDOK Emergency Transfer Plan was informed in part by our annual provider trainings, receiving intensive input from local Coordinated Entry and DVSA-Stalking providers, ensuring that this tool includes best practices in its implementation.

1C-3b. Applicants must describe the data the CoC uses to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including data from a comparable database. (limit 2,000 characters) Coordinated Entry staff utilize the VI-SPDAT to prioritize DVSA-Stalking clients for housing, determine services needs, and to

collect info regarding the prevalence of abuse currently and historically. With this information, the CoC utilizes this data, in partnership with data provided by the Center for Violence Free Relationships and Live Violence Free, to determine local needs, service gaps, and to ultimately inform DVSA-Stalking services and program planning. From data collected over the past year, EDOK recognizes an underlying need for LGBTQ services for youth who have experienced DV, Sexual Assault, or dating violence. New Morning, a local youth provider, has begun holding LGBTQ peer support meetings to ensure a welcoming, non-judgemental group is available to support youth who identify as LGBTQ and who are in need of linkage to victim support services. EDOK policies and procedures, HMIS policies and procedures, and BellData HMIS Security measures insure that protocols and practices for emergency and permanent services are secure, safe, confidential, and don't limit access to survivors.

1C-4. DV Bonus Projects. Is your CoC No

applying for DV Bonus Projects? FY2018 CoC Application Page 7 09/13/2018 **Applicant:** El Dorado County Continuum of Care CA-525 **Project:** CA-525 CoC Registration FY2018 COC REG 2018 159739

1C-5. PHAs within CoC. Applicants must use the chart to provide information about each Public Housing Agency (PHA) in the CoC's geographic areas: (1) Identify the percentage of new admissions to the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs in the PHA who were experiencing homelessness at the time of admission; (2) Indicate whether the PHA has a homeless admission preference in its Public Housing and/or HCV Program; and (3) Indicate whether the CoC has a move on strategy. The information should be for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.

% New Admissions into Public Housing Public Housing Agency Name and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2017 who were

experiencing homelessness at entry
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PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference

If you select "Yes--Public Housing," "Yes--HCV," or "Yes--Both" for "PHA has general or limited homeless preference," you must attach documentation of the preference from the PHA in order to receive credit.

1C-5a. For each PHA where there is not a homeless admission preference in their written policy, applicants must identify the steps the CoC has taken to encourage the PHA to adopt such a policy. (limit 2,000 characters) Currently, the PHA has a homeless admission preference specifically for the Chronically Homeless. This prioritization was created to work in tandem with the State of California's No Place Like Home program, where funding will be coming to develop or rehab housing dedicated to housing the Chronically Homeless. In addition to this, once the PHA wait list is exhausted, the PHA will work with the HMIS lead agency and Coordinated Entry WorkGroup to utilize HMIS data to establish deeper homeless preferences that reflect local priorities based upon vulnerability of those on the By-Name List. The PHA will rely on the data and expertise of the CE workgroup to ensure consistency in local priorities. This will help coordinate PHA activities with the CoC, maximizing resources to increase exists from homelessness, reducing system costs by targeting the most vulnerable first for vouchers, and ensuring that regional partnerships continue improving through the CoC as the foundation. The current Director of the PHA is a board member for the CoC, which will also help to ensure strong partnerships between the PHA and CoC for this task as well as in general, moving forward.

1C-5b. Move On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. Does the CoC have a Move On strategy with affordable housing

No

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providers in its jurisdiction (e.g., multifamily assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, or local low-income housing programs)? 1C-6. Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT). Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals and their families experiencing homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK utilizes the expertise of Tahoe Youth and Family Services and New Morning Youth and Services for guidance related to addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ populations. Both agencies are CoC general members and Tahoe Youth and Family Services staff currently sit on the CoC Board. Additionally, County Mental Health and HHSA provide training and guidance through cultural competency trainings that will inform addressing the needs of this population. Through the CoC's written standards and Coordinated Entry policies and procedures, LGBTQ+ clients are ensured equal access and entry into programs. EDOK ensures that the board and general membership receive an annual training on LGBTQ, equal access and fair housing. The most recent trainings held were at the March 12, 2018 and June 1, 2018 meetings. At the March 12th training, the CoC received training on the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule. During monthly Coordinated Entry Workgroup meetings, fair housing and equal access concepts are regularly discussed as well, ensuring that those in need receive the assistance that is compliant with HUD and also necessary to accessing housing/services.

The CoC has strong anti-discimination policies in the Coordinated Entry P&Ps. CE is conducted in compliance with nondiscrimination provisions of federal civil rights laws, including the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and Titles II and

III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Rule (Pg 7 through 9 in CE P&Ps)

1C-6a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training. Applicants must indicate if the CoC implemented a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy and conducted CoC-wide anti-discrimination training on the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule.

- 1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source? Yes
- 2. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)? FY2018 CoC Application Page 9 09/13/2018 Yes
- 3. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)? Yes

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- 1C-7. Criminalization of Homelessness. Applicants must select the specific strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply.

Engaged/educated local policymakers: χ

Engaged/educated law enforcement: χ

Engaged/educated local business leaders: χ

Implemented communitywide plans: χ

No strategies have been implemented:

Other:(limit 50 characters)

Created Probation Boardseat X

Sheriff H.O.T with CE providers/services χ

1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Applicants must: (1) demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area; (2) demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach; (3) demonstrate the assessment process

prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner; and (4) attach CoC's standard assessment tool. (limit 2,000 characters)

(1)ENTIRE GEOGRAPHIC AREA: According to the US Census Bureau, El Dorado County's total land area is 1,710.8 square miles. As of 2010, the population density in the county was 106 residents per square mile, putting it well below the statewide average population density of 248 people per square mile. Agricultural land, forests, and mountains make up a large percentage of the county.53% of the county is forestland. Of the 1,145,383 acres, 196,355 is developed while 913,748 is undeveloped. EDOK has 3 agencies that act as Coordinated Entry Providers. Clients can access CE intake by coming into the three agencies. That said, due to the unique mountains and forests separating a large span of the county, with 60 miles between the two incorporated cities, it was critical to ensure phone access and intake into Coordinated Entry. Through phone and office visits, folks who seek assistance from anywhere within the county can access CE.(2)REACHES THOSE LEAST LIKELY TO APPLY: CE providers work closely with the Sheriff HOT team to ensure that as they engage with homeless encampments that are least likely to access services, those individuals have access to CE and services. CE staff either participate in outreach themselves with HOT or they provide outreach themselves. Through partner agencies,

business cards with hours of operation and phone numbers

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are provided, as well as access to phones for phone screenings. All CoC partners have access to the business cards, again indicating hours of operation, address, and phone numbers for all 3 providers, regardless of where the person receives that information.(3)PRIORITIZATION:

EDOK utilizes the VI-SPDAT for its assessment tool, prioritizing homeless individuals based

upon vulnerability. We utilize the single-SPDAT, Family-SPDAT, and TAY-SPDAT to create subpopulation by-name lists. Through CE providers case conferencing re: the by-name lists, we are able to quickly assess needs and prioritize for housing/services in a timely manner. FY2018 CoC Application Page 11 09/13/2018

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1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning Instructions:

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1D-1. Discharge Planning—State and Local. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a discharge policy to ensure persons discharged from the systems of care listed are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care: $_{\rm X}$ Health Care: $_{\rm X}$ Mental Health Care: $_{\rm X}$ Correctional Facilities: None:

1D-2. Discharge Planning Coordination. Applicants must indicate whether $_{\rm the\ CoC}$ actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care: $_{\rm X}$ Health Care: $_{\rm X}$ Mental Health Care: $_{\rm X}$

Correctional Facilities: $_{\rm X}$

None:

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1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review, Ranking, and

Selection

Instructions

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1E-1. Project Ranking and Selection. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition: (1) objective criteria; (2) at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes; (3) a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers; and (4) attach evidence that supports the process selected. Used Objective Criteria for Review, Rating, Ranking and Section Yes Included at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes Yes Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers Yes

1E-2. Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities. Applicants must describe: (1) the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing, ranking, and rating projects; and (2) how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account during the review, rating, and ranking process. (limit 2,000 characters) (1) To ensure that a thorough and meaningful local process occurs, EDOK examined the needs and vulnerabilities of those on its by-name list, including indigent and high-needs populations. These groups included: chronically homeless individuals, veterans, formerly incarcerated, survivors of DVSA, low or no income individuals, and the disabled disabled. (2) EDOK understands that

hard-to-serve populations can create challenges without proper bandwidth, resources, and these populations do have the potential to impact program performance. Though the only project submitted was our HMIS renewal project, the Rank and Review panel was prepared to be briefed on this understanding so that they could give special consideration to projects seeking to serve the most vulnerable populations and that were committed to Housing First Programs. Scoring reflected this as well, with more points being scored for projects that focused on Housing First

for the most vulnerable populations.

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1E-3. Public Postings. Applicants must indicate how the CoC made public: (1) objective ranking and selection process the CoC used for all projects (new and renewal); (2) CoC Consolidated Application–including the CoC Application, Priority Listings, and all projects accepted and ranked or rejected, which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; and (3) attach documentation demonstrating the objective ranking, rating, and selections process and the final version of the completed CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application with attachments, Priority Listing with reallocation forms and all project applications that were accepted and ranked, or rejected (new and renewal) was made publicly available, that legibly displays the date the CoC publicly posted the documents.

Public Posting of Objective Ranking and Selection Process Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application,

Priority Listings, Project Listings
CoC or other Website CoC or other Website
Email Email
Mail Mail
Advertising in Local Newspaper(s) Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)
Advertising on Radio or Television Advertising on Radio or Television
Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)

1E-4. Reallocation. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent of the CoC's ARD between the FY 2014 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.

Reallocation: No

1E-4a. If the answer is "No" to question 1E-4, applicants must describe how the CoC actively reviews performance of existing CoC Program- funded projects to determine the viability of reallocating to create new high performing projects. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK CoC has historically only received on project through the CoC NOFA competition, and it is an HMIS project. Because this project is necessary to ensure local providers and stakeholders are able to track client information, as well as the need for CE providers to have access in order to perform their roles, the EDOK board reviewed the effectiveness of the HMIS project (e.g. provider participation, data quality, how data is used, etc) to make the determination that the HMIS project is not only necessary but the CoC is enhancing the ability to improve upon SPMs.

for example lowering our average LOT homeless from 283 in FY 16 to 138 in FY 17.

1E-5. Local CoC Competition. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:

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(1) established a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline–attachment required; (2) rejected or reduced project application(s)-attachment required; and (3) notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline-attachment required.:

(1) Did the CoC establish a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required. FY2018 CoC Application Page 15 09/13/2018 Yes (2) If the CoC rejected or reduced project application(s), did the CoC notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline?

Attachment required.

Did not reject or reduce any project

(3) Did the CoC notify applicants that their applications were accepted and ranked on the Priority Listing in writing outside of e-snaps, at least 15 before days of the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Yes

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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Implementation

Intructions:

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2A-1. Roles and Responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead. Does your CoC have in place a Governance Charter or other written documentation (e.g., MOU/MOA) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead? Attachment Required.

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2A-1a. Applicants must: (1) provide the page number(s) where the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead can be found in the attached document(s) referenced in 2A-1, and (2) indicate the document type attached for question 2A-1 that includes roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead (e.g., Governance Charter, MOU/MOA).

pg-4 governance; pg 4 Appendix A delegation of Authorty, HMIS MOU

2A-2. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual. Does your CoC have a HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual? Attachment Required.
Yes

2A-3. HMIS Vender. What is the name of the Bell Data HMIS software vendor? 2A-4.

HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Using the drop-down boxes, applicants must select the HMIS implementation Coverage area.

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2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate. Using 2018 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must $_{\rm report\ by}$ project type: (1) total number of beds in 2018 HIC; (2) total beds dedicated for DV in the

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(3) total number of beds in HMIS.

2018 HIC; and

Project Type FY2018 CoC Application Page 17 09/13/2018 Total Beds in 2018 HIC Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV Total Beds in HMIS Bed Coverage Rate

Emergency Shelter (ES) beds 111 31 91 113.75%
Safe Haven (SH) beds 0 0 0
Transitional Housing (TH) beds 51 14 0 0.00%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds 126 11 24 20.87%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds 0 0 0
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds 1 1 1 0.00%

2A-5a. To receive partial credit, if the bed coverage rate is 84.99 percent or lower for any of the project types in question 2A-5., applicants must provide clear steps on how the CoC intends to increase this percentage for each project type over the next 12 months. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK CoC does not have any of its TH providers in the HMIS. Additionally, approximately 80% of the CoC's RRH beds are also not entered into HMIS. In total, there are 2 TH projects and 1 RRH project not in HMIS. To increase the percentages for next year, the CoC will be inviting these entities to participate in CoC general membership meetings, as well as within the CE workgroup. Additionally, there will be meetings set up on a 1:1 basis with these 3 organizations to help understand what prevents themfrom participating in HMIS and therefore what may be done to encourage participation. Feedback from these meetings will be strategically used to assess if the needs can be reasonably accommodated through the CoC Board and general

membership. Lastly, the CoC Board may consider providing free HMIS trainings and may also explore funding to help reduce fees for these partners, further incentivizing participation.

2A-6. AHAR Shells Submission: How many 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) tables shells did HUD accept?

2A-7. CoC Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2018 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange

(HDX). (mm/dd/yyyy)

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

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2B-1. PIT Count Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2018 PIT

count (mm/dd/yyyy).

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2B-2. HDX Submission Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT

count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy).

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2C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count:

Methodologies

Instructions:

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2C-1. Change in Sheltered PIT Count Implementation. Applicants must describe any change in the CoC's sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018. Specifically, how those changes impacted the CoC's sheltered PIT count results. (limit 2,000 characters) There were changes in strategy for the sheltered PIT and HIC in 2018. In 2017, one lead agency reached out to each entity with beds so capture the data on the selected HIT/PIT data in 2017. That lead agency was responsible for contacting, requesting the information, gathering it, and compiling it into a final report. The change in methodology allowed for a much cleaner process, reducing the amount of time taking to contact organizations and compile the data. The methodology described in this answer also reduced the likelihood of error. The CoC will likely adopt this methodology moving forward to continue making progress in its ability to conduct accurate PIT/HIC counts. The methodology for the Sheltered PIT Count included meeting with the PIT/HIC AdHoc committee, consisting of CE providers, the EDOK Board Chair, and other individuals who would help track down data from local providers. The meetings ensured that thorough outreach and training prior to the sheltered PIT occurred, contacting each provider nad providing them with a CoC approved and created survey on the date of the PIT. The survey was created to ensure that EDOK could track the number of individuals in each agency's program on the night of the count. Additionally, the required subpopulation and demographic information was captured through the survey. A deadline was provided for providers to respond, and this methodology proved to be beneficial in streamlining the delivery of data. Additionally, this methodology allowed EDOK to

build relationships with providers who had not historically attended CoC meetings, and these providers are now more responsive and have attended recent meetings.

2C-2. Did your CoC change its provider Yes coverage in the 2018 sheltered count? ^{2C-2a}.

If "Yes" was selected in 2C-2, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or

removed in the 2018 sheltered PIT count.

Beds Added: 99

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Beds Removed: 15

Total: 84

2C-3. Presidentially Declared Disaster Changes to Sheltered PIT Count. Did your CoC add or remove emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC's

2018 sheltered PIT count?

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2C-3a. If "Yes" was selected for question 2C-3, applicants must enter the number of beds

that were added or removed in 2018 because of a Presidentially declared disaster.

Beds Added: 0 **Beds Removed:** 0

Total: 0

2C-4. Changes in Unsheltered PIT Count Implementation. Did your CoC change its unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018? If your CoC did not conduct and unsheltered PIT count in 2018, select Not Applicable.

Not Applicable

2C-5. Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness in 2018 PIT Count. Did your CoC implement specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in its 2018 PIT

count?

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No

2C-6. 2018 PIT Implementation. Applicants must describe actions the CoC implemented in its 2018 PIT count to better count: (1) individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness; (2) families with children experiencing homelessness; and (3) Veterans experiencing homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters) ¹⁾CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS (CH): The CoC is actively utilizing 3 by-name lists by subpopulation: Youth, Families, and Single Adults. By tracking and monitoring these by-name lists, the CoC can understand the number of chronically homeless households seeking housing and support services, helping to quantify the local need for strategic planning purposes. The CoC has never had PSH funding, therefore pursuing programs for the CH remains the #1 priority for the CoC. Analyzing the By-Name list is allowing the CoC to plan for upcoming funding from the state of CA (Homeless Emergency

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Program; and California Emergency Services and Housing). The CoC plans to utilize the funds for the improvement of a 5-year strategic plan to end homelessness and for housing programs dedicated to the reentry population and child welfare families. Local data shows that the majority of chronically homeless in El Dorado County have some criminal record or involvement with the child welfare system, creating further barriers to obtaining and retaining housing. By strategically dedicating this funding to house and serve these populations, the CoC is prioritizing better counting and efforts to reduce chronic homelessness among both individuals and families.

(2) FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: The CoC is actively utilizing the By-Name list for Families to understand services gaps and needs. HHSA has the largest RRH program in the County for

families (CalWORKS Housing Support Program) and the By- Name list is being utilized to facilitie engagement with HHSA and CE to help streamline housing and services for CalWORKS eligible families. Additionally, as described prior, the CoC plans to utilize HEAP and CESH funding for housing programs dedicated to child welfare families. By strategically dedicating this funding to house and serve these these families, the CoC is prioritizing better counting and efforts to reduce homelessness among families in the child welfare system. FY2018 CoC Application Page 21 09/13/2018

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3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

Instructions

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3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. In the box below, applicants must report the number of first-time homeless as reported in HDX.

Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. 195

3A-1a. Applicants must: (1) describe how the CoC determined which risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time; (2) describe the CoC's strategy to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. (limit 2,000 characters) Between the 2016 and 2017 AHAR, there was a 24 person increase, from 171 to 195. This was likely due to higher numbers of beds available during seasonal shelters & increased focus on identifying homeless individuals through outreach.

Through Coordinated Entry intakes and the VI-SPDAT, as well as through the seasonal shelters which operate during the winter months, the CoC identifies first time homeless risk factors.

These risk factors include eviction, health crises, drug abuse, lack of robust discharge planning and resource availability, and victimization. This information is utilized to inform CoC agencies on strategies and approaches that will prevent first time homeless. In particular, the CoC uses this information for diversion purposes, emphasis diverting individuals from entering the system, as well as prevention. Strategies utilized by CE agencies and CoC providers include progress engagement and peer engagement. This allows those seeking housing to receive a small amount of assistance, tailored to meet their most critical need and focusing on resolving the housing crisis. The goal is for this to improve our system response, improving efficiency across the system and community by matching the most intensive resources available with those who demonstrate that they need it most. Only Kindness Inc staff, a CE provider agency, is responsible for discussing this data and for supporting improved collaboration and strategies to reduce first time homeless.

3A-2. Length-of-Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. Applicants must: (1) provide the average length of time individuals and persons in families remained homeless (i.e., the number); (2) describe the CoC's strategy to reduce the length-of-time individuals FY2018 CoC Application Page 22 09/13/2018

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and persons in families remain homeless; (3) describe how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and (4) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. (limit

2,000 characters) Between 2016 and 2017, the average LOT homeless descreased for ES and SH by 82 days, from 199 to 117, a 41% improvement. Additionally, the average LOT for ES, SH, and TH decreased by 145 days, from 283 to 138, a 51% improvement. The CoC was able to achieve this by successfully increasing RRH funding, as well as the County HHSA successfully increasing CalWORKS Housing Support Program funds for homeless families. Additionally, the CoC significantly increased its efforts regarding housing location services, thereby helping to expedite placement with these additional RRH resources. Lastly, through the VI-SPDAT, the CoC has been able to identify the most vulnerable, thereby often linking the most vulnerable and longest LOT homeless with the RRH first. This continues to be a significant strategy to reduce the average LOT, by prioritizing resources for those that have been homeless the longest. Through increasing outreach efforts and having Coordinated Entry available through the CoC's seasonal shelters, the CoC has been able to identify those with the longest LOT homeless, track them in HMIS, and pair them with RRH more efficiently. This information also identifies those that are not picked up through RRH, thereby providing the CoC with information on what types of programs will be necessary to fill those gaps. For example, the CoC does not have PSH and therefore the current RRH programs cannot truly support housing retention for folks with the most severe health needs. This has led the PHA to pursue Chronic homeless preferences for vouchers, as the wait list opens up and as additional VASH vouchers are received from HUD. HHSA staff are generally responsible for this strategy, with efforts also led by the Office of Ed. McKinney-Vento Liaison and the PHA Deputy Director.

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

Applicants must: (1) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to

permanent housing destinations; and (2) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

Percentage

Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX. FY2018 CoC Application Page 23 09/13/2018 25%

Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid re-housing, 100% that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX. 3A-3a. Applicants must: (1) describe the CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and

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(2) describe the CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations. (limit 2,000 characters) Between 2016 and 2017, EDOK reports having 12 more individuals exit to a permanent housing destination, from 38 to 50. Through received increased RRH/Housing First funding, EDOK improved its exits by 24%. Additionally, strategies have improved through increased technical assistance for Coordinated Entry staff and CoC funded and non-funded partners. Coordinated Entry policies have been reviewed and approved by ICF, a HUD technical assistance provider, to ensure consistency with HMIS policies, as well as agency policies who enter into HMIS. Through increased partnership with the PHA, the CoC will successfully have access to 5 VASH vouchers for the first time, which historically El Dorado County has not had. Through this, coupled with a preference for chronically homeless, Permanent Placement % will increase. Lastly, EDOK will

shift its efforts to focusing on having employers and job fair access available for Coordinated Entry clients, emphasizing increases in income or employment which will improve the ability for folks to retain housing. The Coordinated Entry WorkGroup is responsible for this strategy.

3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX. Applicants must report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX.

Percentage

Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period $_{as\ reported\ in}$ HDX FY2018 CoC Application Page 24 09/13/2018 33%

3A-4a. Applicants must: (1) describe how the CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness; (2) describe the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families returns to homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters) Between 2016 and 2017, EDOK reports 20% having returned to homelessness in less than 6 months, 8% returning from 6 to 12 months, and 5% returning from 13 to 24 months. The overall number of returns in 2 years was 33%. By increasing RRH funding and improving Coordinated Entry, EDOK has focused significant efforts on improving data sharing and collaboration to ensure housing retention. Through implementing the VI-SPDAT into CE over the past year, the CoC has the tools to identify common factors among those who return to homelessness and what those factors are. For example, HMIS data suggests that one commonality among those that return to homelessness is a lack of consistent finances, leading to increased housing instability. A large support has been provided by HHSA integrating more with the CoC, linking access to the County One-Stop Job Center to Coordinated Entry. Gaining

independence and retaining housing comes from being stabilized not only with services but also **Applicant:** El Dorado County Continuum of Care CA-525 **Project:** CA-525 CoC Registration FY2018 COC REG 2018 159739

income or employment, and improved linkage to this resource should help to improve our returns to homelessness figure. CE agencies refer all clients to One-Stop Job center upon entry into the system, however not all clients have the ability to access this service without case management or support. To help ensure proper linkage, HHSA staff attend all CE WorkGroup meetings to case conference re: persons on the by-name list, talking through how to best link those in need to the One-Stop Job center. HHSA staff are responsible for overseeing this strategy. 3A-5. Job and Income Growth. Applicants must: (1) describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources; (2) describe how the 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 the CoC's strategy to increase job and income growth from employment. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK is now prioritizing collecting better data on job & income growth, as HMIS data and HDX reporting does not reflect the successes made through growing the income or employment of CoC clients. A large support has been provided by HHSA integrating more with the CoC, linking access to the County One-Stop Job Center to Coordinated Entry. Gaining independence comes from being stabilized with health and social services, as well as income and employment, and this resource will continue to be a resource for local homeless individuals. The Coordinated Entry WorkGroup, and other unfunded providers who enter into HMIS, will be required to receive technical assistance and training on data entry to ensure that there is a significant improving in the level of tracking this information. Benchmarks will be necessary to improve system performance, and the EDOK Board strongly recognizes this.

The Coordinated Entry WorkGroup, in partnership with the EDOK Board, will be responsible for overseeing this strategy.

3A-6. System Performance Measures Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the System Performance Measures data in HDX, which included the data quality section for FY 2017 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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

Planning Objectives

Instructions

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3B-1. DedicatedPLUS and Chronically Homeless Beds. In the boxes below, applicants must enter: (1) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated as DedicatedPLUS beds; and (2) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated for the chronically homeless, which does not include those that were identified

in (1) above as DedicatedPLUS Beds.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Total number of beds dedicated as DedicatedPLUS} & 0 \\ \textbf{Total number of beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness} & 0 \\ \textbf{Total} & 0 \\ \end{tabular}$

3B-2. Orders of Priority. Did the CoC adopt the Orders of Priority into their written standards for all CoC Program-funded PSH projects as described in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing? Attachment Required.

3B-2.1. Prioritizing Households with Children. Using the following chart, applicants must check all that apply to indicate the factor(s) the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children during FY 2018.

