Before Starting the CoC Application

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- Using the CoC Application Detailed Instructions for assistance with completing the application in e-snaps.
- Answering all questions in the CoC Application. It is the responsibility of the Collaborative Applicant to ensure that all imported and new responses in all parts of the application are fully reviewed and completed. When doing so, please keep in mind that:

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- For other questions, the Collaborative Applicant must be aware of responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
- Some questions require that the Collaborative Applicant attach a document to receive credit. This will be identified in the question.
- All questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and must be completed in order to submit the CoC Application.

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Organization/Person Categories	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including electing CoC Board	Sits on CoC Board
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
EMT/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Youth advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	No
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northwest PA Rural AIDES Alliance	Yes	Yes	No
Local VA	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Youth Service Provider (up to 10)	RHY Funded?	Participated as a Voting Member in at least two CoC Meetings within the last 12 months (between October 1, 2014 and November 15, 2015).	Sat on the CoC Board as active member or official at any point during the last 12 months (between October 1, 2014 and November 15, 2015).
SafeNet TLC	No	Yes	Yes
Erie School District	No	Yes	Yes
Intermediate Unit	No	Yes	No

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SafeNet	Yes	Yes
Safe Journey	Yes	Yes

1B-2. Does the CoC intend to meet the timelines for ending homelessness as defined in Opening Doors?

Opening Doors Goal	CoC has established timeline?
End Veteran Homelessness by 2015	Yes
End Chronic Homelessness by 2017	Yes
End Family and Youth Homelessness by 2020	Yes
Set a Path to End All Homelessness by 2020	Yes

1B-3. How does the CoC identify and assign the individuals, committees, or organizations responsible for overseeing implementation of specific strategies to prevent and end homelessness in order to meet the goals of Opening Doors?
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of

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Domestic Violence (up to 10)

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Funding or Program Source	Coordinates with Planning, Operation and Funding of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Not Applicable
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Not Applicable
HeadStart Program	Yes
Other housing and service programs funded through Federal, State and local government resources.	Yes

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CoCs can use the CoCs and Consolidated Plan Jurisdiction Crosswalk to assist in answering this question.

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Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program from 10/1/14 to 3/31/15 who were homeless at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference
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County of Erie Housing Authority	0.57%	No

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1C-6. Select the specific strategies implemented by the CoC to ensure that homelessness is not criminalized in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply. For "Other," you must provide a description (2000 character limit)

Engaged/educated local policymakers:	X
Engaged/educated law enforcement:	X
Implemented communitywide plans:	
No strategies have been implemented:	

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We have two low-income housing tax credit projects that do not exclusively target people who are homeless but we've been able to acquire six units for the homeless population. The other resource our CoC employs is landlords in the community. We have a project that rents to people experiencing homelessness at far below fair market rent. The first year the rent is $200 regardless of bedroom size. The second year the rent increases to $250. During this time the participants work on gaining education and/or training for better employment opportunities. Or in the case of participants who are currently employed we work with them to obtain better paying jobs. By the third year it is an expectation that the participant would be able to manage rent closer to the fair market. However, it has been our experience that landlords renting to a family or individual continue to rent to them below fair market but not at the $250 level in year two.

1C-6. Select the specific strategies implemented by the CoC to ensure that homelessness is not criminalized in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply. For "Other," you must provide a description (2000 character limit)

Engaged/educated local policymakers:

X

Engaged/educated law enforcement:

X

Implemented communitywide plans:

No strategies have been implemented: