Before Starting the CoC Application

The CoC Consolidated Application consists of three parts, the CoC Application, the CoC Priority Listing, and all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected. All three must be submitted for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.
6. Questions marked with an asterisk (*), which are mandatory and require a response.

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MA-515 - Fall River CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Fall River CoC (MA-515)

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Fall River CoC (MA-515)

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

Instructions:

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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	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	No	No
Local Jail(s)	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	No	No
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	No	No
Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	No	No
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	No	No
LGBT Service Organizations	No	No
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	No	No
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes

Other:(limit 50 characters)		
Veterans Housing and Services	Yes	Yes
Peer Outreach (Substance Abuse and Mental Health)	Yes	Yes
Coordinated Entry Staff	Yes	Yes

**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)**

The CoC solicits and considers opinions from members of the Homeless Service Providers Coalition (representatives of the CoC) and the Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness (the CoC Board). Anyone with a stake in the issue of homelessness may join the HSPC and request to join the Mayor's Task Force. The committees provide forums in which opinions, knowledge, and resources from diverse members impact CoC planning toward eradicating homelessness.
•CoC member Steppingstone, which operates the emergency shelter for individuals and performs street outreach, connects directly with the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population. The homeless complete surveys to help Steppingstone identify needs and further shape CoC direction.
•During the annual Project Homeless Connect, consumers complete surveys as they exit the event, and service providers complete outcome forms. These assist in identifying the predominant subpopulations in need as well as gaps in services within the CoC.
•The regional Individuals/Veterans committee (Veterans Agents, SSVF providers, VA, shelter and housing providers, employment agencies, and community development agencies) identifies homeless individuals and veterans using a By-Name Registry and works to house each one on a case-by-case basis. The Registry helps to identify barriers to housing and other services.
•The HSPC has a website, www.FallRiverHomeless.com, that provides two-way communication with the providers and the public-at-large.
•FRCDA holds two Public Hearings a year to communicate to the public and solicit public opinion regarding community needs including homelessness. Information gained from the annual Public Hearings is compiled by CDA and presented to the Mayor and City Council as the City's Annual Action Plan.
The above examples demonstrate how the CoC is informed of resources in the community and the additional needs that arise among the homeless, helping to create and amend strategies to address current need.

**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)Membership on the Fall River CoC, through the Homeless Service Providers Coalition (HSPC), is open to any organization or person residing or doing business in Fall River with an interest in preventing and ending homelessness in the community. Invites are normally by e-mail, phone call, or in-person. During HSPC meetings, members develop a list of invitees, including but not limited to HUD-recommended organizations, as well as those which are new to the community. HSPC members strive to broaden the reach of the organization through solicitation of diverse new members. During annual discussions of the invitation process, HSPC members identify potential barriers to participation, as well as stakeholders which may be underrepresented in the CoC.
(2)The Committee sends an e-mail to potential new members explaining the HSPC's mission and goals as well as the advantages of being a part of the solution to end homelessness. The invite will also be posted on FallRiverHomeless.com.
(3)New members are generally solicited annually and as seen fit, i.e. if a new provider comes into the community or someone with interest inquires.
(4)This committee conducts specific outreach to ensure that certain subpopulations including homeless/formerly homeless persons have representation on the HSPC, as well as sufficient representation from both the public and private sectors. CoC members connect with organizations that serve subpopulations that are unrepresented or under-represented to request their presence at our meeting.

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)

Although the City of Fall River had no intent to apply for new projects in FY2018, it was announced at various community meetings (July 11, July 26, and August 26) that the CoC would consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. An e-mail was distributed regarding the internal, local deadlines for Letters of Intent and the submission of the renewal applications in e-snaps. NOFA resources were provided. It was also made known that under specific conditions subrecipients could consolidate two to four projects under one project. Recipients are encouraged to call CDA for additional information and assistance as needed. The application is open for discussion at community meetings and through informal one-on-one discussions. CDA, the CoC Lead Agency, responds to all public inquiries. When determining whether to include a new project on the Priority Listing, the project is reviewed and ranked by an impartial subcommittee. The project must align with HUD priorities as well as meet a priority need in the community.

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

Instructions:

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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.

Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects	Coordinates with Planning and Operation of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Not Applicable
Head Start Program	Yes
Funding Collaboratives	Yes
Private Foundations	No
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
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	No
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
Faith-Based Organizations	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)

(1) FRCoC uses ESG to fund shelter services, operations, homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities. A CoC committee developed ESG Written Standards, including how to allocate ESG funds for eligible activities; performance standards for ESG-funded activities; and funding policies &

procedures for operation and administration. This year the standards were reviewed and updated by an outside consultant, then accepted by the CoC. Annually, ESG RFPs are submitted to CDA to apply for ESG funds. The applicants participate in the Public Comment process. Notice of funding is published in the local newspaper. In addition to receiving city entitlement ESG funds, 2 agencies also receive funding through Balance of State. CDA, the 2 state ESG subrecipients, and members of the CoC discuss the use of state funds and make recommendations to the State regarding how those funds should be allocated.

(2) ESG subrecipients enter data into HMIS on a timely basis, provide monthly statistics to CDA, provide updates for the annual ConPlan, and report in the HIC, PiT Count, System Performance Measures, CAPER, and AHAR/LSA annually. These reports are provided to the CoC as completed and are available to the CoC any time.

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?

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)

(1) Through Coordinated Entry, all households are treated with client-centered, trauma-informed care. Households are assessed for safety concerns, and if they are currently in danger, they are referred to SafeLink and the local Domestic Violence agency for services including shelter and safety planning. If possible, The CALL staff will assist with this referral and contact SafeLink with the client when it is safe to do so. However, no one is turned away from services due to perceived concerns for safety. The Continuum practices a client-centered approach allowing for all households to choose their path for services based on eligibility. The CALL (CES) provides trainings to all CoC member agencies and other relevant organizations in the community regarding the Coordinated Entry process, including trauma informed care.
The NB Women's Center has an ESG emergency shelter at a confidential location in FR with 5 rooms to accommodate either 5 single women or 5 families

or any combination thereof, and a 24-hour DV hotline. NBWC also issues VAWA housing vouchers around the county.

