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Norm Suchar:

Thank you so much and welcome everyone to our chat, our office hours on the CoC program competition. We're very excited that you are able to join us today. Let's go ahead and advance to the next slide. Please. You've heard some of the technical tips already for how to access the chat. I would just strongly encourage you. If you have a question, we are taking those in through the chat window. So please select everyone in your to box and go ahead and type your question in the chat window. We will also generally provide responses to everyone in the chat window. It's just nice for everyone to be able to see the same answers. And if you have technical difficulties, you can see some instructions here, but please, reach out so we can get you listening to the office hours. Let's go to the next slide, please.

Again, welcome. There are a few updates I wanted to give you. One. I want to sort of talk a little bit about the relationship between the special NOFO on unsheltered and rural homelessness that we published earlier this year and the fiscal year 2022 CoC NOFO, which is the subject of our conversation today. One thing I want to be clear about, many of the application questions for both NOFO's are required by our statute. And so sometimes you see a question and you're like, "why is this here?" Oftentimes that's just because it's required that we ask that question. And so often those questions will be very similar to, or exactly the same as the questions on the CoC NOFO or the questions from the two NOFO's will be similar or exactly the same. We are working on a crosswalk. So you can see where there are similar questions on both NOFO's and that may help you respond to both, coordinate your responses to both NOFA's.

If you're doing both NOFO's we have a couple resource pages that we want to shout out here. You see them linked here. We'll put the link in the chat window as well, but these are general resource pages for the unsheltered in rural homelessness NOFO and the regular CoC

competition NOFO. We also want to point out if you have questions that you want to ask and want us to give you an answer about, we have special mailboxes for each NOFO. This will help us get your questions to the right place and get your answer answered more quickly. So please take note of these mailboxes and use these mailboxes if you have any kind of question about the NOFO's. Another thing I want to say, very sort of, I know one concern everyone has is that the competition timeline for the CoC NOFO is very short.

We definitely apologize for that. It obviously wasn't our first choice, and we know that this is going to be a really tight timeframe for people, and we very much apologize. We will try to help provide as much information and guidance as we can to help you speed through the process. But we are very aware about how challenging it's going to be to meet these deadlines. And unfortunately, there's not much we can do about it at this point. So we appreciate your patience or except that you are probably a little frustrated by the situation. And again, sorry about that. So with that, I want to jump into the content, because I know you guys have a lot of questions. One more thing I want to mention is we have just posted a bunch of stuff.

So I just want to... You don't need to go look at it now. You'll probably want to wait till after this webinar, but we have posted the CoC application detailed instructions. We have posted a blank CoC application. A lot of people have asked us for that. So we posted that. The ARD report, somebody just asked about this in the chat. We've just posted the ARD report. So that's up as well. So those are some resources to help get you started. We should have the CoC application, detailed... Sorry. The project application detailed instructions up in a week or so and e-snaps we're a few days from opening. So it's not going to be very long, but again, we want to make sure everything's correct and double checked and such. So that's where we are. So with that, I'm going to turn things over to Sid. Sid's going to walk us through the project application stuff. So Sid over to you.

Sidhartha Nilak...: Thank you, Norm. We can go to the next slide. All right. So we're going to talk about the project application. Just let you know, that's not yet live in e-snaps, but we are working very diligently to get it live within the next few days. Next slide please. So when you log into e-snaps, the first thing you need to do before you do your project applications, it's to update your project application profile first, this is very important because a lot of the profile information is pulled forward into all of your certification screens in the first part of the application. So things like your SFLO, your high drug free workplace, your lobbying forms, anything like that, all that

gets pulled in from the project profile. So make sure that's up to date with the correct information, correct contact information, so that when it does pull forward, it's pulling the most up to date information, because once you submit, it gets harder and harder to update that information. So please make sure that information's updated before you start your project applications. And as you can see, we have some links for the how to access the applicant profile and completing the HUD 2880, and then the detail instructions for project application will be posted as soon as possible. Those are very close to being published. Next slide, please.

We had this slide about SSO coordinate entry applications, just to as a reminder, that you can only submit one new SSO coordinate entry project application that is requesting DV bonus funds. So if you're requesting DV bonus funds, you can only submit one SSO-CE project for DV bonus, but there is no limitation on the number of SSO coordinate entry project applications you use for CoC bonus or reallocation. So just remember that difference between the two funding types. And then SSO-CE, you can request up to 17 eligible activities. And this will be explained in the app, in the detail instructions that will be posted as soon as possible. And just remember SSO-CE projects should only request funds in eligible cost categories. And this is special relevant for developing and implementing CoC coordinated entry processes. Next slide, please.

This slide is not as relevant today, as it was just a few weeks ago. As many of you who had changes to your GIW, sent in your GIW change forms to your field office, and that was then sent to us, and those have been updated the GIW's. However, one thing that is important to note is if you realize that you do have updates related, on your projects, that needed to be put on the GIW, that is something you need to contact your field about and make sure that if that change is covered by an amendment, that amendment was done prior to your application, prior to the application submission deadline, which is the deadline for the CoC for this NOFO's September 30th. So if you have any amendment last minute amendments coming in, they need to be completed and approved before that date for us to be able to be reflected in your project application. So when you send in your grant inventory worksheets, we were updating the GLB. We should reflect, we'll reflect what's in e-snaps, input that, but if you have any last-minute updates, make sure that those are covered by an amendment, and they have been approved before the application deadline has passed. Next slide, please.

And this is covering again, what I just talked about grant agreement amendments. These cannot be a processed in the project application. We're probably running out of time to get any last-minute amendments

in, but if you do need a last-minute change to be placed in your project, contact your field office as soon as possible to get an amendment started and complete before the submission deadline for the CoC competition. Because again, once that deadline passes and the amendment is not completed, we cannot accept that amendment in the project application that's being submitted. Next slide, please.

So wanted to highlight one part of the renewal application due to the kind of shortened calendar for CoC project applications this year, submit without changes, kind of can help a lot of people in this situation. Submit without changes is a platform in the application that allows a recipient to submit their renewal application without having to edit the whole application. You can view your application in a read only format and determine if anything needs to be updated. If nothing needs to be updated, you can just submit it as it is in e-snaps. As long as there are some important parts of this feature that need to be followed. You need to be able to pull forward information from your previous renewal project to be able to use this function. It's not applicable for first time renewals, consolidating or expanding projects or any project that had a recent amendment or issues conditions that need to be addressed in this project application.

This is simply for projects that have no changes from the year prior application. So if there's a lot of renewal applications that fit that mold. If you feel like you fit that description, you can use the submit without changes format, and just submit your project. There are a few fields in the application that are open because they have to be updated. So things like match documentation, certification screens, things like that are required to be... You have to kind of re-certify those every year, but things like your 3b project description, your supportive services screen, your housing type screen. If those are unchanged from the year prior, then you can just move forward using the submit without changes, but please just review the rules about submit without changes. So you know that your project can qualify for that.