History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse) $_{
m X}$

Number of previous homeless episodes χ

Unsheltered homelessness χ

Criminal History X

Bad credit or rental history χ

Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability χ

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3B-2.2. Applicants must: (1) describe the CoC's current strategy to rapidly rehouse every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless; (2) describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families successfully maintain their housing once assistance ends; and (3) provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoCs strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless. (limit 2,000 characters) 1)CURRENT STRATEGY: EDOK successfully received the largest ESG grant in its history, significantly increasing RRH beds. Additionally, HHSA increased funding for its CalWORKS Housing Support Program for homeless families. Through this, as well as improved CE, the CoC ensures that families and individuals are rapidly housed. As the Office of Education McKinney-Vento Liaison is the CoC Board Chair, she is aware of CE referrals and works to connect homeless or at risk families with CE resources. CE providers utilize the VI-SPDAT to prioritize those that are appropriate for RRH. If appropriate, RRH programs provide housing search assistance, landlord recruitment, security deposits, some back utility assistance, and case management to help households increase

income to afford the housing on their own once assistance stops. By properly placing appropriate individuals into RRH through consistently administering the VISPDAT, RRH case managers have the resources and plans to both house and serve families successfully so that they maintain housing once assistance ends.

Through increased funding and investments into Technical Assistance and Coordinated Entry,
EDOK is working toward rapidly rehousing families within the 30 day timeframe. Though we are reporting that we rapidly rehouse within the 30 day goal, the Average LOT Homeless from FY 16 to FY 17 improved by 41% thereby showing that the CoC system is trending in the right direction. The CoC goal is to work toward the development of a strategic plan, thereby identifying critical partners, annual goals, needed system improvements, and resources to achieve the 30-day goal by a particular date in the future. This report/plan will be developed over the following year. HHSA and Only Kindness Inc, our two RRH providers, are responsible for this strategy. 3B-2.3. Antidiscrimination Policies. Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing (PSH and RRH) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on age, sex, gender,

LGBT status, marital status, or disability when entering a shelter or housing.

CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.

CoC conducts optional training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.

CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.

CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC and ESG funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that may be out

of compliance, and taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.

 $CoC\ has\ sought\ assistance\ from\ HUD\ through\ submitting\ AAQs\ or\ requesting\ TA\ to\ resolve\ non-compliance\ of\ service\ providers.$

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3B-2.4. Strategy for Addressing Needs of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing

Homelessness. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC's strategy to address the unique

needs of unaccompanied homeless youth includes the following:

Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation Yes

LGBT youth homelessness Yes

Exits from foster care into homelessness Yes

Family reunification and community engagement Yes

Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing Yes youth housing and

service needs 3B-2.5. Prioritizing Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness Based on

Needs. Applicants must check all that apply from the list below that describes the CoC's

History or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse) X

current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.

Number of Previous Homeless Episodes $_{\rm X}$

Unsheltered Homelessness $_{\rm X}$

Criminal History X

Bad Credit or Rental History χ

3B-2.6. Applicants must describe the CoC's strategy to increase: (1) housing and services for all youth experiencing homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources, including securing additional funding; and (2) availability of housing and services for youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources. (limit 3,000 characters) (1) ALL YOUTH: The Coordinated Entry WorkGroup discusses strategies to reduce homelessness for all youth, in particular the unique trust building that is required to build rapport with homeless youth in order to be successful. McKinney-Vento Liaison contacts and information is provided to the Coordinated Entry WorkGroup providers so that the Office of Education can coordinate with the CoC for linkage to housing and services for families who are in and out of homelessness on a given night.

(2)UNSHELTERED HOMELESS: The CoC has strong youth providers who provide great services, link to Coordinated Entry, and capture their data in HMIS. For example, New Morning currently implements a large transitional shelter program for homeless children and youth, offering support for up to 36 months while linking individuals to Coordinated Entry resources.

New Morning

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is actively engaging the CoC to partner in pursuing additional funding for emergency services that would be dedicated to unsheltered youth. Also, New Morning is interested in exploring the potential to offer CE intakes at their facility in the future, increasing access to CoC resources for unsheltered youth. To help improve the CoC's focus on serving unsheltered youth, scoring tools for all NOFAs incorporate extra points for emphasizing a homeless youth focus, particularly emphasizing cultural competency for serving the LGBTQ community and Human Trafficking victims. As our second youth provider expert, Tahoe Youth and Family Services (TYFS) operates a Drop-In Center that provides supportive services to runaway, homeless, and unsheltered youth up to the age of 24, and an emergency shelter program via host homes for youth up to the age of 18. In addition, TYFS offers individual counseling, outpatient alcohol and drug counseling, a 24-hour crisis line, and a community-based mentoring program. TYFS is seeking to increase the availability of resources and housing by partnering with CoC agencies to pursue grants, or as a subcontractor for agencies that can administer but cannot implementing grant programs. ALL YOUTH GOALS: EDOK is increasing its focus on receiving technical assistance for youth services and outcomes, particularly working with Coordinated Entry agencies to compare HMIS data and SPM for unaccompanied youth. The goal will be to ensure a continued emphasis on improving housing placement and retention, job security and stability, access to education, and cultural competency training for youth homeless, specifically paired to SPM and HUD CoC Benchmarks. By focusing in this area, the CoC will more clearly understand where its services gaps and needs are, increasing the likelihood of being funded for additional services and housing.

3B-2.6a. Applicants must: (1) provide evidence the CoC uses to measure both strategies in question 3B-2.6. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness; (2) describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of the strategies; and (3) describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of the CoC's strategies. (limit 3,000 characters) $^{\mathrm{EDOK}\ \mathrm{CoC}}$ Board is chaired by the Office of Education McKinney-Vento Liaison, thereby bridging homeless students and school efforts to CoC programs and services. Additionally, CWS staff participate as general members to the CoC. Strategies to end youth homelessness include ensuring CalWORKS Housing Support Program clients are supported by CoC partners, ensuring that RRH is made available to the most vulnerable youth in the by- name list, CoC trainings regarding victims of DV, SA, stalking, and cultural competency trainings on serving LGBTQ youth. Additionally, New Morning Youth and Family Services, as a CoC partner, provides a Queer support group through their youth programs. Participation has been growing and CoC partners continue to refer interested youth to these support group meetings. Currently, CoC partners are able to enter homeless children and youth data into HMIS, utilizing youth oriented agencies to provide CES access into the system. Through youth going through CES, getting on the by-name list, and being linked with available housing programd and resources, SPM will continue to be monitored and utilized to strengthen strategic planning regarding EDOK's

approach and pursuit of key programs and services to stabilize homeless youth

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in housing.

3B-2.7. Collaboration-Education Services. Applicants must describe how the CoC

collaborates with: (1) youth education providers; (2) McKinney-Vento State Education

Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA); (3) school districts; and (4) the formal

partnerships with (1) through (3) above. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK has

McKinney-Vento Liaison as a board member, currently is the board chair, and participates in the

Coordinated Entry WorkGroup. Additionally, Office of Education homeless liaisons attend CoC

meetings and board meetings. The School Districts each have a liaison that works with the MV

Liaison to connect appropriate services, support, and resources to homeless students. These

individuals also support PIT/HIC planning for youth to ensure a robust and successful youth

count occurs. These individuals play a critical role in strategic planning regarding linking CES to

homeless youth/children and families who touch the local education agencies. A variety of

educational rights for homeless students exist, therefore the McKinney Vento Liaisons play a

critical role in ensuring that confidentiality safeguards protect homeless students from any

potential discrimination while ensuring timely linkage with CES and CoC providers. It is the

goal of the Coordinated Entry WorkGroup to develop policies for CES, ensuring

McKinney-Vento requirements continue to be met while creating a more formal, standardized

process for getting families and students connected with CoC housing programs and resources

into the future.

3B-2.7a. Applicants must describe the policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform

individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services.

(limit 2,000 characters) Currently there are no formal procedures that the CoC has adopted, however at the school district level policies do exist. The CoC plans to work toward developing these policies into a formal CoC document. The current practice, based from the COE policies, is for the CoC to work with McKinney-Vento liaisons to connect families/students back to a district of origin or a district of residence. Liaisons are accessible and familiar to CES because the County Office of Education hosts CoC meetings, the McKinney-Vento Liaison for the COE educates the CoC annually about McKinney-Vento rights, and the Coordinated Entry workgroup is educated on COE website resources for families. This website is managed by the COE MV Liaison and is a known location for the list of district MV Liaisons. The list of MV Liaisons is also linked to the EDOK website. Additionally, posters with MV rights are displayed in places where families who experience or are at risk of homeless frequent.

In addition to the system of liaison connection to any of the 15 school districts in El Dorado County, the programs that families experiencing homelessness are served under have a close

connection to the COE MV Liaison. All CoC providers are trained annually on McKinney-Vento

rights. If a family walks into a safe house shelter or a drug treatment program staff are educated

to connect

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families/students to education services.

3B-2.8. Does the CoC have written formal agreements, MOU/MOAs or partnerships with one or more providers of early childhood services and supports? Select "Yes" or "No". Applicants must select "Yes" or "No", from the list below, if the CoC has written formal agreements, MOU/MOA's or partnerships with providers of early childhood services and support.

MOU/MOA Other Formal Agreement
Early Childhood Providers No No
Head Start No No
Early Head Start No No
Child Care and Development Fund No No
Federal Home Visiting Program No No
Healthy Start No No
Public Pre-K No No
Birth to 3 years No No
Tribal Home Visting Program No No
Other: (limit 50 characters)
MCKinney-Vento Local LEA No Yes
First 5 No Yes

3B-3.1. Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to identify, assess, and refer Veterans experiencing homelessness, who are eligible for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) housing and services, to appropriate resources such as HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program and Grant and Per Diem (GPD). (limit 2,000 characters) In 2018, The El Dorado County PHA received HUD-VASH vouchers for the first time in the PHA's history. This is largely due to strengthen relationships with the VA Medical clinic in Sacramento, CA. It is also due to the CoC's efforts to continue improving data quality to reflect the need for services, including the need for veteran-focused programs. Between January 1 2018 and June 30, 2018, 16% of those that received the VISPDAT identified as a Veteran, nearly 1 in 5. The Volunteers of America (VOA) provides SSVF services and other supportive services to homeless veterans, and the Director of Veteran Services for the VOA sits on the EDOK Governing Board. This partnership ensures appropriate linkage from homeless veterans in this County to SSVF and other VOA programs. Lastly, Only Kindness Inc, one of our CES providers, has a contract to provide mental health services to veterans in El Dorado County. Through their funding, as well as them being a CES provider, Only Kindness staff are able to capture homeless veterans in HMIS, utilize the VI-SPDAT to get them on the by-name list for housing and services, and then provide direct support services. Through CoC data improvement and key partnerships with the PHA, VOA, and

Only Kindness Inc, EDOK utilizes CES and its partner resources to identify, assess, and refer

veterans to available housing and services.

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3B-3.2. Does the CoC use an active list or by name list to identify all Veterans experiencing

homelessness in the CoC?

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3B-3.3. Is the CoC actively working with the $_{
m VA}$ and $_{
m VA}$ -funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending Veteran homelessness? Yes

3B-3.4. Does the CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach?

No

3B-5. Racial Disparity. Applicants must: (1) indicate whether the CoC assessed whether there are racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance; (2) if the CoC conducted an assessment, attach a copy of the summary.

No

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4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream

Benefits and Additional Policies

Instructions:

For Detailed guidance Instructions on completing and the this FY application, 2018 CoC Program please reference Competition the NOFA. FY 2018 Please CoC Application submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

4A-1. Healthcare. Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC: (1) assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance; and (2) assists persons experiencing homelessness with effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.

Type of Health Care Assist with Enrollment FY2018 CoC Application Page 33 09/13/2018 Assist with Utilization of Benefits?

Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services) Yes Yes

Private Insurers: Yes Yes

Non-Profit, Philanthropic: No Yes Other: (limit 50 characters) PATH Program Yes Yes

4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits. Applicants must: (1) describe how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for and receive mainstream benefits; (2) describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters) 1) CES agencies and all CoC partners partner closely with El Dorado Health and Human Services, which includes Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Mainstream Benefits programs. HHSA partners enroll CoC clients in Medicaid, Medicare & CalWORKS Programs (TANF). Through the VOA and the local Veterans Affairs Office, these partners provide services to Veterans regarding linkage to any available Veterans benefits. (2) To ensure that the CoC is up to date regarding mainstream resources, HHSA staff attend all CoC meetings as well as CES WorkGroup meetings to ensure program updates, referral information, and other access requests can be accommodated. Training and shared best practices is provided by HHSA representatives through the CoC meetings. Only Kindness Inc, one of the CES agencies, is also SOAR trained,

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and the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless recently was awarded the PATH grant, thereby ensuring additional SOAR trained staff will be available to support linkage to SSI and other benefits. For FY 17-18, a total of 177 families received financial assistance through CalWORKS (TANF), through a combination of full or partial rent subsidy, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, or temporary sheltering while units were pursued. (3) The Health and Human Services Agency is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits.

4A-2.Housing First: Applicants must report: (1) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition; and (2) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.

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Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects in the FY 2018 CoC 0% Program

Competition that will be designated as Housing First. 4A-3. Street Outreach. Applicants must: (1) describe the CoC's outreach; (2) state whether the CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area; (3) describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and (4)

who are least likely to request assistance. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK conducts daily outreach through collaboration with local Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) and from CES providers. All outreach efforts serve 100% of the CoC's geographical area. HOT is led through the Sheriff's Office, where specially trained officers conduct outreach with CES staff to ensure linkage to resources through the CoC. The PERT includes a Behavioral Health Social Worker and a Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) officer, responding to calls where someone is experiencing psychosis or other mental health symptoms. The goal of this program is to stabilize folks in the community, thereby avoiding unnecessary 5150 or arrests while linking individuals to community resources through CES and the CoC if that individuals is homeless or at risk of homelessness. The CoC is emphasizing outreach to target those that are least likely to request assistance to not only link available resources to the these individuals, but also to build trusting relationships that we hope will lead to successful placements in permanent housing programs. Data gathered through these efforts

will continue

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to support strategic planning for PSH projects in the future. Currently, the CE WorkGroup case conferences regarding folks on the by-name list, which thereby allows for a focus on any outreach which linked individuals to CES. Strategies are discussed in regards to working with individuals who may lack trust for receiving services, including motivational interviewing. Peer engagement is also utilized, with linkages being made to neighboring Continuums of Care to explore best practices for street outreach and how CES can be improved to reach those least likely to access services.

4A-4. Affirmative Outreach. Applicants must describe: (1) the specific strategy the CoC implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability; and (2) how the CoC communicated effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency fair housing strategy in (1) above. (limit 2,000 characters) EDOK received training on 24CFR 678.93(c) on 6/1/2018 and received a training on Fair Housing on 3/12/18. EDOK has committed to offering annual trainings on furthering fair housing. The EDOK board provides technical assistance to all CoC partners regarding ensuring that their CoC funded or unfunded projects are compliant with 24 CFR 578.93(c), ensuring that all have equal access to services regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability. For example, CES policies and procedures reference that proper signage, forms, and access to language lines and other interpreter resources exists for persons with disabilities or who may have limited English proficiency. Representatives of the EDOK Board ensure that CES agencies comply with these policies. EDOK will continue seeking to advertise its CES, in particular ensuring that there are multilingual, braille, and other special resources to ensure equal and fair access to all individuals, regardless of how they present and what their preferences or needs may be.

4A-5. RRH Beds as Reported in the HIC. Applicants must report the total _{number of rapid} rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory

Count (HIC) for 2017 and 2018.

2017 2018 Difference

RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC 40 126 86

4A-6. Rehabilitation or New Construction Costs. Are new proposed project applications

requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?

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No

4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. No Is the CoC requesting to designate one or

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more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless

under other Federal statutes?

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4B. Attachments

Instructions:

Multiple files may be attached as a single .zip file. For instructions on how to use .zip files, a reference

https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3118/creating-a-zip-file-and-capturing-a-screenshot- document is available

on the e-snaps training site: resource

Document Type Required? Document Description Date Attached

1C-5. Plan-Homeless PHA Administration Preference No PHA Administrativ... 09/12/2018

1C-5. PHA Administration Plan-Move-on Assisted Housing Multifamily Owners' Preference

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No

1C-8. Centralized or Yes Single, Family, a... 09/13/2018 Coordinated Assessment Tool 1E-1. Objective

Critiera-Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria matrix)

(e.g., scoring tool, Yes NOFA timeline, Pr... 09/13/2018

1E-3. Public Posting CoC- Approved Consolidated Application

Yes

1E-3. Public Posting-Local Competition Rate, Rank, Review, (e.g., RFP)

and Selection Criteria Yes Public Posting of... 09/13/2018

1E-4. CoC's Reallocation Yes Reallocation Process 09/12/2018 Process 1E-5. snaps—Projects Notifications

Accepted Outside e- Yes notification to p... 09/13/2018

1E-5. Notifications Outside e- snaps-Projects Rejected or Reduced

Yes

1E-5. Public Posting-Local Yes Public Postings o... 09/13/2018 Competition Deadline 2A-1. CoC and HMIS Lead

Governance Governance (e.g., Charter, section MOU, of MOA)

Yes

2A-2. Procedures HMIS-Policies Manual and Yes Policies and Proc... 09/13/2018

3A-6. HDX-2018 Competition Yes HDX 2018 Competit... 09/13/2018 Report 3B-2. Standards Order of

Priority-Written No Written Standards 09/13/2018

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3B-5. Racial Disparities No Summary 4A-7.a. Defined Project as Homeless List-Persons under Other Federal

Statutes (if applicable)

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No

Other No

Other No

Other No

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Document Description: PHA Administrative Plan - Homeless Preference

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Document Description: Single, Family, and TAY VI-SPDAT

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Document Description: NOFA timeline, Project Scoring Tool, and Rank and Review Policies

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Document Description: Public Posting of Local Competition, NOFA timeline for competition,

Scoring Tool, and Rank and Review Policies

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Document Description: Reallocation Process

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Document Description: notification to projects and priority listing

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Document Description: Public Postings of Competition on CoC website, HHSA website, and

through a Communitywide Email

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Document Description: Policies and Procedures for HMIS; Privacy documents

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Document Description: HDX 2018 Competition Report

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PART III: SELECTION FOR HCV ASSISTANCE

4-III.A. OVERVIEW As vouchers become available, families on the waiting list must be selected for assistance in accordance with the policies described in this part. The order in which families are selected from the waiting list depends on the selection method chosen by the PHA and is impacted in part by any selection preferences for which the family qualifies. The availability of targeted funding also may affect the order in which families are selected from the waiting list. The PHA must maintain a clear record of all information required to verify that the family is selected from the waiting list according to the PHA's selection policies [24 CFR 982.204(b) and 982.207(e)].

4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES

Special Admissions [24 CFR 982.203] HUD may award funding for specifically-named families living in specified types of units (e.g., a family that is displaced by demolition of public housing; a non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or 2 projects). In these cases, the PHA may admit such families whether or not they are on the waiting list, and, if they are on the waiting list without considering the family's position on the waiting list. These families are considered non-waiting list selections. The PHA must maintain records showing that such families were admitted with special program funding.

PHA Policy

The PHA will actively pursue funding opportunities that address housing the "Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families". Any funding opportunities must be HUD approved. Special Programs Exempt From the PHA Waiting List Applicants for the following No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program are not placed on the EDCHA's waiting list. In accordance with HUD's guidance and technical assistance, the PHA will use a phased in approach that takes into account existing partner waiting lists and contracts for persons who are identified as chronically homeless (as defined by HUD) and meet NPLH criteria.

Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)] HUD may award a PHA funding for a specified category of families on the waiting list. The PHA must use this funding only to assist the families within the specified category. In order to assist families within a targeted funding category, the PHA may skip families that do not qualify within the targeted funding category. Within this category of families, the order in which such families are assisted is determined according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

PHA Policy

The PHA administers the following types of targeted funding:

Family Unification Program

Family Unification Aged out Foster-Youth

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(Youth at least 18 years old and not more than 21 years old (have not reached 22nd birthday) who left foster care at age 16 or older and who do not have adequate housing are also eligible to receive housing assistance under the Family Unification Program. A Family Unification voucher issued to such a youth may only be used to provide housing assistance for youth for a maximum of 18 months)

Regular HCV Funding Regular HCV funding may be used to assist any eligible family on the waiting list. Families are selected from the waiting list according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

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PROPOSED REVIEW AND RANK PROCESS

A. Each year, the Continuum of Care must convene a Review and Rank Panel

- composed of at least three (3) impartial and non-conflicted community members, preferably including one person who is formerly homeless, who are familiar with the services and resources available to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, following the procedures specified in the Governance Charter.
 - B. The Panel shall conduct its business in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- provisions in the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks CoC Governance Charter. In addition, all attendees of the Review and Rank Panel Meeting shall also be subject to the same conduct provisions. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Conducting themselves with courtesy and respect, refraining from

harassment intimidation, discrimination, and physical or verbal abuse, and;

b. Maintaining confidentiality of sensitive information obtained a result

of their activity with the CoC,

and;

- C. Acting with integrity in all interactions.
- C. The Panel shall receive a training from HomeBase on the COC Program and

local competition, and their responsibilities as Review and Rank panelists. This training may be conducted via videoconference at the convenience of the Panel

D. The Panel shall review the data prior to the scheduled Review and Rank

meeting

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E. The Panel shall meet in person to discuss the applications submitted as part

of the Continuum of Care Competition.

F. All projects will be required to have a senior staff person on call by telephone

on the day of the Review and Rank Meeting in order to answer any questions that the Panel may choose to pose. If staff cannot be reached by telephone within a reasonable period of time, then the project will be bound by the Panel's interpretation of its application materials.

- G. The ranked list is created by the following procedures:
 - a. One ranked list is prepared based on a compilation of Review and Rank

Panel raw scores for each application.

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b. Those applications that do not meet certain threshold requirements (as

detailed on the scoring tool) will not be included in the ranked list.

C. The Review and Rank Panel determines if any renewal project should

receive a decrease in funding due to lower performance in outcomes or low utilization of funds. Any funding captured from an existing project will be made available for reallocation to a new project that meets the requirements in the NOFA.

- d. HMIS projects will be automatically ranked at the bottom of Tier 1.
- H. After the Review and Rank Meeting, a priority listing with scores will be

compile

d.

I. Project applicants will be notified of the scoring results within three business days of the Review and Rank Meeting. Shortly thereafter, project applicants will receive a full list of project scores along with a scoring breakdown for their own project.

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REVIEW AND RANK PANEL MEMBERSHIP

Review and Rank Panel

members are:

Knowledgeable about homelessness and housing in the community and are broadly representative of the relevant sectors, subpopulations, and geographic

areas

• "Neutral," meaning that they are not employees, staff, or otherwise have a

business/financial or specific personal conflict of interest with the applicant organizations; Familiar with housing and homeless needs within the CoC; and Willing to review projects with the best interest of

homeless persons in mind.

Review and Rank Panel members agree to:

 Dedicate time for application review and Review and Rank Panel meetings

Sign a statement declaring that they have no conflict of interest and a confidentiality agreement.

Note: If a person or an organization believes there is a conflict of interest that would exclude a Review and Rank Panel Member, it needs to be brought to the attention of HomeBase staff within three calendar days of the announcement of the Review and Rank Panel membership. The concerned person/organization would need to provide specific and substantial information regarding the alleged conflict to allow the Collaborative Applicant to conduct a fair evaluation.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

The El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care is committed to fully including projects submitted by Victim Service Providers (VSPs) on an equal basis in the local competition for HUD COC NOFA funding. The CoC will provide support as necessary to ensure that VSPs have access to all of the tools, data, and assistance they need in order to compete fairly, and that VSPs are not disadvantaged in any way by their need to protect the privacy and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking.

SPECIFIC METHOD FOR EVALUATING VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

The El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care will use the following specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers:

1) Victim service providers will be encouraged to track client-level data throughout the year in a database that is comparable to HMIS. The data must be segregated from HMIS so that it is not inadvertently disclosed to unauthorized personnel, but the underlying tracking system should be as

similar as possible to HMIS. 2) Victim service providers will be asked to generate an Annual Performance

Report (APR) or an APR-like report using the client-level data in their comparable database. If the VSP's software is not able to automatically create such a report, then the VSP will be assisted to tabulate its records so as to manually create a report on project-level outcomes.

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3) The VSP's APR or APR-like report will be submitted to the neutral

facilitator

- of the local competition (e.g., HomeBase) after being carefully stripped of any client-level data or other potentially identifiable personal information.
- 4) The neutral facilitator will use the VSP's project-level data to help the independent Review and Rank Panel evaluate the performance of the VSP's on most of the same performance measures as ordinary CoC housing projects, such as placement in permanent housing, ability to maintain or increase client income and benefits, ability to spend down the full amount of the CoC grant, and compliance with all applicable regulations. In addition, the Review and Rank Panel will award additional credit to domestic violence service providers based on the degree to which they improve safety for the populations they serve.

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REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

HUD expects CoCs to reallocate funds from non- and/or under-performing projects to higher priority community needs that align with HUD priorities and goals. Reallocation involves using funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects. In the recent competitions, HUD allowed CoCs to use the reallocation process to create:

 New permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects that serve chronically

homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth. New rapid rehousing (RRH) projects for homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter or fleeing domestic violence. New hybrid rapid re-housing / transitional housing (TH / RRH) projects for homeless individuals and families. New projects for dedicated HMIS. New Supportive Services

Only (SSO) projects for centralized or coordinated entry systems.

HUD expects that CoCs will use performance data to decide how to best use the resources available to end homelessness within the community. CoCs should reallocate funds to new projects whenever reallocation would reduce homelessness. Communities should use CoC approved scoring criteria and selection priorities to determine the extent to which each project is still necessary and address the policy priorities listed in the NOFA.

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