SSTAR's Women's Center provides therapy, legal advocacy, safety assessments, personalized safety plans, and information regarding court orders to DV victims. SSTAR has a Batterer's Intervention Program providing educational groups for batterers and resources for partners and victims.

DTA's DV Specialist assists TAFDC workers with DV cases by providing case consultation and safety assessments; helps families advocate with DTA and other agencies; links families to proper resources; and helps with safety planning and economic self-sufficiency. DVS can help with waivers of certain TAFDC program rules.

(2) DV agencies do not use the local HMIS system, and instead use an alternate database. Identifying information is redacted from all requested statistical reports, however a client-centered approach is used to ensure all households can freely choose housing and services based on eligibility.

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)

DV providers (New Bedford Women's Canter, SSTAR) were involved in the creation of the CoC's coordinated entry system, and specific confidential assistance to those fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking is integrated within the CoC's coordinated entry policies and procedures. The presence of a domestic violence threat or the possibility of imminent danger is the first question addressed as part of intake during the coordinated entry assessment.

Coordinated entry is set up in a way that maintains privacy, anonymity, and safety planning for those in imminent danger.

Beyond coordinated entry, housing providers within the CoC have been offered training conducted by the NB Women's Center (provider of domestic violence services/housing) that provided expertise on safely assisting survivors as well as the breadth of resources available within the CoC to assist housing and service providers.

The Police Department has a domestic violence specialist who works with identified and potential victims.

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)

Data used by the CoC to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking may be amassed from several different organizations and reports, such as:
•Monthly statistic and annual CAPER reports from the CoC's ESG domestic violence shelter for families and individuals;
•Monthly statistic and annual CAPER reports from the CoC's other ESG emergency shelter for individuals;
•Monthly statistic and annual CAPER reports from the ESG Homeless

Prevention and Rapid Re-housing programs;
•Coordinated Entry data;
•Annual Housing Inventory Chart/Point-in-Time Count;
•State emergency shelter programs statistics;
•Jane Doe, Inc. statistics;
•SafeLink data;
•Domestic Violence Specialist at Department of Transitional Assistance;
•Domestic Violence Specialist at Fall River Police Department;
•Annual Performance Reports of the Permanent Supportive Housing Programs;
•HomeBASE Program statistics;
•Data from the New Bedford Women's Center and its VAWA voucher program; and
•Data from SSTAR's Women's Center and its Intimate Partner Abuse Education Program.

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

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.

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2017 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference	PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g. move on?
Fall River Housing Authority	0.00%	Yes-Public Housing	No

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)

N/A

1C-5b. Move On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. Does the CoC have a Move On strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction (e.g., multifamily assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, or local low-income housing programs)?   No

**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)**

In compliance with the Equal Access to Housing Final Rule, the HUD-funded programs in the FRCoC do not discriminate against LGBT individuals and families based on their sexual orientation or gender identity and ensure that all homeless persons are granted a right to shelter in accordance with their gender identity and an equal opportunity to fair housing. Sexual orientation and gender identity are not assumed, and providers are prohibited from intrusive questioning of the client and from requesting documented proof of gender.
•The Fall River CoC Governance Charter addresses Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as follows:
•Providers must have non-discrimination policies in place and assertively outreach to people least likely to engage in the homeless system as per 24 CFR 578.92(a) – Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Requirements;
•Fall River CoC practices a person-centered model that strongly incorporates participant choice and inclusion of subpopulations present in Fall River, including, but not limited to homeless veterans, youth, families with children, and victims of domestic violence as per 24 CFR 578.93(b) – Housing for Specific Subpopulations;
•Recipients must implement its programs in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing as per 24 CFR 578.93(c) – Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing;
•Providers must comply with all federal statutes including the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act as per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
•Projects are prohibited against involuntary family separation as per 24 CFR 578.93(e) – Prohibition Against Involuntary Family Separation.

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?	No
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)?	No

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)?	No

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:	X
Engaged/educated law enforcement:	X
Engaged/educated local business leaders:	X
Implemented communitywide plans:	X
No strategies have been implemented:	
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
Employed system w/FRPD to locate missing homeless	X

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)The CALL is the Coordinated Entry System for the whole of Bristol County, including the Fall River CoC, the New Bedford CoC, and the Greater Bristol County Attleboro/Taunton CoC.
(2)The street homeless are the least trusting and hardest-to-serve and tend to mostly stay out of public view. The Coordinated Entry System has been reaching people who are least likely to apply for assistance by having outreach teams go out into the community and provide lunches, hygiene items, and other necessities to those on the street, in tent cities and other areas where the homeless gather. Hearts of Hope staff goes out every Tuesday and Saturday afternoon. First Step Inn staff goes out as needed/instructed. Eliot Community Human Services staff goes out when needed to assess those with mental health issues. The homeless are instructed to call 1-800-homeless, the hotline for The CALL (CES). Once a connection is made with an individual, they feel

more secure seeking additional services.

(3)In operation since 2015, The CALL monitors the 1-800-homeless hotline and messages generated through FallRiverHomeless.com. A SPDAT is conducted on those who are seeking housing, which is used to identify those with longest histories of homelessness as well as the barriers to accessing housing. The CALL is tasked with making precise assessments in order to make the most accurate and efficient referrals and placements that suit the needs of the homeless in order to prevent returns to homelessness.

(4)Attachments 1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Tool.

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:	X
Health Care:	X
Mental Health Care:	X
Correctional Facilities:	X
None:	

1D-2. Discharge Planning Coordination. Applicants must indicate whether 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:	X
Health Care:	X
Mental Health Care:	X
Correctional Facilities:	X
None:	

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

Instructions

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

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	No

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)In order to rank the projects objectively, the Review & Ranking Committee assessed and scored the projects based on the following criteria based on HUD priorities and community needs as determined by the CoC:
•Funds expended;
•# of beds/# of CH beds;
•Whether the program serves Youth, Victims of Domestic Violence, Families with Children, and/or Veterans;
•Whether the project follows a Housing First model;
•Participation in Coordinated Entry;
•Financial feasibility of the project;
•Financial stability of the projects agency;
•CoC participation of the agency;
•The following Performance Measures:
     oExits to permanent housing,
     oReturns to homelessness, and
     oNew or increased earned/unearned income for both project stayers and leavers.

• The following Severe Needs at program entry:
    o Zero income,
    o More than one disability, and
    o Coming from place not meant for human habitation.

(2) The project representatives presented information about their programs and answered questions. The CoC Lead was present to provide technical assistance. Once the Committee was confident they had the information they needed about the projects and the process, they met to score the projects based on the HUD Review and Ranking Tool. The ranking of the projects was then finalized and presented to the CoC as well as posted on FallRiverHomeless.com.

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)

The CoC Lead monitors the CoC-funded projects on an annual basis. Performance Measures are reviewed while preparing the Annual Performance Report in Sage and also when reporting System Performance Measures in the HUD Homelessness Data Exchange. Performance is also reviewed by the Review & Ranking Committee when assessing the projects for the CoC competition. The projects score well during these evaluations. Almost 80% of our programs are less than 6 years old. All projects are run by fiscally responsible, reputable organizations, and agencies have been amending budgets as needed to fully expend funds. All projects are permanent supportive housing programs using the Housing First model with low barriers to entry. Utilization rates are high. The CoC has not made any recommendations to reallocate funds in this CoC competition.

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

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

Intructions:

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

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.
Yes

**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).**
pages 1-7 of the Fall River Continuum of Care HMIS Governance Charter

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 HMIS software vendor?
CaseWorthy

2A-4. HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Using the drop-down boxes, applicants must select the HMIS implementation Coverage area.
Regional (multiple CoC)

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

(3) total number of beds in HMIS.

Project Type	Total Beds in 2018 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	273	13	260	100.00%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	24	0	0	0.00%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	213	0	213	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	181	0	181	100.00%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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)

In accordance with HUD's prior years' guidance, the CoC has eliminated all but one TH program in its HIC. This TH program is state-funded and has not been willing to share data. However, the CoC is currently in the process of selecting a new HMIS vendor since the current vendor is ceasing operations of its data business. We expected the data conversion and migration from the existing vendor to the new vendor to occur late last year, but the process has been difficult and rife with disparity. The FRCoC, along with the New Bedford and Taunton/Attleboro CoCs, are working to resolve the situation quickly and efficiently. Once the new system is finally in place, the CoC will then approach the TH program and emphasize the importance and benefits to the CoC of sharing data. The goal is to have this TH on board and utilizing the new software HMIS system by Spring 2019. If that occurs, this would bring the bed coverage for TH to 100%.

2A-6. AHAR Shells Submission: How many 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) tables shells did HUD accept?   10

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)   04/30/2018

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

Instructions:

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

2B-1. PIT Count Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2018 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy).   01/31/2018

2B-2. HDX Submission Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy).   04/30/2018

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

Instructions:

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

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)

The only changes in the PiT Count Implementation, resulting in a higher count than usual, was the inclusion of individuals and families who were emergency placements in motel and other units within the Fall River CoC displaced by Hurricane Maria that devastated Puerto Rico on September 19, 2017.

2C-2. Did your CoC change its provider coverage in the 2018 sheltered count?   No

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:	0
Beds Removed:	0
Total:	0

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?   Yes

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. No

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? Yes

2C-5a. If "Yes" was selected for question 2C-5., applicants must describe:
 (1) how stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness were engaged during the planning process;
 (2) how the CoC worked with stakeholders to select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and
 (3) how the CoC involved youth experiencing homelessness in counting during the 2018 PIT count.
(limit 2,000 characters)

(1) During the planning process, the Point-in-Time Committee reached out to various organizations serving youth such as Re-creation, YouthBuild, Catholic Social Services (operates the only permanent supportive housing project in the CoC), as well as local health care centers and the Police Department, in order to utilize the organizations' knowledge and experience of youth and their habits and hang-outs. They were provided surveys with instructions.
(2) The PiT Committee worked with the youth-affiliated organizations to identify locations where youth are most likely to be identified, such as parks, playgrounds, and basketball courts; bus stops and fast food restaurants near the high schools, community college, and downtown; soup kitchens and food pantries.
(3) The staff of Francis House (the only permanent supportive housing project for youth in the CoC) engaged the youth residents of the project to assist. They were instrumental in establishing our approach strategy.

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)

Prior to the PIT count, the CoC convenes to develop an effective plan to cover areas that the chronic homeless, families with children, and veterans are likely to be located.

(1)Chronically homeless individuals tend to be the hard-to-reach street homeless, living in encampments or using the winter emergency and overflow shelter beds. Massachusetts is a "right-to-shelter" state which requires the state to provide emergency shelter to eligible families with children under 18; therefore, chronically homeless families are not as prevalent in the FRCoC, and those families that are chronically homeless would most likely be placed in emergency shelter.

(2)Massachusetts is a "right-to-shelter" state which requires the state to provide emergency shelter to eligible families with children under 18; therefore, homeless families would most likely be placed in emergency shelter. If the family is not eligible, chances are that they are doubled up and would then not qualify as HUD-homeless and would not be counted.

(3)The PiT Committee includes veteran service agencies including the City's Veterans Service Officer who help to identify homeless veterans.