And it hopefully will reduce some time when it comes to submitting projects and just completing projects. So you can use that extra time to work on maybe new projects or DV projects or whatever you're trying to apply for. And one last thing to say is this is not applicable for YHDP renewals or replacement. So, sorry to that group, but the CoC renewal group is pretty large. And hopefully there's enough of you that can utilize this platform next screen, please. So that brings us to YHDP renewals and YHDP replacements in the CoC program. So I'm going to go over YHDP renewals first. What are they? They are a renewal of the previous

awarded YHDP project. So this could be a first time renewing YHDP project coming out of the youth demo program.

Or this could be a first-time renewing project coming off of a YHDP replacement project or the third option is it's just the renewal of a YHDP renewal that has been renewed over the last two or three years. YHDP renewals are eligible to apply for the 25% match exemption. You have to meet the guidelines of that match exemption, but renewals are able to apply for that. If you are a YHDP replacement applying for renewal for the first time, you are able to renew your special YHDP activities that you would apply for in the original YHDP replacement application, you cannot apply for any new activities though. Only the ones that you had originally applied for under that original YHDP replacement grant. If you do request new special activities, either on top of the activities you already have, or you want to just replace, you want to take away some activities you have before and bring new ones in. You actually have to submit a new YHDP replacement project. You can't just add or subtract, add special YHDP activities from your application. Whatever you received in your original YHDP replacement application is what you will receive in your renewal application. As a reminder, all YHDP renewal projects are awarded non competitively.

So we usually accept all that are coming in. And as I will explain on the next slide about YHDP replacements, if you're applying for a replacement, you can make sure you don't apply for both renewal and the replacement you can only apply for one. If you've applied for both, we're only going to go for the YHDP renewal. So I'm going to go over that a little bit more on the next slide. So if you can go to the next slide, please. So YHDP replacements. What is that? These are projects that fully replace a YHDP renewal. So YHDP renewals and YHDP replacements have their own separate funding opportunities at e-snaps they are not the same project application. They are two distinct project applications in e-snaps.

YHDP replacements can apply for a host of special YHDP activities at a click of a checkbox. This year, we have a specific screen that will list every single special YHDP activity that a YHDP replacement project can apply for. Instead of you having... Last year, you had to write it up in a narrative. This year, we created a full checkbox form for you to select the activities you would like to apply for. Certain special YHDP activities require additional narrative response. And so please refer to the NOFO for the requirements on what that narrative is looking for as the NOFO will give you specific directions on what exactly that narrative is requesting. As I said before, if an applicant submits both the YHDP renewal that is being replaced and the YHDP replacement only the YHDP

renewal will be awarded, we will not award the replacement if you submit both applications.

So just make sure if you are applying for YHDP replacement, do not submit the renewal that is going to be replaced. It has to only be the replacement, YHDP replacement. And again, all YHDP replacements are awarded non competitively. Before we move to the next slide. I just want to remind folks who have YHDP projects and think about applying for replacement, when you apply for a replacement, and you submit it that your YHDP replacement at that moment. So think about if you want to apply, if you want to get special activities, if you want to apply for those special activities, that if you want those, you need to apply for a YHDP replacement. If you don't review, if you feel your project doesn't need those, special activities, then keep your YHDP renewal. And similarly, if you are replacement, that is renewing for the first time. Remember you can only keep those special activities that you originally applied for. If you want new ones, you have to apply as a new YHDP replacement in the CoC program. Next slide please.

So we have a lot of projects currently on go. We have a lot of competitions currently happening in snaps, and we want to make sure that you are applying for the correct project in e-snap. So hopefully this slide kind of breaks it down on what exactly what projects are under what competitions and that you are applying under the correct competition. So if you are applying under the 2022 CoC competition, the project applications that are eligible under the CoC competition are renewal projects, new projects, CoC planning projects, CC UFA cost projects, YHDP renewal and YHDP replacement projects. If you're applying under the youth homeless demo program, the eligible projects under that are the YHDP new projects and YHDP planning projects. And if you are applying under the unsheltered and rural homelessness program or the special NOFO, the eligible applications are the unsheltered set aside, the rural set aside, the planning unsheltered set aside and the UFA costs unsheltered set aside. That is all the projects, and it is very easy to get confused among these different competitions.

But please use this slide as a way of making sure that you are applying for the correct application under the correct competition. Just so we don't get an application for a renewal that you may have mistakenly submitted under the unsheltered rule homeless program, using the wrong application. So just make sure before you submit, you are applying for the correct competition and the correct application, it's a lot, but if you decide, it can be very helpful to make sure you don't end up in a little bit of a mess like that. With that, I will send this onto Karen.

Karen DeBlassio: Thank you, Sid. Hi everybody. Karen DeBlassio, I'm the division director here in the snaps office. Happy to be with you guys today. And as Norm said, we're very excited to talk with you guys about this FY 2022 competition. I'm going to talk a little bit about the continuum of care consolidated application. Give you a couple of... You can go to the next slide. Sorry. Give you a couple of pointers, overall pointers for the application, and then I'll hand it over to the application lead. Who's going to dive in a little bit deeper with some of the questions. I just want to take a minute, make sure folks saw in the chat. I think a couple of us have posted some links for you. All that the ARD report is up. It is FY 22. It is up on the competition page. The detailed instructions for the continuous care application are live and up on that same page, it's all under, I think the additional documents or something, sorry, I'm scrolling down to see exactly what the title is, but they are up. If you need us to post the links again, we can, but just so everybody's aware that we're getting stuff up for you all, because we know it's... you guys need this stuff to do your work so you can go to the next slide please.

So just a couple of changes and reminders we've actually increased the character limit for the narrative responses. I think it used to be 2000, it's up to 2,500 now. So just so folks may notice a bit of a difference, but if you're working on responses in Word and making sure, just know you have those extra couple of characters, if you need them, we have revised some questions this year based on questions that we received last year in the CoC NOFO email box. And also based on our application review process. We can see sometimes based on answers and clarity of answers that maybe the question can be fine tuned a bit. So we try every year to improve upon that. So you might see some differences in some questions this year compared to last year, the last two bullets here, I cannot stress enough.

