

Back@Home-CV Unit Requirements



There are 3 key partners in the process.

Socialserve completes Debarment and Rent Reasonableness checks and schedules the inspections

Inspection company completes inspections- goal is within 48 hours

NCCEH staff offer support to rehousing agencies if there is more support needed to understand the process



Each unit that receives rental assistance from a rehousing agency must meet three requirements.

1. Debarment Check

2. Rent Reasonableness Check

3. Passed HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspection or Habitability Inspection



The Debarment check makes sure we are paying the right person.

Socialserve staff will verify that the owner listed by the rehousing agency is the actual owner of the property.

Information needed to complete:

Name of the individual who is the owner

Name of the owner's business if applicable



The rent reasonableness check needs to be met to use rental assistance resources.

Socialserve staff will do a market analysis to compare to comparable rental units for rent reasonableness.

Information needed to complete:

Monthly rental rate

Size of the unit (studio, 1 bdr, etc.)

Type of unit (duplex, apartment, mobile home, etc.)



Shared Housing

Shared housing is where multiple households have private bedrooms and share common areas, bathrooms, and cooking facilities:

- 1. The household being assisted with ESG rental assistance must have its own separate lease with the property owner to be considered a separate household for the purposes of ESG eligibility (note: subleases are not allowed under ESG).
- 2. The unit must meet inspection or habitability requirements for Back@Home-CV
- 3. All housing for which leasing or rental assistance payments are made must meet rent reasonableness standards.



Let's walk through some shared housing scenarios for determining rent reasonableness.

Scenario 1: Three-bedroom house, three adult roommates, all Back@Home-CV clients. In this case, the full unit rent must be within the allowable three-bedroom rent for the county and the utility allowance for each client is the three-bedroom utility allowance divided by 3.

Scenario 2: Three-bedroom house, only one bedroom occupied by a Back@Home-CV client. If, for example, this unit is in New Hanover County, the three-bedroom comparable rent rate in New Hanover County is \$1404 for a 3-bedroom unit. The Back@Home-CV client's allowable rent is \$1404 divided by 3 or \$468. The Back@Home-CV client's utility allowance is the three-bedroom utility allowance divided by 3.

Sometimes shared housing can be a Single Room Occupancy (SRO).

To qualify as an SRO, the shared housing situation must have the following characteristics:

- 1. There is only one person per bedroom.
- 2. Each household holds a separate lease.
- 3. All bedrooms in the housing unit must qualify as SROs. e.g. There's a fourbedroom house in which one household holds a separate lease, but two households share leases for multiple bedrooms, none of the units qualify as SROs. Or if one bedroom has multiple people living in it, none of the bedrooms qualify as SROs.



Inspections help the program to know that the units meet quality standards.

Two options for Back@Home

- 1. Rehousing Agency completes a Habitability Inspection
- 2. Rehousing Agency submits unit to Socialserve who contact inspector to do HQS Inspection

We recommend HQS inspections whenever possible as they are more thorough and allow for easier transition to PSH or vouchers in future.

Information needed to complete:

Unit address

Contact for scheduling inspection (owner, property manager, tenant)

Utilities need to turned on for HQS inspections

Type of property

Number of bedrooms



Submitting a Unit Support Request

Requests for unit support are coordinated through Smartsheet.

Rehousing agencies will have links to the form in the resource portal

Rehousing agencies will submit completed form

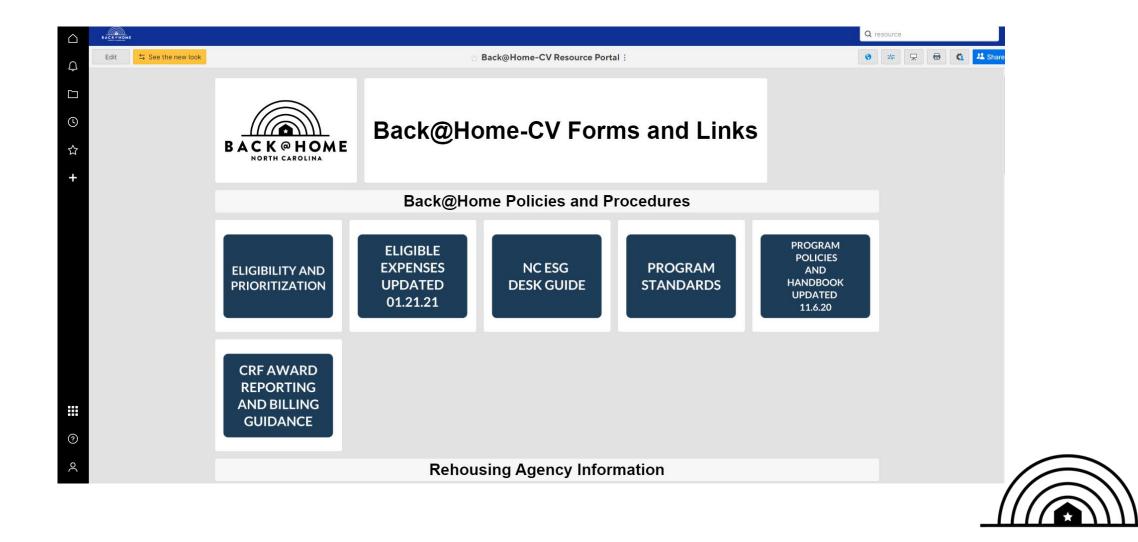
Socialserve will receive the information and complete the checks

Rehousing agency will identify key staff who can access spreadsheet to:

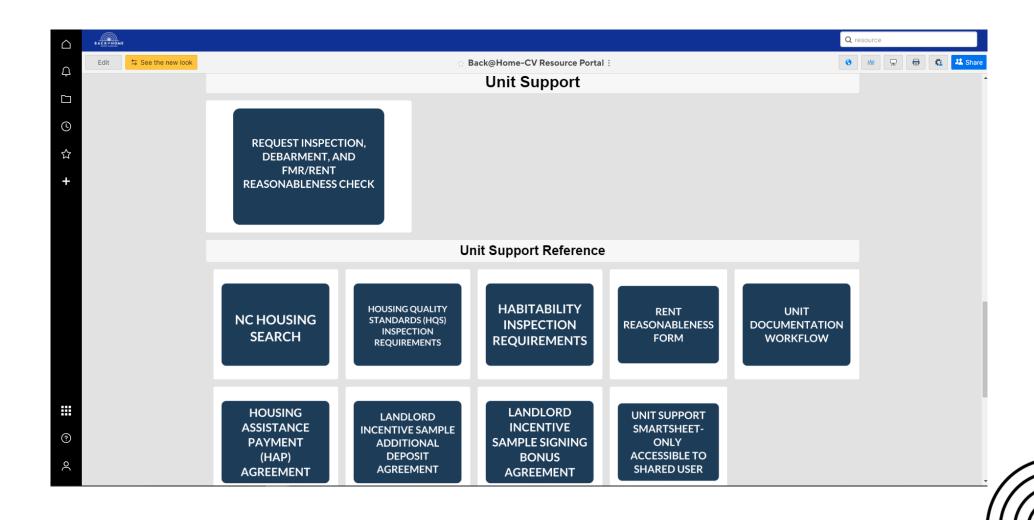
Gather documentation for requisitions

View status of units in the process

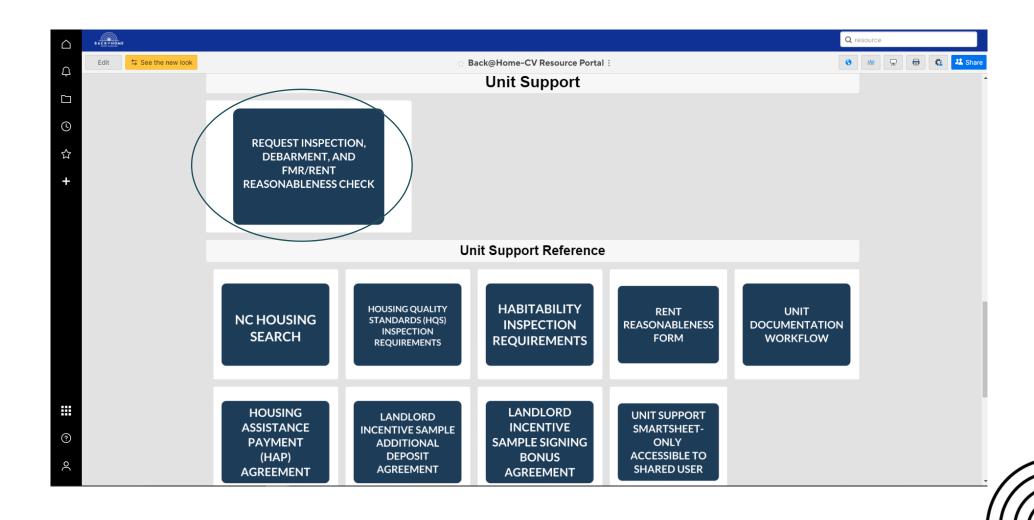
Back@Home- CV Resource Portal



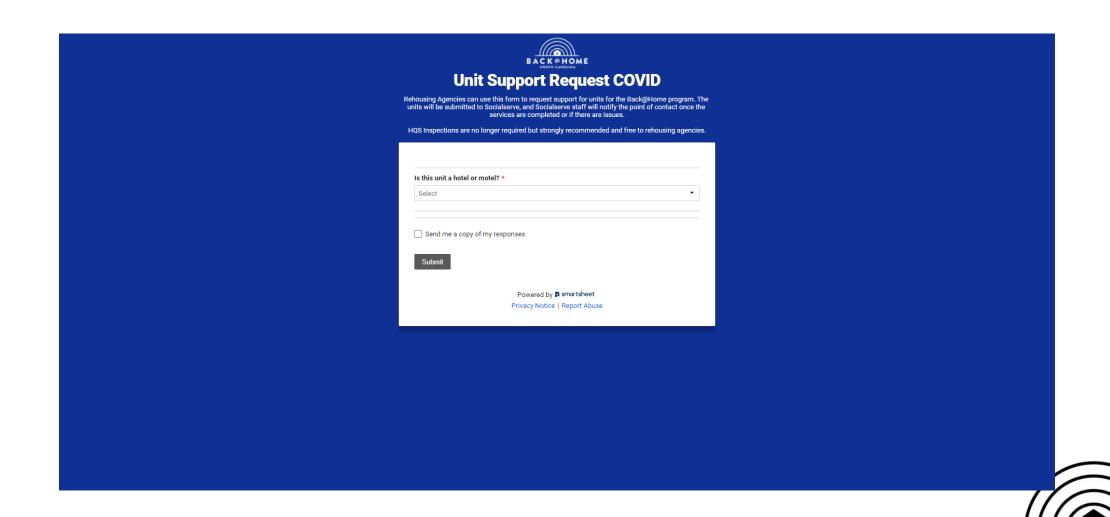
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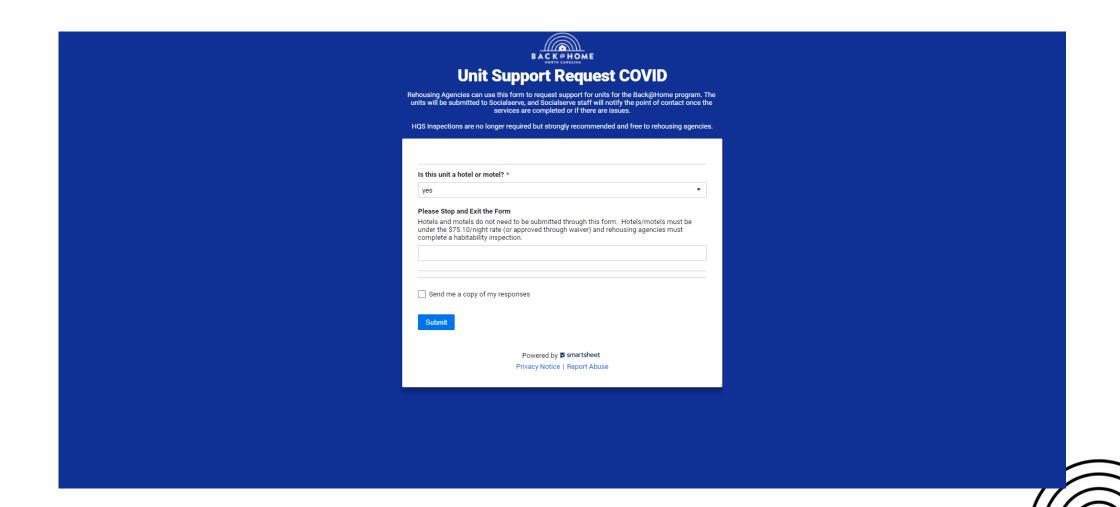
To submit requests to Socialserve



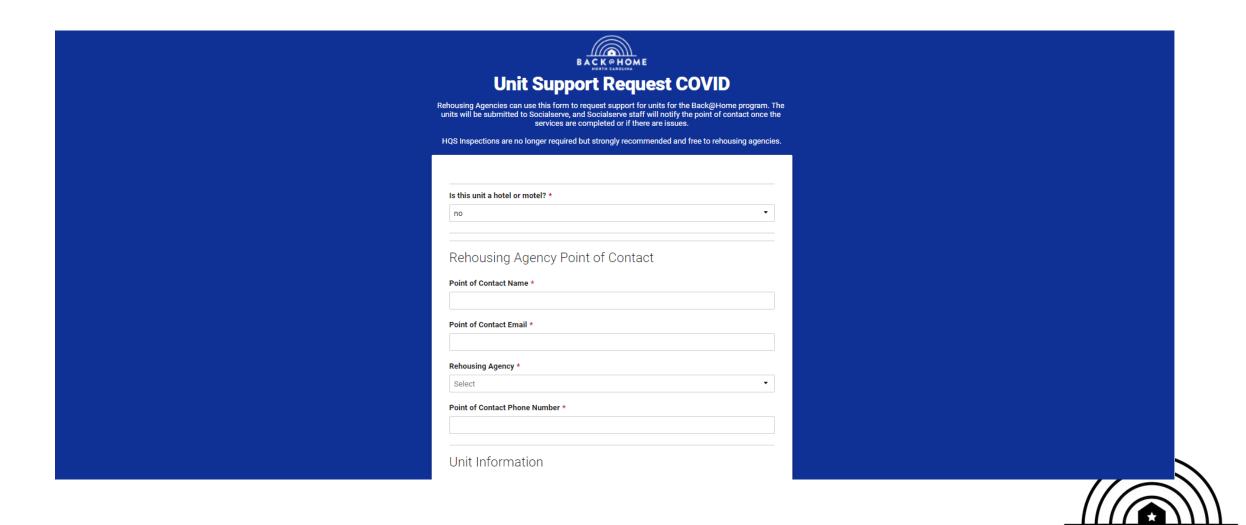
Request Form



Hotels/Motels



Rehousing Agency Point of Contact



Unit Information

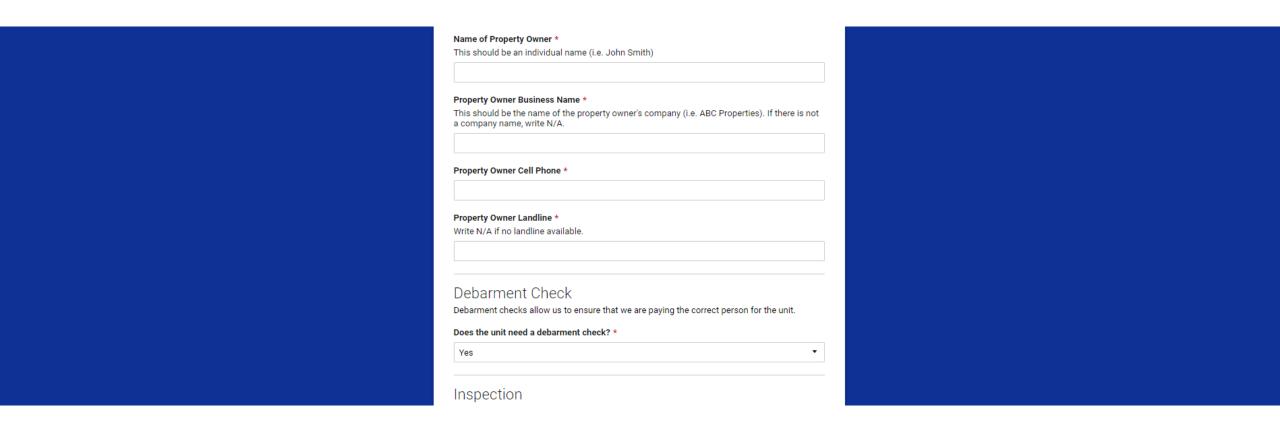
Unit Information	
Client's HMIS or Comparable Database Number *	
Property Name * Write N/A if there is not a property name.	
Unit Location County *	
Unit Street Address *	
City *	
Zipcode *	
Year Built *	
Square Footage *	
How many children under 6 are included in this household? *	
Select or enter value	

Unit Information Continued

Year Built *	
Square Footage *	
How many children under 6 are included in this household? *	
Select or enter value ▼ Name of Property Owner *	
This should be an individual name (i.e. John Smith)	
Property Owner Business Name * This should be the name of the property owner's company (i.e. ABC Properties). If there is not a company name, write N/A.	
Property Owner Cell Phone *	
Property Owner Landline * Write N/A if no landline available.	
Debarment Check	

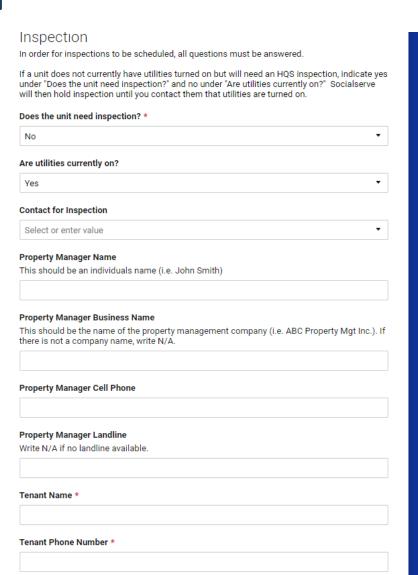


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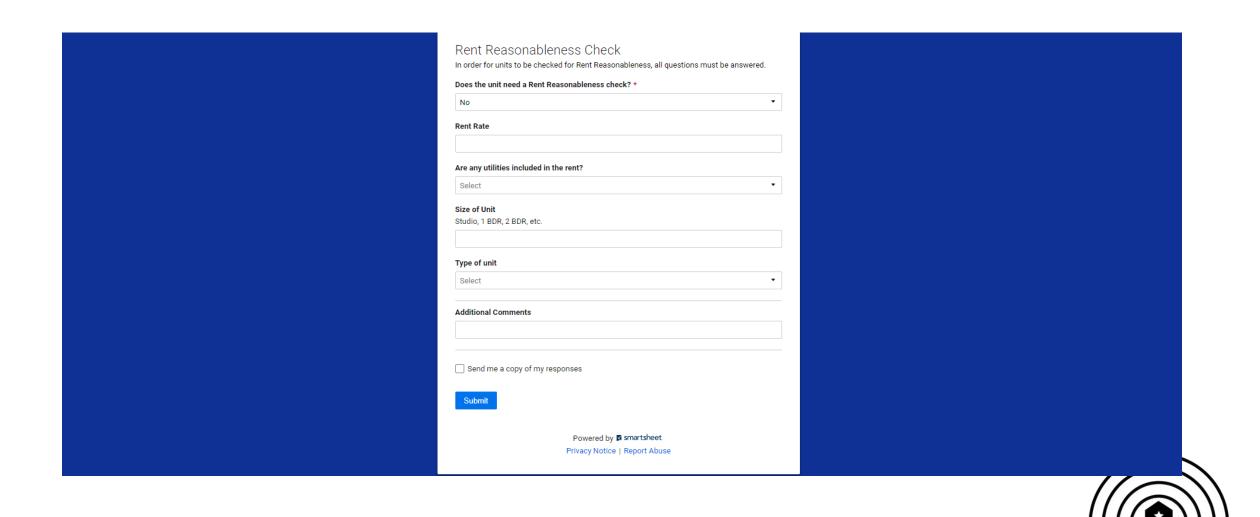




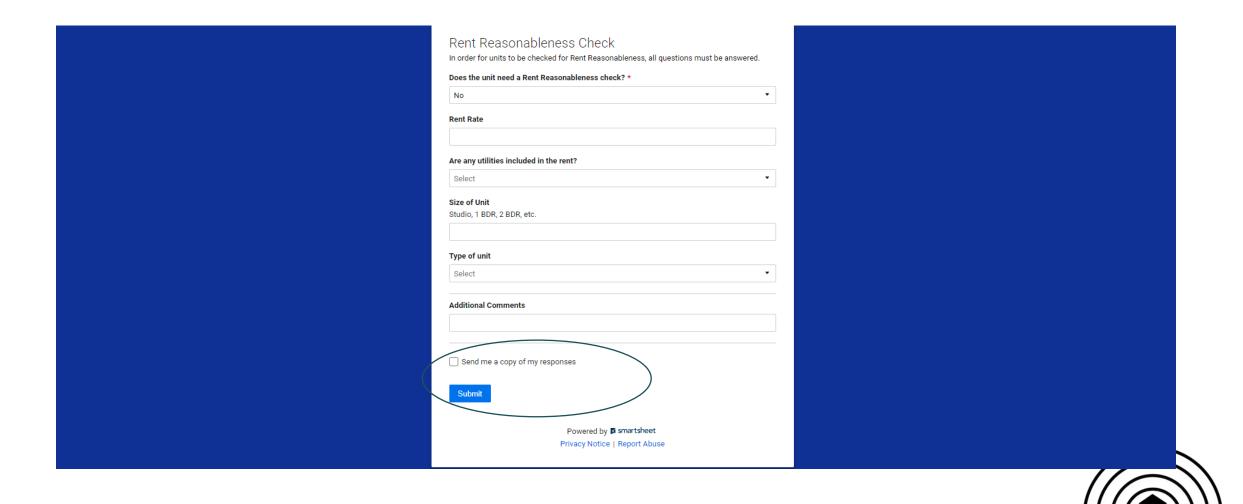
HQS Inspection



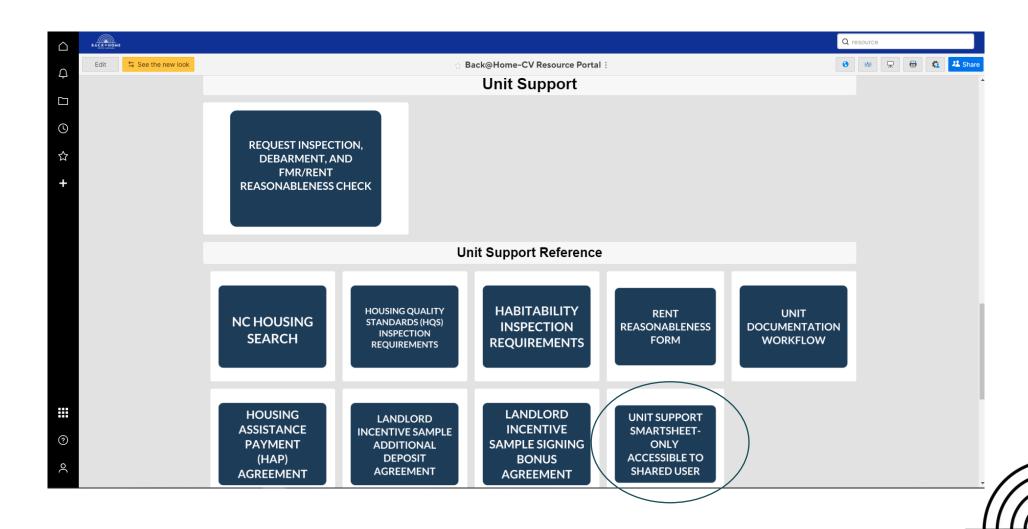
Rent Reasonableness Check



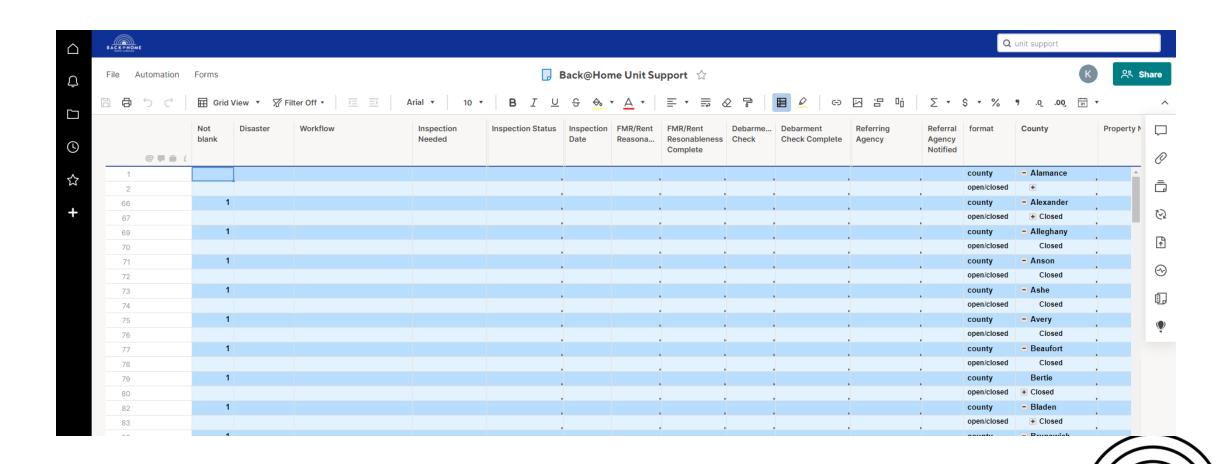
Submit!



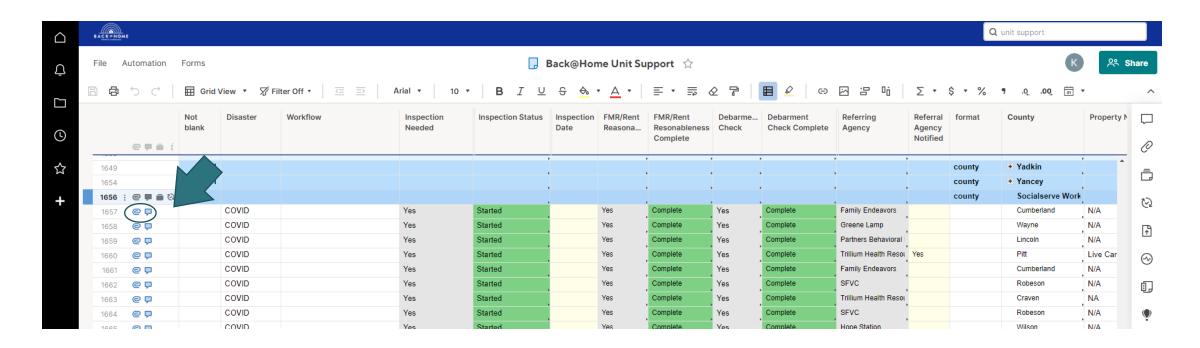
Where did my request go?