The Fall River CoC uses a survey derived right from the PIT Counts forms on the HUD Homeless Data Exchange. The survey includes questions regarding household make-up, age range, length of homelessness, and breakdowns of all other subpopulations including veteran status and whether one is experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse disorder, domestic violence, or HIV/AIDS. Through these methods, the CoC has been very successful in collecting all survey data from all participants with the exception of children.

3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

Instructions

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

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.	959

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)

(1)The CoC identified the following factors to be indicative of becoming homeless for the first time through the triage and assessment intake process when the individual/family enters through the Coordinated Entry System: sudden loss of income, untreated chronic illness, substance abuse, disabling condition, domestic violence.
(2)The CALL (CE) staff devises creative strategies for diversion and prevention such as having them stay where they stayed the previous night or assisting them to go back to their hometown.
Community Counseling of Bristol County offers short-term community support to provide intensive case management to Medicaid clients considered at risk.
Catholic Social Services and Fall River Housing Authority run a prevention program to provide crisis intervention as soon as possible to avoid eviction.
Peer-to-peer recovery service agencies offer support in group or independent compassionate settings: Steppingstone, CCBC, Fellowship Health Resources, NAMI, Eliot Community Human Services, Vinfen's Empowering Resilience RCC.
Tenancy Preservation Program helps disabled tenants facing eviction due to disability-related behavior. Staff develops a plan to maintain tenancy and monitors the case as long as needed.
(3)The CALL (CE) staff devises creative strategies for diversion and prevention such as having them stay where they stayed the previous night or assisting them to go back to their hometown.
Catholic Social Services receives ESG funds for Homelessness Prevention from the City of Fall River and the state of Massachusetts.
Housing Solutions for Southeastern Massachusetts is the regional provider that operates the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)

homelessness prevention program.

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 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)

(1)Average length of time: 92 days.
(2)To reduce LOT homeless, FRCoC implemented The CALL (CES) in 2015. An assessment is done. The SPDAT is completed. The CALL then assesses the results to determine who receives services first. To be efficient and streamlined, The CALL uses a centralized waitlist and has real-time bed availability; attempts prevention and diversion first, then assesses for eligibility/suitability use of HP/RRH funds. Providers assist with mainstream benefit applications and follow-up and job training/referral.
HSPC and CoC Board approved a revised, updated version of the Strategy to End Homelessness:
Strategy 1: Re-energize Commitment to End Homelessness – Expand memberships of HSPC (CoC) and Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness (CoC Board).
Strategy 2: Prevent/Divert Individuals and Families from Becoming Homeless – Establish a Prevention Committee to engage and advocate for other flexible prevention funds; Engage the McKinney-Vento School Liaison.
Strategy 3: Create New PSH and PH Opportunities – Research the supply of HUD-assisted private housing. Create a campaign to encourage private landlords to adopt a homeless preference; Re-engage the local PHA (create a Move Up strategy and units with a homeless preference); Explore creating units with a homeless preference with HOME funds; Explore increasing the supply of rapid rehousing projects; Work with Housing Solutions for Southeastern Massachusetts to bring more housing vouchers to Fall River residents/units.
Strategy 4: Expand Service Capacity – Identify additional service resources; Continue SOAR training; Increase street outreach efforts; Partner with area hospitals; Partner with local businesses to expand employment training/placement programs.
(3)SPDAT is used to identify and prioritize those with longest histories of homelessness.
(4)The CALL, Coordinated Entry System, operated by Catholic Social Services

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.	57%
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid re-housing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	99%

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
(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)

(1) The rate of 57% is a 3% increase from last year. Strategies to increase the rate at which individuals & persons in families in ES, SH, TH & RRH exit to permanent housing destinations include:
•Expand memberships of HSPC & Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness to ensure the necessary providers & stakeholders are partnering;
•Establish a Prevention Committee to advocate for other flexible prevention funds;
•Engage the McKinney-Vento School Liaison to identify students in families who need assistance to retain housing;
•Research HUD-assisted private housing, & create a campaign to encourage private landlords to adopt a homeless preference;
•Re-engage PHA & encourage creating a Move Up strategy & units with a homeless preference;
•Work with Housing Solutions for SoE MA to bring more vouchers to Fall River;
•Explore increasing the supply of rapid rehousing projects;
•Expand capacity of supportive services available.

(2) The rate of 99% is a 1% increase from last year. Strategies to increase the rate at which individuals & persons in families in PSH projects, other than RRH, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations include:
•Expand memberships of HSPC & Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness to ensure the necessary providers & stakeholders are partnering;
•Establish a Prevention Committee to advocate for other flexible prevention funds;
•Engage the McKinney-Vento School Liaison to identify students in families who need assistance to retain housing;
•Research HUD-assisted private housing, & create a campaign to encourage private landlords to adopt a homeless preference;
•Re-engage PHA & encourage creating a Move Up strategy & units with a homeless preference;
•Work with Housing Solutions for SoE MA to bring more vouchers to Fall River;
•Explore increasing the supply of rapid rehousing projects;
•Expand capacity of supportive services available.

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	3%

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)

(1)The indications of Returns to Homelessness run deeper than just the problems of the individual or family who has experienced homelessness. Although mental health and addiction issues are a strong indicator that one may not be able to retain housing, there are issues beyond the control of the homeless that affect housing stability:
•The Cliff Effect refers to the notion that when low-income working families start to earn more, their public benefits are greatly reduced and/or eliminated and they cannot make ends meet without the support.
•The lack of safe, decent, sanitary, affordable housing causes low-income families in desperate need of housing to tolerate lesser living conditions because that is all they can afford. Also, the chance that these rental properties may be condemned is highly probable and out of the renter's control.
•The lack of vouchers to make housing more affordable puts more safe, decent, sanitary, affordable housing out of reach of low-income individuals and families.
(2)The CoC's strategy to reduce Returns to Homelessness:
•Establish a Prevention Committee to engage and advocate for other flexible prevention funds;
•Research HUD-assisted private housing, & create a campaign to encourage private landlords to adopt a homeless preference;
•Re-engage PHA and encourage creating a Move Up strategy and units with a homeless preference;
•Work with Housing Solutions for Southeastern Massachusetts to bring more vouchers to Fall River;
•Explore increasing the supply of rapid rehousing projects;
•Expand capacity of supportive services available.
(3)The CALL (Coordinated Entry System) and the Prevention Committee of the Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness

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)

(1)The strategy to increase earned and non-employment income includes:
•MassHire Career Center for job referral, development, and placement assistance and/or unemployment benefits;
•Secure Jobs program assists adults in families in HomeBASE to obtain employment;
•Ticket to Work program helps Social Security disability beneficiaries, 18-64, progress toward financial independence;
•Case managers are SOAR-trained to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible homeless or at-risk adults who have mental illness, medical impairment, and/or co-occurring substance use disorder. DDS now has a HIV/Homeless Liaison;
•Circulated job fair announcements among the community; transportation may be provided;
•BCC offers a fairly priced college education while providing other benefits: inexpensive child care, Bristol Mobile Food Market, benefits for veterans. BCC allows supervised children on campus and accommodates young students who are unaccompanied, homeless, or in foster care;
•CoC agencies have policies that employable clients must complete employment profiles and obtain job training; Case managers assist clients with interview skills and job search; Program staff can complete applications for insurance, SNAP benefits, and EAEDC benefits at www.virtualgateway.com via www.mass.gov.
(2)CoC organizations connect clients with mainstream employment organizations such as:
•DTA for SNAP benefits and EAEDC;
•Mass Rehab Commission helps individuals with disabilities live and work independently;
•MassHire Career Center for unemployment benefits and job training;
•Non-profit health plan providers for medical insurance coverage;
•Ticket to Work program helps Social Security disability beneficiaries, 18-64, progress toward financial independence;
•YouthBuild assists at-risk young adults, 16-24, neither in work nor school, by providing education and job opportunities;
•Secure Jobs program assists adults in families in HomeBASE to obtain employment.
(3)HSPC

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)   05/25/2018

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.

Total number of beds dedicated as DedicatedPLUS	176
Total number of beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness	0
Total	176

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.

Yes

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)	X
Number of previous homeless episodes	X
Unsheltered homelessness	X
Criminal History	X
Bad credit or rental history	X
Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability	X

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)When families at-risk contact The CALL (CES), staff uses creative strategies for diversion/prevention. If homelessness is not prevented/diverted or they are currently homeless, DHCD must place them in shelter if the family is EA-eligible because MA is a "right to shelter" state. In an EA-eligible shelter, the family is moved to housing quickly with HomeBASE and/or RAFT funds.
If not eligible, the family is referred back to The CALL. The CALL assists in finding temporary accommodations (e.g., doubling up). If the family needs limited financial assistance, the FRCoC has ESG-HP/RRH funds to assist families with first and last months rent and security deposit. The VI-SPDAT is conducted to prioritize hardest-to-serve, and the family is put on a centralized waitlist for PSH based on the VI score. Once the family is placed in a PSH unit, the family must complete applications for other subsidies including public housing so there is a plan to move on from the CoC program.
The goal is to move families out of homelessness within 30 days, but the average length of stay has been considerably longer due to a lack of affordable housing.
(2)Families successfully maintain their housing when assistance ends when placed in subsidized housing or are provided with specific services:
•Once the family is placed in a PSH unit, the family must complete applications for other subsidies including public housing, so that there is a plan to move on from the CoC-funded program;
•HomeBASE and RAFT provide up to two years of rental subsidy, buying time for the family to increase their income and stabilize their situation;
•Intensive case management;
•Job referral, development, and placement assistance through MassHire Career Center, Secure Jobs program, Ticket to Work program, transportation to job fairs;
•Case managers who are SOAR-trained and connect clients with mainstream employment organizations;
•Case managers who assist clients with interview skills and job search.

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.	☐

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 youth housing and service needs	Yes

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 current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.

History or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	X
Number of Previous Homeless Episodes	X
Unsheltered Homelessness	X
Criminal History	X
Bad Credit or Rental History	X

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) Youth in families are protected by the "right-to-shelter" law. If the family is EA eligible, they are immediately provided shelter. The family is housed quickly with HomeBASE and/or RAFT funds.
If not eligible, the family is referred to The CALL. The CALL assists in finding temporary accommodations (e.g., doubling up). To quickly house them, the FRCoC has ESG-HP/RRH funds to assist families with first/last/security deposit. The SPDAT is conducted to prioritize hardest-to-serve, and put on a centralized waitlist for PSH based on vulnerability score. Once the family is placed in PSH,

the family completes applications for other subsidies so there is a plan to move on from PSH.
Unaccompanied Youth are referred to The CALL and placed on the waitlist. The Youth are then referred to either Francis House (Unaccompanied Youth PSH project) or Killian's house in a neighboring CoC.
Francis House planned to add more beds in the FY2017 application round to more efficiently spend down its existing budget, but with changes in the agency's administration during the year, the expansion did not happen. The new strategy is to follow through with the expansion during the FY2018 CoC process. Currently there are eight beds for homeless males, 18-24 years old. The plan is to add four more beds. There is no request for additional funding as the program has not been able to spend down its Operations line item, and will request an amendment to shift the funds from Operations to Leasing.
(2) The McKinney-Vento Education Liaison attends meetings of the Mayor's Task Force and provides an annual reporting of numbers of homeless and at-risk students, that they have been able to capture.
Bristol Community College is mindful of its students' housing situations, educating staff on spotting characteristics of an unstable home life. BCC offers a fairly priced education while providing other benefits: inexpensive child care, Bristol Mobile Food Market, benefits for veterans. BCC allows supervised children on campus and accommodates young students who are unaccompanied, homeless, or in foster care.
Francis House plans to add four additional beds without requesting additional funds. Catholic Social Services also operates Kilian's emergency shelter for youth in a nearby CoC.
The Individuals Committee (includes youth) created a by-name registry and meets monthly to discuss housing solutions.
Providers have been offered training to identify human trafficking situations. There are a couple LGBT in the CoC consisting of young people, and Francis House connects with these groups. Children may remain in foster care until age 21 if they want. It is not the intent to split up families if they become homeless, but if a parent willingly places a child with another adult, it is the goal to reunite the family once the adult is stably housed. There are a specific set of questions for Youth during the CES intake process, and all CES staff are trained to provide trauma informed care.

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)

The CoC uses HMIS and HUD reports to measure its strategies. The ESG Statistics Reports, Point-in-Time Count, Massachusetts Youth Count, Annual Performance Reports, and former Annual Homeless Assessment Report record the ages of the homeless population. The survey during the Youth Count is most helpful in shaping programs for Youth such as Francis House. During a two-week survey period in May 2017, the surveys suggested that many youth are unstably housed. Five percent of those surveyed were HUD-homeless and

5% were living in doubled-up situations, but 21% reported having been homeless in the past.

Francis House has measured great success in its program. The young men must go to school and/or work and perform household chores. According to the last APR, 2/3 of the residents entered the program from emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation, and half the leavers went on to other permanent housing. All stayers and leavers had income. Youth with little to no life skills are successful just for submitting to enter a program and begin to accept services. Without Francis House, unaccompanied youth would have to utilize services, including shelter, designed for older adults. It has also been found that there must be a set of questions specific to youth that need to be asked when entering through Coordinated Entry. The strategies to assist homeless youth have to be very tailored and specialized, and that has been proven through the Francis House program and the Massachusetts Youth Count.

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)

Subtitle B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures educational rights and protections for homeless students. In Massachusetts, all school districts must comply with the McKinney-Vento Act which requires the following: maintain students in school of origin; provide transportation to ensure access to school of origin; enroll homeless students immediately, even if required documentation is missing; require school districts to review and revise all local policies that may act as a barrier to retention and enrollment of homeless students; require a local homeless education liaison in all districts. Liaisons ensure homeless students "enroll in, and have a full and fair opportunity to succeed in, the schools in their district." Homeless students are enrolled in school immediately to provide educational stability and avoid separation from school for any time while documents are located. Providers contact Liaisons if they have children whose educational needs are not being met. The MV liaison is on the Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness (CoC Board) and attends meetings to provide numbers of homeless and at-risk students.

Fall River Schools are difficult to work with. During the MA Youth Count, the FRSD allows us to provide the schools with fliers and announces the opportunity to take the survey, but won't allow surveys to be distributed on school grounds. Bristol Community College communicated to the CoC that it is mindful of its students' housing situations, educating staff on spotting characteristics of housing instability. BCC participates in the Count, providing space on campus to solicit survey-takers. BCC has hosted Project Homeless Connect for the all of its nine annual events. BCC offers a fairly priced education while providing other benefits: inexpensive child care, Bristol Mobile Food Market, benefits for veterans. BCC allows supervised children on campus and accommodates young students who are unaccompanied, homeless, or in foster care.

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)

The Coc has adopted Subtitle B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act:
Subtitle B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures educational rights and protections for homeless students. In Massachusetts, all school districts must comply with the McKinney-Vento Act which requires the following: maintain students in school of origin; provide transportation to ensure access to school of origin; enroll homeless students immediately, even if required documentation is missing; require school districts to review and revise all local policies that may act as a barrier to retention and enrollment of homeless students; require a local homeless education liaison in all districts. Liaisons ensure homeless students "enroll in, and have a full and fair opportunity to succeed in, the schools in their district." Homeless students are enrolled in school immediately to provide educational stability and avoid separation from school for any time while documents are located. Providers contact Liaisons if they have children whose educational needs are not being met.
These policies are communicated to homeless individuals and families as soon as they enter the system. The providers take the right to education very seriously, and have mandates that children must attend school. Francis House, PSH for young males age 18-24, also has a policy that the resident must be enrolled in school if he is not working.

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	Yes	No
Early Head Start	Yes	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 Board	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)

The Veterans/Individuals Committee, consisting of many veterans service providers across the South Coast Regional Network to End Homelessness, meets monthly to discuss the current status and housing outcomes of all identified homeless veterans in the county. A byname list is maintained by the SoCo Coordinator. Representatives of housing services such as SSVF from the Veterans Transition House and Veterans, Inc., Providence VASH, VSOs from cities and towns in the county, Community Counseling of Bristol County, Steppingstone, Seven Hills, and other provider agencies identify homeless veterans and the steps being taken to assist them. The Committee discusses what housing and services the veterans may be eligible. Triage is done within the group with anyone experiencing problems helping to get them housed. All attendees sign HIPPA privacy statements. The Fall River CoC has achieved functional zero, but continues to identify homeless veterans from time-to-time.

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

3B-3.3. Is the CoC actively working with the VA and 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? Yes

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

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please 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	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:	Yes	Yes
Other: (limit 50 characters)		
SOAR-trained providers	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)Within 30 days of program entry, providers assist project participants to obtain mainstream benefits, including unemployment, TANF, SNAP, WIC, SSI/SSDI, VA benefits, counseling, health insurance, etc. Community partners and on-line applications facilitate the application process. SNAP, WIC, cash assistance and health insurance applications can be accessed on-line. Educational materials, in-person trainings, transportation to medical appointments, and assistance with insurance enrollment are provided, as is follow up. During the Coordinated Entry process, the staff is trained to assess for income resources which is recorded in the client's file.
(2)The CoC systematically provides information to providers about mainstream benefits, including up-to-date resources on eligibility and program changes that

can affect homeless clients. Provider staff of the CoC-funded agencies are SOAR trained. The new shelter for homeless individuals has office space for other agencies to provide on-site services to the shelter residents and those coming in off the streets. Providers of mainstream resources routinely conduct presentations to introduce, refresh, or update the CoC on the product/service offered by their organizations and the process to obtain that product/service. (3)Homeless Service Providers Coalition oversees the mainstream benefits strategy.