I just said the detailed instructions are up. The detailed instructions are really, really important. Please read them there's information in the detailed instructions that we are not able to put on the screen in e-snaps. It's really hard for you to do as well as you can do possibly do on the application without reading those detailed instructions. So we cannot stress that enough that please take advantage of that document, read it, read it along as you're reviewing your application, but just know that the detailed instructions are really important. And finally attachments, Kevin will go into this, Kevin Turner, who I'm handing it over to in a minute will go into this in a little bit greater detail. But as you all know, if he's been doing this a while, we have attachments that we have to review as part of your application, double check, triple check, quadruple check if you have to.

Make sure A you've attached them, and B that the file that you think you're attaching is actually the file that you need to attach for that question, for that requirement. It's quite heartbreaking when we see that somebody didn't attach something that we have to review or they thought they attached one file and it was a different file maybe because of the naming convention, mix up or something. So that's just kind of our general, I think we say this every year, but please pay attention to your attachments because they do make a huge difference. We're asking for the information so we can review it for your application. Next slide please. So this slide really gets to some of the questions that we have, we know are kind of multifaceted or there's many components to the questions. So we've tried as much as we've been able to, we try very hard to kind of what I call...

Karen DeBlassio: ... tried as much as we've been able to, we try very hard to kind of, what I call unpack the questions, and over the last couple of years, we've been able to do that, so the questions are much more concise and direct, and you don't feel like you have to write a 10 page novel to us to try to answer the question. But unfortunately, there are still some questions in there that do have multiple parts. So just as a general rule, make sure that you're responding to all of the parts. So this question that you guys see on your screen here, 1B-3, that we're using as an example, where we ask for your CoC strategy to consider opinions on ending homelessness.

And then you'll see here, we say, "Describe in the field below how your CoC..." And you see the three bullets, "How you solicited opinions, how you communicated information, and took into consideration information." Please make sure you're addressing every single one of those components, one, two, and three, in your answer. Even if you want to type one, and put your answer, two, put your answer. That's great, that's fine. I know it takes about a character, but you've got extra this year. But it's really, really important to make sure that you are responding to all of the parts of the question.

This question, as that we're using an example, we actually picked this, or selected this purposefully, because this is a question that folks generally don't score as well on, and a lot of the reasoning behind that is because information is just missing. So people kind of start answering, and then kind of falls off, and we don't have that last piece of information that we need to score you as high as we'd like to score you. So again, just make sure that you're reading through the questions, the questions that do have multiple parts, please make sure that you are answering every single part in that question, and hopefully, this will all serve you well this year. Now, I'm going to hand it over to the CoC application lead, Kevin

Turner. He's going to give you a little bit more detail, still on the CoC application, but he's going to look at a couple of specific questions for you. So Kevin.

Kevin:

Thank you, Karen. Next slide please. So Karen was talking about the importance of attachments, and the majority of the attachments in the CoC application are for the 1E section. And I would just emphasize, as she did, the importance of the attachments, and I would go a little further and say, after you upload the attachment, you can download it to check it. And when we review these sometimes, like Karen said, we'll open up an attachment, and it'll only be the first page. And so if you're using different features to PDF documents and stuff, or... Just be sure that if you're doing a workbook for instance, you say the whole workbook, or if you're doing a document, all pages, so that we get the entire attachment, because as Karen said, it is heartbreaking for us when we get a cover page, and there's nothing for us to score.

So we want to talk about three specific attachments here, because it may seem like we're asking for the same thing, but we are not. So for question 1E-2, the project review and rank process, we're looking for the scoring tool, your CoC used, you could be using HUD's optional scoring tool, or you could be using a sheet that you created, but this tool needs to include the maximum points available, and the actual points awarded for each project type. For question 1E-2a, scored project form. We want one scored form of the renewal projects forms that most applicants used. And for those of you who may not have any renewal projects, you can use a new project, the detailed instructions go into more detail. So we'll move on to 1E-5B, the final scores. So this, list all projects, and there are six elements that we require that this list include, which are also found in the detailed instructions.

Can we go to the next slide? The 3A questions, these are the DV Bonus questions, and we want you to know that you can apply for a single new PSH, RRH project, where you apply for both housing and healthcare. This is for the leverage of housing and healthcare. Last year was a bonus, question this year it's part of the application. Expansion grants count towards this, but only the expansion portion. And the questions apply to any new projects, CoC, DV, reallocation. And then we talk about the housing leverage calculation, for PSH projects, you compare units in the letter to the units in the project. For RRH, Joint TH-RRH projects, compare people to be served with total people that will be served in the project. All this is in the detailed instructions, along with the healthcare leverage. What we're looking for are the 25%, and we also have a calculation for

the substance abuse and treatment and recovery providers. So all of this detail is in the detailed instructions, and more.

Next slide please. So for the 4A DV Bonus questions, I might have misspoken on the prior year. The 4A questions deal with the project type 4A-1. 4A-2 is about new SSO-CE DV projects. The 4A-2 and the 4A-3 there are multiple questions under each one of these, that's the top heading of the question, and for new SSO coordinated entry projects, we're looking for evidence of need that the current coordinated entry is inadequate to provide for the DV population. And we're looking to see how your CoC will address those needs, and how survivors with lived expertise will be involved in the process to address needs. And then for the housing project, so the new RRH, and Joint TH-RRH, what we're looking for is evidence of need that the current housing supplies are inadequate for the DV population, how your CoC will address those needs, evidence that your CoC applicants have experienced serving survivors, and how survivors with lived expertise will be involved in the process to address the needs.

What we did is, we reorganized this to put all the to put all the SSO questions together, and all the RRH questions together, and we hope that this will be more intuitive for people who are applying. Sid pointed out that you can only apply for one new SSO coordinated entry DV Bonus project for DV Bonus funding. And I would just add, lastly, that we have in the detailed instructions, but CoC should not assume that DV Bonus projects will be funded using DV Bonus funding, and so you should rank projects accordingly, and we have some language in there to help you with that. And with that, I will turn it over to Norm Suchar.

Norm Suchar:

Thank you very much, Kevin. We have a lot of questions in the chat, and we'll go through some of them right now, but I just wanted to mention that you're probably seeing a lot of responses from William Snow, from Micah Sneed, from Karen DeBlasio, from Neely Sony, they're all SNAP staff, we'll try to point out when the responses are coming from SNAP staff, so you can tell the difference. Many of all of us intimately at this point, but sorry about not letting you know which responses were coming from us. So I want to go through some of the questions. One question that came up that I want to talk through with you, William, if you don't mind, is we've had a lot of concern about the 30-day deadline for project applications to come in. Can you talk about, and specifically that e-snaps isn't open yet, and so can you talk about whether you have to submit the application in e-snaps to the CoC 30-days before the application deadline, or are people allowed to submit it in other ways?

William: Great question. The short answer is no, it doesn't have to be submitted in e-snaps in that timeframe. The requirement is that the local competition has to be run, so the deadline for the local competition in terms of project applications is 30 days. We totally get this timeframe is tight, we also understand that there are many communities that don't use e-snaps for that primary analysis, that is totally okay. You can submit, obviously, you want to be careful with submitting certainly before the overall deadline, so you may want to submit, or require your project applicants to submit by a certain date prior to the deadline in e-snaps, but it does not have to be 30 days prior to the deadline.

Norm Suchar: Great, thank you. And to reiterate something William said, there are entirely legitimate reasons that you'd want to, even in a year where you had plenty of time, where you'd want people to submit outside of the system, because maybe in your local competition, you want different kinds of information. That's totally fine. We do review where you show, where you communicated to your partners what the deadline is for submission, so just make sure that's clear to us in the application you submit. But having those things be due on paper, or in some other electronic format is fine. So another question, Sid, I want to send this your way, since e-snaps isn't open yet, and project applications are sort of due soon and such. Can you just sort of talk about, are there going to be a lot of differences in the project application from prior years in e-snaps?

Sidhartha Nilak...: There is going to be very, very, very little difference between what was there last year and what's going to be there this year, very little. From the renewal planning and UFA are essentially identical. Renewal, I think is almost identical to what we had last year, and new, might have maybe a new label here and there, but most of what you saw last year in e-snaps is what you're going to see this year, there are very little changes. The only one where there are changes is the Y-skew renewal, and Y-skew replacement application, that one has had some changes, has some updates, but if you are on the CoC renewal, new planning, or UFA, there's been very little change from last year to this year.

Norm Suchar: Great, thank you. We also had a question. So Sid, this is for you again, we've had some questions about the submit without changes, and when you can use submit without changes. So one we've had is, "Okay, if this is your first-time renewing, can you use submit without changes?"

Sidhartha Nilak...: So unfortunately, no. If you're a first-time renewal, you cannot use it. We need to make sure that you're bringing the proper data, and then grant

numbers have to be accurate. So that is one of the reasons why we don't do first-time renewals for submit without changes.

Norm Suchar: Great. How about consolidations? If they consolidated last year, can they do a submit without changes this year?

Sidhartha Nilak...: So unfortunately that's a no, and the reason being is, because it's a consolidation, for this upcoming application, you need to include the consolidated information in that application. And unfortunately, e-snaps can only pull from the project application from last year, and that project application didn't have the combined information, all your combined information is in your post award. So for this year, when you update that information, your project application, and you submit it, and then you renew... I know this is talking about next year, but you renew next year, you can actually use submit without changes at that point, but this year, because you need to update that data information, your project application, you're not going to be able to use the submit without changes.

Norm Suchar: Great, thank you very much. So, Karen, I wonder if I could send a question about the DV Bonus your way? We've had several questions about who exactly is eligible to apply for the DV Bonus. What kind of organizations are allowed to apply for the DV Bonus?

Karen may not be on the call. Well, I'll take this one. So-

William: I can answer it, it's not a problem.

Norm Suchar: Go ahead, William.

William: So the DV Bonus grant, it's about who can apply, and more about who they're serving. So the eligibility criteria is the same, actually for any grant, you have to have a local government, a non-profit agency, those same limitations apply, there are no requirements that a DV Bonus grant be operated by a victim service provider for instance, we have found that's a successful way to approach, but that's not available in every community. But what is absolutely a limitation and requirement is that you're serving the population outlined in the NOFO, and I don't have that memorized, but there's four things, survivors of domestic violence, stalking, assault I think, and one other, but look at the NOFO very specifically. So that's the key, look at who you're serving, not necessarily who is doing the serving.

Norm Suchar: Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Great, thank you. William, I'm going to you for this one again also. So this is a question about the leveraging section for getting extra leveraging points for housing and healthcare assistance. This is one of those areas where the unsheltered NOFO, and the CoC NOFO are very, very different. We won't talk about the unsheltered NOFO here, but can you tell us, how many projects are we running that calculation for in the CoC application? So does it have to be all the new projects, all the projects total, or just one project? How does that work?

William: Yeah, so that standard, we are looking for that standard to be met in at least one new project. So we are not looking for that to be applied to all. Again, we certainly would advise that, we would love to see that, but the requirement for the points is tied to whether or not you meet those standards in a single project. Those standards could be met both the housing and the healthcare pieces in that single project, you can choose to have one project that covers the housing side, and a separate project that does the healthcare, that is up to you. It is important to note, expansion grants are absolutely okay, and the standard would be applied to that expansion portion of the grant. So if you have a 10 units facility right now, and you're going to add four units, well, we're going to be looking at whether or not you're adding that 25% for housing on the four units, not the 14 units. So the standard is different there again, as Norm stated from the special notebook.

Norm Suchar: Great, thank you very much, William. William, I'm going to keep you on for one more. This is the 1E questions about the rating criteria, and the question is, if we want to, out of fairness to parties that haven't received funding before, we want to include something as bonus points for our local competition, that is not either an objective criteria, or assistant performance measure criteria, are we allowed to do that without getting a penalty in 1E-2a?

William: Great question. So yes, you can do that. We would advise you that that might actually be an objective criteria, never applied for funds before, you might put a timeframe on that, never, or have not applied in the last four years. But that actually ends up being objective at that point because you have a timeframe, it's a standard, you can do that. Also note that those standards, the performance standard is a 20% of your total application points, your objective criteria is 33%, that's to get maximum points. There is a whole lot to give, there's at least 56, 67% for the rest of it, so you have a lot of flexibility.

But most things actually 10 to fall in the objective camp, are you a housing first project? That's an objective question, you either are or not. But the things we're weary of, of folks going behind, kind of closed doors and saying, "Well, we like this project more." Or, "From our experience, this project is better than another." That to us is subjective, it's unclear how people are making decisions along those lines. So that kind of thing, certainly you want to avoid, we would encourage you to avoid, but many of the things you all look at, we would consider objective criteria, including the one you just asked about, about new applicants.

Norm Suchar:

Great. Thank you, William. A couple questions that I'm going to take here, one is, people have commented about, because of the shorter timeframe, it's hard to get a certification of consistency with a consolidated plan, because often, the jurisdictions force you to give them 30 days, or a longer amount of time. We urge you to do the best you can, and we do have provisions if you can't get a certification of consistency for certain reasons, we do have provisions in the application for that. Obviously, we want you to do the best you can, but don't let that stop you from submitting, please. So we ask that you do the best you can, please reach out if you have more specific questions about that, but I just wanted to throw that out there.

We have a question about, can a project apply under both the unsheltered or rural NOFA and the CoC NOFO? So I want to just sort of explain how this will work, if you apply, you're never really applying for the same project for both. If you apply for a project under the unsheltered NOFO, and with the same recipient request, the same number of units, et cetera, under the CoC NOFO, if you are awarded both, we do expect you to be able to operate both, and that includes serving different clients, having different sources of match, assistance and such for each of those grants.

