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Efforts were made to streamline the application and make it more straightforward.

We intend for this year's application to be submitted via an online system.

# Updates to renewal application

Questions on the Renewal Application are generally meant to:

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# Helpful links

- [https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc)
- [https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-program-eligibility-requirements/](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-program-eligibility-requirements/)
- [https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2905/coc-application-component-of-the-coc-consolidated-application/](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2905/coc-application-component-of-the-coc-consolidated-application/)
- [https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/)
- [www.Nashville.gov/homeless](www.Nashville.gov/homeless)

The detailed instructions are particularly helpful!

We also encourage you to sign up for email alerts through the HUD website and the HUD exchange so that you don't miss any helpful resources.

**Questions?**

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