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 Program Competition that will be designated as Housing First.	100%

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) describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. (limit 2,000 characters)

(1)FRCoC Street Outreach consists of 3 organizations that outreach for different purposes but all with the same goal of gaining the trust of the street homeless and convincing them to accept services. Staff of First Step Inn emergency shelter, the grass-roots organization Hearts of Hope, and Eliot Community Human Services, provider of mental health and developmental disabilities services all provide street outreach. Former consumers often accompany the street outreach teams.
(2)The street outreach teams do not cover 100% of the geographic area. The teams have proficient knowledge of where to find the unsheltered homeless. They visit places that the homeless tend to frequent: known encampments, fast food restaurants, laundromats, food pantries and soup kitchens, bicycle/walking paths, public library, bus terminal, and outdoor hang-outs. If a neighborhood resident, business owner, patron, etc. provide information about a place where the homeless may be sleeping a team will be called out to investigate. The teams also receive and act on word-of-mouth from the street homeless

community. Affluent neighborhoods are not usually targets for outreach unless specific information is provided that there may be homeless people in the area. (3)The street outreach teams go out as called upon, during point-in-time counts, prior to extreme weather events, to deliver lunches, and whenever they have donations to distribute.
(4)The homeless that the outreach teams usually encounter are the ones that only use shelter during extreme weather conditions. Most live in communities of tent encampments. The teams provide a basis of trust with the street homeless. Street homeless rarely seek services other than medical and distribution of food and hygiene goods. The teams provide pamphlets, advice, and information on how to access shelter and services when the homeless are ready.

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)

(1)The City has an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. To affirmatively further fair housing as cited in 24 CFR 578.93(c), the Community Development Agency writes specific language into all its subrecipient contracts that the agencies must follow the fair housing laws.
Barriers to fair housing are addressed in the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.
The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing is updated every 5 years.
Advertisements are placed in local periodicals annually and appear on the City's website.
The Community Housing Resource Board provides assistance regarding tenant/landlord relations and discrimination.
South Coast Fair Housing promotes fair housing through education, advocacy, investigation, and enforcement.
Coordinated Entry is client-centered, and client choice is respected in the preference of housing location of all CoC programs.
Grievance forms are available for anyone who feels they have been discriminated against.
Anyone who feels they have been denied or housed unfairly has access to free legal services.
(2)The City and service providers have bilingual staff available. The advertisement is published in foreign language periodicals.

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	300	213	-87

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?   No

4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes?   No

4B. Attachments

Instructions:

Multiple files may be attached as a single .zip file. For instructions on how to use .zip files, a reference document is available on the e-snaps training site: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3118/creating-a-zip-file-and-capturing-a-screenshot-resource

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Homeless Preference	No	PHA Administratio...	08/20/2018
1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Move-on Multifamily Assisted Housing Owners' Preference	No		
1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Tool	Yes	Coordinated Entry...	08/20/2018
1E-1. Objective Critiera–Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria (e.g., scoring tool, matrix)	Yes		
1E-3. Public Posting CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-3. Public Posting–Local Competition Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria (e.g., RFP)	Yes		
1E-4. CoC's Reallocation Process	Yes	CoC's Reallocatio...	08/20/2018
1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps–Projects Accepted	Yes		
1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps–Projects Rejected or Reduced	Yes		
1E-5. Public Posting–Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Public Posting - ...	08/20/2018
2A-1. CoC and HMIS Lead Governance (e.g., section of Governance Charter, MOU, MOA)	Yes	CoC Governance Ch...	08/20/2018
2A-2. HMIS–Policies and Procedures Manual	Yes	FRCoC HMIS Govern...	08/20/2018
3A-6. HDX–2018 Competition Report	Yes	HDX 2018 Competit...	08/20/2018
3B-2. Order of Priority–Written Standards	No	Homeless Policy a...	08/20/2018

3B-5. Racial Disparities Summary	No		
4A-7.a. Project List–Persons Defined as Homeless under Other Federal Statutes (if applicable)	No		
Other	No		
Other	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary   No Input Required

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August 20, 2018

Fall River Community Development Agency
Mr. Michael P. Dion, Executive Director/CFO
One Government Agency, room 414
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mr. Dion:

Despite the opportunity in the FY2018 Continuum of Care application to reallocate funding from underperforming projects, no Fall River programs are reallocating funding. Most programs have newly amended budgets, having shifted cost savings in certain Budget Line Items to better reflect the needs of the projects and the recipients.

The CoC will continue to assess and evaluate all Fall River CoC projects for efficiency and compliance and offer suggestions and recommendations to the subrecipient agencies to align our CoC with HUD's goals and our community's needs.

The CoC thanks you for all your support and is looking forward to continue working with you toward eradicating homelessness.

Sincerely,

Mary D. Camara
Coordinator of Homeless Programs

Re: FY2018 CoC Grant Renewals

Mary D Camara

Thu 8/2/2018 3:19 PM

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Don't forget - the Letters of Intent are due to me by close of business Monday, August 6. I am not in the office tomorrow, but I'll be here Monday.
I do not need your budgets for this Letter.
Also, I have opened all projects in e-snaps for you. They are due to be submitted in e-snaps by 5:00 pm on Friday August 17. Again, we can still make changes to your application after Aug 17, but they MUST be completed and submitted in e-snaps by that date.
Thank you,
Mary

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From: Mary D Camara
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To: kclark@steppingstoneinc.org; Rosa Medeiros; Debra DeCosta; sue.bennett@steppingstoneinc.org; Susan Mazzarella; martha@cssdioc.org; Kathryn Adams
Subject: FY2018 CoC Grant Renewals

Hello all:
As I announced at the HSPC meeting, it has been made known to me that the administration is not going to sign off on any new programs, renewals only. This includes the bonus for chronically homeless, the bonus for DV, and the Planning funds. If anyone would like to talk about this, please contact me first.
Please have your renewal request letters to me by next Monday. And I'll open your projects in e-snaps this week so that we can get started on those as soon as possible with a deadline of August 17. They have to be completed and submitted by then, but we can still make changes after that.

The ranking and review process will be about the same as last year's. The threshold for Tier 1 is again 94%.
Thank you for your hard work on this burdensome task!
Mary

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PIT Count Data for MA-515 - Fall River CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2016 PIT	2017 PIT	2018 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	**386**	**297**	**377**
Emergency Shelter Total	286	256	330
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	93	22	15
Total Sheltered Count	**379**	**278**	**345**
Total Unsheltered Count	**7**	**19**	**32**

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2016 PIT	2017 PIT	2018 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	**60**	**7**	**63**
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	59	6	54
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	1	1	9

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PIT Count Data for MA-515 - Fall River CoC

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2016 PIT	2017 PIT	2018 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	76	73	88
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	76	73	88
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	0	0

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011	2016	2017	2018
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	6	5	1	3
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	3	1	0	1
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	3	4	1	2

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HIC Data for MA-515 - Fall River CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rate

Project Type	Total Beds in 2018 HIC	Total Beds in 2018 HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) Beds	320	13	260	84.69%
Safe Haven (SH) Beds	0	0	0	NA
Transitional Housing (TH) Beds	24	0	0	0.00%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Beds	213	0	213	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Beds	181	0	181	100.00%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) Beds	0	0	0	NA
Total Beds	738	13	654	90.21%

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HIC Data for MA-515 - Fall River CoC

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2016 HIC	2017 HIC	2018 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	64	99	168

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

Households with Children	2016 HIC	2017 HIC	2018 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	121	108	74

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2016 HIC	2017 HIC	2018 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	340	300	213

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Summary Report for MA-515 - Fall River CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.
Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	1089	1078	103	92	-11	73	59	-14
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	1279	1176	107	96	-11	75	60	-15

b. This measure is based on data element 3.17.

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

 The construction of this measure changed, per HUD's specifications, between FY 2016 and FY 2017. HUD is aware that this may impact the change between these two years.

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1091	1180	247	309	62	133	172	39
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1281	1180	248	309	61	128	172	44

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Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

 After entering data, please review and confirm your entries and totals. Some HMIS reports may not list the project types in exactly the same order as they are displayed below.

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2017	% of Returns	FY 2017	% of Returns	FY 2017	% of Returns	FY 2017	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	443	12	3%	5	1%	9	2%	26	6%
Exit was from TH	25	1	4%	1	4%	0	0%	2	8%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	61	1	2%	8	13%	8	13%	17	28%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	529	14	3%	14	3%	17	3%	45	9%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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

	January 2016 PIT Count	January 2017 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	386	297	-89
Emergency Shelter Total	286	256	-30
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	93	22	-71
Total Sheltered Count	379	278	-101
Unsheltered Count	7	19	12

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	1289	1178	-111
Emergency Shelter Total	1098	1079	-19
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	220	108	-112

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Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	10	72	62
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	10	10
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	14%	14%

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

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	10	72	62
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	1	22	21
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	10%	31%	21%

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

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	10	72	62
Number of adults with increased total income	1	32	31
Percentage of adults who increased total income	10%	44%	34%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	4	26	22
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	3	4	1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	75%	15%	-60%

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

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	4	26	22
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	0	12	12
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	0%	46%	46%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	4	26	22
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	3	15	12
Percentage of adults who increased total income	75%	58%	-17%

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Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	1040	951	-89
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	106	53	-53
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	934	898	-36

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

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	1111	1044	-67
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	126	85	-41
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	985	959	-26

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2017 (Oct 1, 2016 - Sept 30, 2017) reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

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

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	0	0	0
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0	0	0
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	0	0	0
% Successful exits			

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

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FY2017 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1036	983	-53
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	570	562	-8
% Successful exits	55%	57%	2%

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

	Submitted FY 2016	FY 2017	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	225	189	-36
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	220	187	-33
% Successful exits/retention	98%	99%	1%

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This is a new tab for FY 2016 submissions only. Submission must be performed manually (data cannot be uploaded). Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your Sys PM submissions.

Your bed coverage data has been imported from the HIC module. The remainder of the data quality points should be pulled from data quality reports made available by your vendor according to the specifications provided in the HMIS Standard Reporting Terminology Glossary. You may need to run multiple reports into order to get data for each combination of year and project type.

You may enter a note about any field if you wish to provide an explanation about your data quality results. This is not required.

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FY2017 - SysPM Data Quality

	All ES, SH				All TH				All PSH, OPH				All RRH				All Street Outreach			
	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	179	303	273	257	115	94	94	24	160	165	171	165	11		340	300				
2. Number of HMIS Beds	179	303	273	257	76	55	55	0	146	144	171	165	11		340	300				
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	66.09	58.51	58.51	0.00	91.25	87.27	100.00	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00				
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	789	1117	1098	1079	219	207	221	108	213	208	218	250	44	36	39	38	0	0	0	0
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	630	885	871	849	163	154	175	84	65	34	38	78	26	22	39	25	0	0	0	0
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	169	198	125	145	14	10	28	14	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	26.83	22.37	14.35	17.08	8.59	6.49	16.00	16.67	1.54	0.00	2.63	2.56	0.00	0.00	5.13	0.00				

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Submission and Count Dates for MA-515 - Fall River CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2018 PIT Count	1/31/2018	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2018 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/30/2018	Yes
2018 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/30/2018	Yes
2017 System PM Submittal Date	5/25/2018	Yes