Now, in some cases match, if you submit an application with match, and then we get to the grant execution, and you have a different source of match at that point, we are definitely happy to work with you there, but we would expect that both grants sort of be executed, and operate independently if they are both awarded. I know that makes it a little challenging to figure this stuff out, but it's probably easier if you are looking at a scattered site approach, because you could probably get both projects, and just operate larger projects, but just wanted to get that out there. So, great question, thank you.

Sorry, let me look for another question here. We have a question about, if we don't have time for advertising publicly, the competition deadlines

and such, and our collaborative applicant cannot post to social media, how are we going to meet the public notice...

Norm Suchar: Cannot post to social media, how are we going to meet the public notice requirements effectively? So again, we can't apologize enough for the short timeframe here. We know that it does cause a lot of hardships here. We do ask you to do the best you can. One thing I will say is for a lot of these rating factors, we publish the, what you need to get maximum points. A lot of these rating factors have less than maximum points that you can get. And we'd encourage you to just come as close as you can, do the best you can, and submit the application that way. And in some cases, you may not lose many points. In some cases you may not lose any, or unfortunately, in some cases you may lose a lot of points, but we can't really deviate from the published NOFO at this point.

We have a question about... Sid, I'm going to send this question your way. Is there any deadline to enter projects in e-snaps at all? I assume other than the final deadline for submitting to HUD, but are there any other deadlines for submitting projects in e-snaps?

Sidhartha Nilak...: In e-snaps, the only deadline we have is the competition close date, which is, I believe September 30th. I don't know what the exact time on September 30th is for that close, but that is the deadline for all e-snap submissions. And I know with the shortened schedule, it's hard to meet, you're hurrying up, but really recommend not trying to do everything on that, trying to submit on the final day. As you know, e-snaps can always have issues, but that's the only deadline we have for e-snaps submissions for projects, is that deadline, so September 30th.

Norm Suchar: Okay. And Sid, sticking with you, do you have a timeline? Do we have a timeline for when all of this will be available in e-snaps? When the project applications will be available in e-snaps?

Sidhartha Nilak...: Yeah, so we are very, very close. There's only about two or three items on a couple applications that just need to be updated. And they're very simple updates. So we are hoping to hopefully put a request in today to start the process. And then my hope is by beginning of next week, we have it live. That's my hope that we can get a response from our developers really quickly on what we need to be updated, but that's what we're looking at. The best-case scenario right now is very early next week to get this thing live in the system.

Norm Suchar: Great. So, we have an interesting question that I want to talk through here, which is, I'll just read the question and then I will talk through how

we treat these things, because I think this is probably helpful for people. So the question is, unfortunately e-snaps frequently has errors that slows the project application process down. Is there a formal protection under the circumstances protecting project applicants from being at risk due to glitches outside of their control? So I have to say, we know that computers and data systems and application systems don't always function the way they're supposed to. We try to make e-snaps work as effectively and efficiently as possible. When it goes down or has glitches, we try to fix them as quickly as possible.

But the way we treat those is, we really do try to hold people harmless for things that are beyond their control. However, the easiest way for us to do that is to see that you've made an effort to reach out, to try to solve the problem. So for example, we would definitely check to see if you've submitted a question into the question box to try to get the problem resolved. If a glitch comes up 15 minutes before the application deadline, there's not much we can do... Or sorry, if you are 15 minutes from the application deadline and finding glitches there, there's not much we can do there, but if you've done things in a reasonable timeframe and glitches prevented you from submitting something, please reach out to us as quickly as possible, so we can work with you on getting that resolved.

I think you'll find there are a lot of people who have at various times had problems with e-snaps or just have found random bugs in our application process and reached out to us and we've worked pretty diligently to try to get those resolved and not hold any of that against an applicant. I very much appreciate that question. Thank you very much.

Let's see. Sid, another question for you, CoC planning. I forgot to ask this earlier, CoC planning projects, can those be submitted without changes?

Sidhartha Nilak...: No, we've only implemented this in the renewal project, but that is actually a good question of something we might be able to implement in CoC planning as, I mean, that is actually a very good suggestion actually to think about. So no, we don't have it this year, but that is something that we might think about for next year.

Norm Suchar: Great. What about projects that have gotten extensions that move them into again, Sid, I'm sorry, I keep peppering you with questions about submit without changes, but projects that got an extension that moved it into a different program year. Would those be eligible for submit without changes?

Sidhartha Nilak...: If you are in a different program year, so they're no longer eligible to renew under the '22 competition? Is that the question?

Norm Suchar: I think the question is they would have been eligible to renew under '21, but you got an extension, so now it's renewing in '22.

Sidhartha Nilak...: Ah, yeah. So that's an interesting question because then the information you're trying to pull is probably coming from maybe a '20, but we didn't really have anything in e-snaps in '20, so you're looking at a '19 possibly. At that point, you're looking at kind of old data, that is possible you might need to update. So you need to double check to make sure that data that is in the '19 application, because as a reminder, we didn't have anything in e-snaps in '20. So you're going to have to just double check to make sure that data that you see is accurate for what you're going to be doing now. And then you can bring that forward. But if it's not, then you might have to update that data and not use the submit without changes.

Norm Suchar: Great. Thanks. William, let me send a question your way. You just barely answered it, but maybe we'll talk about this out loud. What is the deadline for project applications to submit locally? How do we count 30 days backwards from the 30th, September 30th deadline?

William: Yeah. Looks like lots of follow up questions there. Again, let's ignore e-snaps for a minute. I think you all know the normal timeline. It's the 30 days and I believe that is August 31st. So run your competition, your local competition by August 31st. The way you operate that competition can include e-snaps for project applications, but that is not a requirement. Many of you again, use your own local forms, have other things that you use for that project application process. If you use er-snaps, that's fine, that's certainly acceptable and lots of good reasons to do that.

But using e-snaps for your local project application process is not a HUD requirement. HUD's requirement is that you submit the project application by the September 30th deadline. And again, we'd encourage you to do it sooner than that. But the key is understanding that August 31st, your local competition needs to be done, sometime between now and September 30th, all of the projects you've selected through that local process need to be in e-snaps and submitted. Does that make sense, Norm, does that make sense to you? Again, feel free to add to the chat if more, we'll try to keep it clear.

Norm Suchar: Great. One question that just came up that I want to be clear about is will the answers in this chat that we've been talking about, will these go out into an FAQ? I wonder if someone can, Karen, I don't know if you've

rejoined or maybe you were on the whole time, but do you know what will be posted? Or William, if you want to jump on this, what will we post with all the information from this webinar?

William: Yep. So last year when we did these webinars, we posted the recording itself, the slides and the chat log along with the transcript, we have every intent this year to do the same. I wasn't directly involved in making the request, but I believe we're going to do the same thing. So we're not going to organize the chat log just to be clear, but we will post the chat log or that's the intent as of right now.

Karen DeBlassio: Thanks William. And I'll just add to that, that it does take us a couple of days to get this compliant to post. So unfortunately, we can't post it, it's four o'clock this afternoon, so we will get it up as soon as we can, most likely sometime next week.

Norm Suchar: Fantastic. Thank you. Sid, I'm going to turn this back to you again. New project application narratives, people are asking about what are the character limits on those? Do you happen to know those off the top of your head?

Sidhartha Nilak...: Oh. I think I might have to bring in William on this because we had a long email thread with making a decision on this. There is a limit, we have placed a limit, I think it's, is it 30,000 characters? I can't remember now. I'd have to look it up to see. If you send an email to the CoC NOFO inbox with that question, I'll try to find the answer, but I know we do have a limit.

Norm Suchar: Can we just post an FAQ on this rather than getting a bunch of the same questions.

Sidhartha Nilak...: Yeah, sure.

Norm Suchar: We'll try to post an FAQ on this. If somebody happens to find out before the end of this webinar, actually we'll just post it in the chat responses to this webinar. We'll just have, I don't know, an addendum to the webinar where we'll add some responses like that. Thank you for that. There's a question about, I'm trying to think who is on that's available to answer this question, I can probably take it, but there's a good question about, there's special language about documenting youth homelessness and it was there last year and this year. And so people are asking, what does it mean and how should we think about it? So I want to walk through that because I'm sure people are interested.

We've actually had this language for a few years. I want to say since 2018, but I could be off by a little here. And it basically says when you're documenting homelessness, you can't require a young person to provide or obtain third party documentation to qualify them as homeless. We have actually put out some resources on this. We actually generally don't require that anybody, themselves as an individual, be responsible for providing third party documentation. The third-party documentation requirement is really a requirement of the person doing the eligibility determination. So for example, if you are an intake worker for a project and you are trying to document someone's homelessness eligibility, you would not ask an individual to get a note from their outreach worker or to provide a record of a shelter stay or something like that.

What you would be expected to do is to obviously ask enough information and then it would be your responsibility to track down that information. Either look it up in HMIS or make a call to that outreach worker or however your system works. So the expectation is on the intake worker, not on the person experiencing homelessness. And this is true of young people as well. You would not be asking young people to provide that third party documentation. In some cases, the third-party documentation might involve reaching out to a previous landlord or a previous roommate or something. We would expect that you would never do that if that would cause a problem or result in a safety issue for somebody, you just wouldn't do that. And the standards of documentation have a priority order, but write a note that says, "Reaching out to this person would've caused a safety issue," put it in the case file and you're good for documentation there.

Thank you for whoever asked that question, for bringing that up, that's a great question. We have a question; I don't know who knows the answer to this one. Sid, again, I'm going to put this over to you, for the rural NOFO, and we're not generally asking rural NOFO questions, but I'm going to make an exception for this one. For the rural NOFO, when people apply for three-year capital grants, such as to renovate a building, can they renew at one third of the total grand amount when they come in for renewal?

Sidhartha Nilak...: So capital costs go on the rural would have the same rules of renewing as a CoC grant that is supplying for capital costs. The money you used for the capital costs can't be renewed, but the money that is non-capital, so if you're supportive services, rental systems, whatever, that budget that is based on a three year budget, once you're renewing it for a year, as it was said, you split that up, divided by three, and that is the budget that you're renewing. So when you are determining your budget, you have to

make sure that that three-year budget is actually big enough for a one-year grant term budget.

So we see a lot of issues where a project will apply for a long-term grant, but then the budget that they put in is actually a lot smaller because they may have forgotten that actually this gets split by however many years that grant term is. So just make sure that when you're applying for that project, that your budget is a lot bigger than what you initially expect.

Norm Suchar: But one really important clarification here is that in general, well actually just across the board, capital costs which are new construction, acquisition and rehab are actually not eligible for renewal. So what Sid's talking about is when you apply for a capital costs and also for operating costs, that operating cost is eligible for renewal the way he described it, but the capital parts are not. I just wanted to make sure that was, to reiterate that for everyone. So, great question. We have a question here, William, I'm going to send this over your way. Will there be any consideration taken this year to supportive services grants being increased from prior years funding? So I think this probably applies to supportive services only grants or the supportive services that are embedded into permanent housing or joint component or other kinds of projects.

William: So it's a little difficult to get at that, partly because there are two ways you would increase the amount for a single grant. One would happen through the FMR process. The answer for that would be no, the FMRs are very strictly limited to increases in FMR that are associated with rental assistance and then in permanent housing projects for leasing and operating. We actually do not have the authority to increase it for supportive service line items, whether it be a supportive service standalone grant or part of another grant. So we don't have the authority to do that. However, you can increase those grants through the new project, the reallocation process. That's really the way to think about it. DV bonus, you cannot, unless it's a coordinated entry grant, but you would have to be thinking about this as a new project and it would be an expansion. That would be your only opportunity. So that's pretty much the only way.

Norm Suchar: Thank you. We had a suggestion here, this is actually interesting, and I want to share our thinking about this, one from Tori about, in future NOFO's HUD may want to consider stating the specific dates, instead of saying 30 days prior or 15 days prior, it's one less thing that people have to worry about. One thing that's challenging is, I don't know if anybody, I'm sure if you read the NOFO you probably catch wind of some of this,

but the NOFO often changes including the date right up until we publish, hours before we publish.

And I will just be very honest here. The due date changed from September 29th to September 30th literally hours before we posted. If we were to state the specific dates in the NOFO, it just creates a lot more opportunity or possibility of error. So that's why we went to the 30 days prior and 15 days prior. But I wonder if maybe very shortly after the NOFO we could probably post an FAQ or something that is much clearer that provides those specific dates. So again, I very much appreciate how helpful it is to have crystal clarity about that and totally agree with it, so that's a good suggestion that we should try to come up with a way to address. Thank you.

Kevin: Norm. This is Kevin. We actually did actual dates in the detailed instructions.

Norm Suchar: Good point.

Kevin: Unless HUD extends the deadline for all of those duties.

Norm Suchar: That's a great point. And yet another great reason to, obviously the detailed instructions didn't come out until today, but another great reason to read through the detailed instructions. Great point. We have a question here, Sid, I wonder if you can take this one on, if you're using DV bonus funds to expand an existing RH program, can the expansion application propose funds only for supportive services?

Sidhartha Nilak...: That should be okay. If you're using DV bonus funds to expand any project, you have to make sure that those DV bonus funds are only being used for DV. That's one important aspect about using DV bonus for expansion, if you're expanding RH, you can expand just the supporter services, you don't need to expand the housing as that is an applicable expansion process, but you have to make sure that the expansion... I'm trying to remember from our instructions, what's allowable under expanding just supportive services, but I can't think of it right off the top of my head, but in the detailed instructions, we do explain exactly what is eligible for the expansion of supportive services in just a housing grant, but it is allowed. But if you're using DV bonus money, that DV bonus money must be focused on DV services and participants.

Norm Suchar: The other consideration here is that any permanent housing project would be expected to house more people than just the previous project. So you're going to have to show somehow that you're serving more

people in the project as a result of the expansion. This may be that you have housing resources, you're just not getting them from the grant, so maybe you're leveraging some vouchers, or I don't know, some other kind of housing resources. And the way that's going to play out is when we review the expansion part of the project, we're going to look at the questions, are you adequately addressing their housing needs? The questions in the new project application. We'll be reviewing all those for meeting threshold requirements. So the project is going to have to result in more people being served and assisted. And so it likely means you're going to have to find housing resource

Norm Suchar: ... and assisted, and so it likely means you're going to have to find housing resources from somewhere, although again, it doesn't necessarily have to be from this project application, so some things to consider.

Sidhartha Nilak...: Sid, we have a great question here about, is it better to apply for an expansion for a DV bonus? This actually applies to any kind of project. Is it better to apply for an expansion or to apply for a new project and then consolidate it the following year?

Norm Suchar: That is a good question. It's really dependent on where you rank that project, that expansion or that new project. I don't know. I mean, I don't really have a strong opinion on which to do. For an expansion, you already have the renewal there that you're expanding. You already have a project there that could be easier for some, in terms of just expanding upon that project, compared to developing a new project, you're developing a full new project, you're writing a whole application on a new project and getting that approved. It really is dependent on what the, I guess the amount of work you're putting into both applications.

But to me personally, I don't see much of a difference between applying for an expansion or applying for a new and then consolidating it later. Applying for the new and then consolidating later is more work just overall doing that process. But the expansion is a little less in terms of you apply for it and it gets combined once we award the competition. There's less steps with the expansion than with the applying for a new and then consolidating it a year later. But I don't have any, me personally, I don't have any opinion on what's better to go for than the other.

Sidhartha Nilak...: Scoring wise, it's no different. You're just as likely to get the project either way. This may just be a question of, what's easier for you locally to administer and to run, and that's fine. We obviously wanted to give you options for different ways of doing things. In some cases, a couple

different options achieve the same goal, but you're welcome to do whichever you prefer.

Neely, I want to send this question your way. If a new 2021 YHDP project recipient is submitting their first renewal and they submitted an alternative requirements letter waiver request but haven't heard back from anyone yet, how does that play into their completion of the renewal project application? Neely, you may be on mute, or you may not be on.

Caroline: Norm, I can also take this. It's Caroline.

Norm Suchar: Caroline, fantastic. Thank you.

Caroline: The question though, again, I'm sorry, it's the 2021 submitting their first renewal. What you should do is, and actually Jody, I was speaking, I sent you an email. I have an email drafted to send to you. You should, for the first-time renewal, you should still select the special applications in the replacement project application for YHDP, so make sure you're doing a replacement, not a renewal project application. Then select all of those special activities that you indicated in the letter that you wanted. But you'll hear from me real soon.

Norm Suchar: Caroline, as in general, if people have questions about their YHDP renewals or replacements or anything like that, can you talk about what resources or what different kinds of avenues there will be for answering those questions?

Caroline: Sure. There are still some resources available on the competition website. We had a whole webinar last year for YHDP renewal projects or replacement projects. That actually will still be helpful because there weren't a lot of changes on there. If you're having some, if you're feeling that you need a full orientation to that, I would encourage you to look at that webinar.

You can also, and this slides and the chat and everything's already up there so you don't even have to wait. You can do it today. I would suggest you can also send in questions to the regular COC NOFO mailbox, and those will be routed to us so that we can give you [inaudible 01:14:06] specific answers is probably the best way to go if you have questions about your YHDP renewal or replacement, you could also always ask your dedicated desk officer.

Norm Suchar: Great.

Caroline: [inaudible 01:14:23].

Speaker 2: [inaudible 01:14:23] just me. I forgot I have to unmute at two places. I just want to add that if you do also have a replacement project, if you had a replacement project previously and it included special activities, but if you are going to use or utilize other special activities that you had not included in the past, you will still be submitting a replacement, not a renewal. I just want to make it very clear because I know there's going to be confusion. If you submitted a replacement project in 2021 and you're going to come in as a renewal unless you're adding or selecting additional special activities, so then you'll be submitting that as a replacement project.

Norm Suchar: Great. Thank you. Let's see what other questions we have. Sid, a quick question again on, can you do it, put in an expansion for a project that you consolidated last year?

Sidhartha Nilak...: Yes. If you consolidated the project last year and it's coming in as a single project this year and you don't plan on consolidating anymore, you can apply for an expansion on that project. Yes.

Norm Suchar: Great. Catherine pointed out to the previous question about whether it's better to do an expansion or do a new project and consolidate. There's one less APR involved in doing the expansion. That may be the reason you want to go that direction. Let's see, William, we have a few questions about HDX information and the COC application. If somebody has sort of problems with their HDX data, what should they put in the application?

William: HUD's going to look at HDX data, what's currently in there. We are going to download the HDX data before we look at anything, and that's what we're going to use. For your purposes, you should rely on what's in HDX.

If it's a pit count issue and you feel like the HDX data is wrong or you provided a requested change that wasn't recognized, you are allowed to note that in 2D4. That's where we asked about methodology change, but you can make a note there, but you should just note that we are going to go off the HDX reports, what we run, that's going to be standard for everyone.

Norm Suchar: Great. Sid, we have a flip of the question that was asked earlier about adding, just doing new project for SSO to add or an expansion for SSO. This is a question about can a renewal project that does not currently have funding for rental assistance apply for an expansion to add rental

assistance or, well, there's a part two of the question, but we can talk about that later. Can you do an expansion that just has rental assistance?

Sidhartha Nilak...: Yes, as long as that project you're applying for is a permanent housing project of some kind of [inaudible 01:17:53] RH joint. Sorry if I'm moving so fast saying that. But yes, if it is a permanent housing type of project, yes, you can apply for an expansion project for rental assistance.

Norm Suchar: Great. If it's an SSO project and you want to apply for rental assistance to sort of make it more housing focused, you got to go through reallocation at that point?

