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### Special NOFO Input Questions

**Why the CoC needs your input?** The Special NOFO requires the CoC to submit a comprehensive plan for addressing unsheltered homelessness that ties directly to the project types that will be submitted with the application package. Input from CoC Members is critical to the CoC being able to develop a comprehensive plan and select project types that build on our collective lessons learned. The CoC needs your ideas and expertise.

**How to structure input?** These input questions are meant to guide conversations or individual CoC member thinking around what types of input the CoC would find most helpful. Additional feedback and input will also be considered.

**How to submit input?** The CoC is also collecting input via the [CoC Special NOFO Feedback survey](#). All feedback must be submitted via the survey or to [cocprograms@allchicago.org](mailto:cocprograms@allchicago.org) by 5pm on August 12.

**Where can I find Special NOFO Background Information?** The [CoC Programs webpage](#) has additional information, including a CoC Board Briefing and a link to the NOFO itself.

**Questions for Special NOFO Input** What placement do you wish was available to offer people? What do you think would lead to highest uptake?

- How many people do you anticipate would prefer a low-barrier shelter placement or transitional housing placement over moving directly into their own rental unit?
- What has allowed you to be successful engaging someone to move into shelter or housing?
- Is it easier to engage and help people moving into housing while they are in a sheltered or unsheltered location?
- If you could create the perfect program that helped people move from unsheltered situations into shelter, what would it look like?
- How would you balance funding for emergency services versus housing resources?
- What other system-level support does the CoC need to move people from unsheltered locations into housing:
  - System-wide Coordination Improvements
  - Coordinated Entry Improvements
  - HMIS Improvements
  - What else?
- What other lessons have we learned in recent years on connecting unsheltered clients to housing?
- Have Accelerated Moving Events (AMEs) helped people decide to move because their community moved at the same time?
- Have AMEs served as an effective matching tool, to bring participants, units and housing provider together, reducing the length of time it takes to get into housing?
- Are there target populations you believe the CoC is not reaching through existing outreach efforts?