Sidhartha Nilak...: That's correct, yes.

Norm Suchar: You probably want to do it through a transition grant?

Sidhartha Nilak...: Yeah. That would be a pretty good way of doing it using the transition grant process, yes.

Norm Suchar: A lot of people don't know that much about the transition grant process. Can you talk about how that works?

Sidhartha Nilak...: Yes. A transition grant is a grant you apply using the new project application. The purpose of it is to transition the one component type to a different component type. If you're saying you're transition from an SSO to a PHRH project, you would apply in the new project application as a PHRH project, but you would state that you're transitioning from an SSO to a PHRH. In that transition, in the past required that 50% of funds would have to be used on the old component type, which have been SSO, but that requirement has been removed under the [inaudible 01:19:11] so now you can use, there's no requirement to use up to 50% of your funds on the old component. You can go completely to the new component that you're transitioning to, but you get a full year to transition from that old component, so SSL to the new component, which be of PHRH. You get that year to transition and then when the year the projects you've transitioning that project and then the renewal is you're now fully that new component type, so that PHRH.

Norm Suchar: I want to build on that because we have a separate question that asks, can you consolidate two different project types into one? One example of this might be you have a transitional housing project and a rapid rehousing project, and you want to combine it into a joint component project, or maybe you have a rapid rehousing and a PSH and you want to combine those into just one PSH project. The short answer is you cannot

consolidate those, but is that something you could do through a transition grant and how would that work exactly?

Sidhartha Nilak...: You can't consolidate transition grants. You can't have a transition consolidation grant. It gets very confusing. If you want to try to combine a PSH and RH into a joint, either you have to transition both those projects into a joint project, or you're reallocating one or both into a joint in some way, or you're reallocating both and putting them together to form a new joint project. There's just no way you can do a transition and consolidation at the same time.

Norm Suchar: Great. Thank you. We have another consolidation question. Sid, if you have a PSH grant that is dedicated to chronic homelessness and one that is not, can you consolidate those?

Sidhartha Nilak...: Yes. You do have to, because they're the same component side, you can consolidate them, but the way that you are serving the participants you'll have to, if one part of the grant will be serving the dedicated one would be serving the non-dedicated. There'd still be this kind of a split in the grant, but the grant itself would be combined, but you can do that consolidation.

Norm Suchar: Great. Thank you. Question about, Caroline, I'll send this to you, round four and five YHDP projects, will they be eligible to be renewed under this competition?

Caroline: No, they won't. The initial or round four or five new projects will be the earliest they will expire is 2024 because all of those grants are being evaluated now as new projects under YHDP, so none of them will renew under this competition, but next year, we'll start looking at those for their first-time renewals.

Norm Suchar: Great. William, we have a question about which SPM's we're using on the COC application. What years are we comparing?

William: For the system performance measures?

Norm Suchar: Yep.

William: We're going to be using for system performance it's going to be 2020 to 2021, so the FY 2020 compared to FY 2021. I'll note for the pit count, we're actually going to be comparing skipping the 2021 year and comparing your 2022 to your 2020.

Norm Suchar: Great, thank you. We have another HDX question and you kind of answered this already, but maybe it's worth repeating. William, sorry, the question is we downloaded the HDX 2022 competition report, however, we understand [inaudible 01:23:26] pit is still being, they used the term data mind, but should we wait to enter? There's no cryptocurrency in the [inaudible 01:23:36] report, I promise. Should we wait to enter that data until the HDX data has been sort of finalized?

William: Great question. We plan on using the finalized data. It's not a bad idea to wait. You should know by now the nature of any questions, all of the outreach has been done with regard to questions on your housing inventory, important time count. I think actually all of those changes should be wrapped up relatively soon. I would expect most communities would actually already have finalized numbers for that process. But if you are not 100% sure, you could wait a little while, that will be wrapped up soon, certainly by the end of this month. But that's up to you in terms of whether you want to wait or not.

Norm Suchar: We also have a question about, is there a report that I can get from HDX that shows all the stuff I need for the COC competition?

William: Yes. As we've done in the past, it's called the competition report. I think it probably has the year in front of it, 2022 HDX competition report. It has all the data you need, and we would just ask you to download that and then upload that as an attachment and we will count that as your submission for the data, like your system performance and your point in time sound data.

Norm Suchar: Great. Thank you very much. I just want to reiterate, you have to put the information into e-snaps and into the COC application, but ultimately, we're going to check against the final HDX data. If there's a change afterwards, we'll be okay. William, I'm going to send this question to you as well. If a COC did not do an unsheltered pit count in 2022, but they did do an unsheltered pit count in 2020, how is that being taken into account in the COC [inaudible 01:25:50]?

William: If you didn't do one in 2022, we would expect that you would've done one in 2021. We'll essentially be bringing forward as we have in the past, we essentially bring forward your data from the previous unsheltered count and we will use that as the process.

I've looked at all of that. There's only two communities I'm aware of that don't have a count for 2022 but have some limitations on what they did in 2021 but had something. Everyone else, there's a handful of others

who didn't do one in 2022, but they had a full count in 2021. We're taking all that into account. We'll essentially bring forward your past year.

Norm Suchar: Great. Thank you very much. Last question we'll take is about this is another unsheltered and rural NOFO question. Are we using the same competition report for the same HDX competition report for the unsheltered NOFO as well, sorry, unsheltered and rural NOFO?

William: Yep.

Norm Suchar: Great. That brings us about to our time here. I know we had a lot of questions. I think I missed some. I was trying to get to all of them. We tried to answer as many as we could. There are a few questions that it was really hard to understand, and maybe we just didn't catch what you were trying to say. If you feel like we have not answered your question, either in the chat window or out loud, please submit those questions to the question box. You can see it up here on the screen, cocnofo@hud.gov. We will be posting this whole thing in a few days, including the recording, the transcript and the chat window.

Here's a pro tip that somebody also included in the chat window. If you go to file, save as, you can download the chat window contents right now. If you don't want to wait until the very end here or until we post it, then you can do that as well.

We always, there are a lot of suggestions in here. We appreciate them and we are definitely taking notes and you may see some of these recommendations in future competitions.

Thank you very much. Again, if you're having problems or have questions, please reach out. I want to, again, very much thank you for the incredible work you've been doing to end homelessness in our country through a pandemic, through a lot of, just a lot of many, many things going on. We know it's been a huge challenge and we very much sympathize with you and want to support you. Thank you so much. Also want to thank the SNAPs team. You guys were great answering questions and getting this whole thing and published and ready to go. Thank you everyone. Wish you all a great rest of the day, great rest of the week and that concludes the office hours.

Speaker 3: That concludes our conference. Thank you for using Event Services. You may now disconnect.