Unit Support Sheet

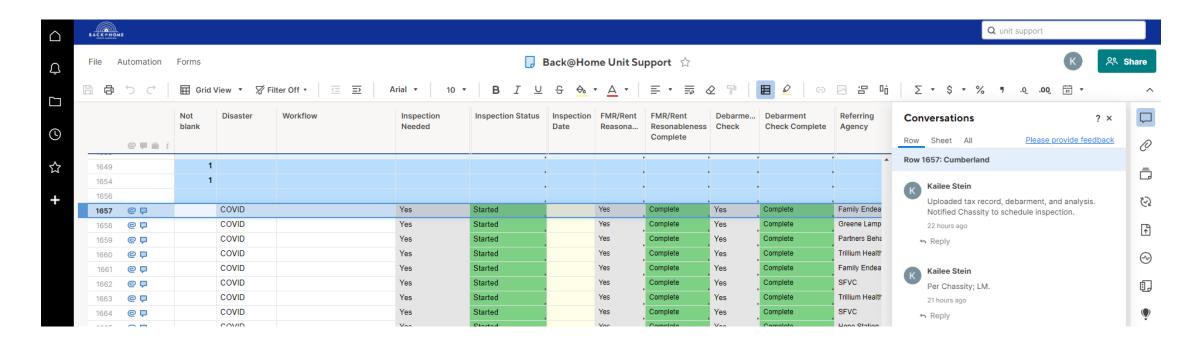


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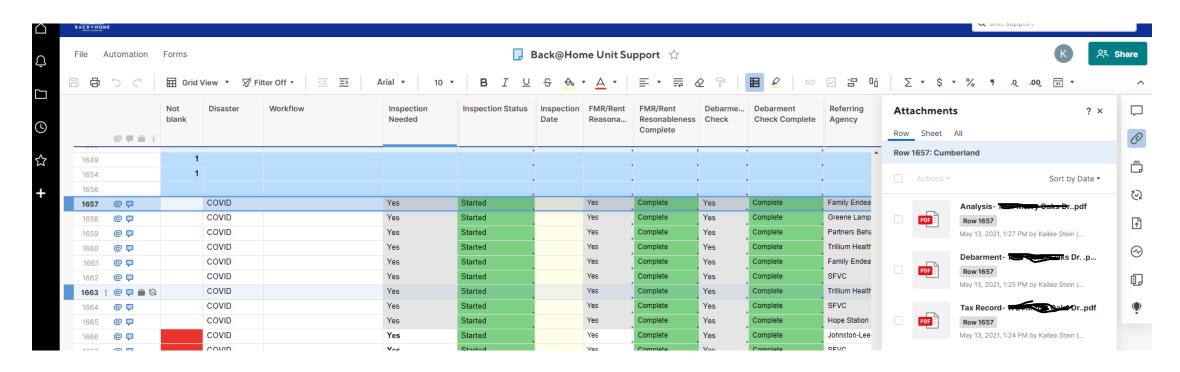


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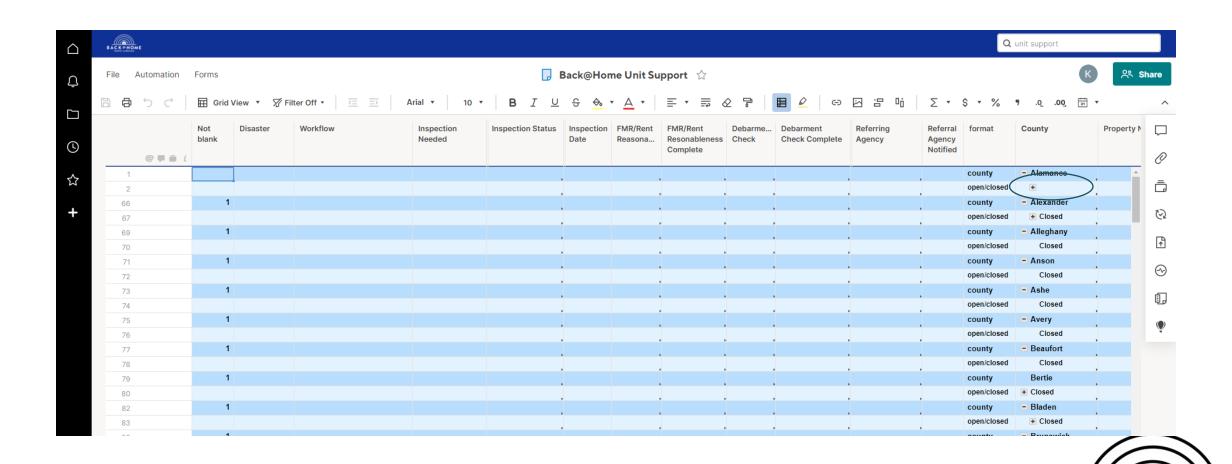


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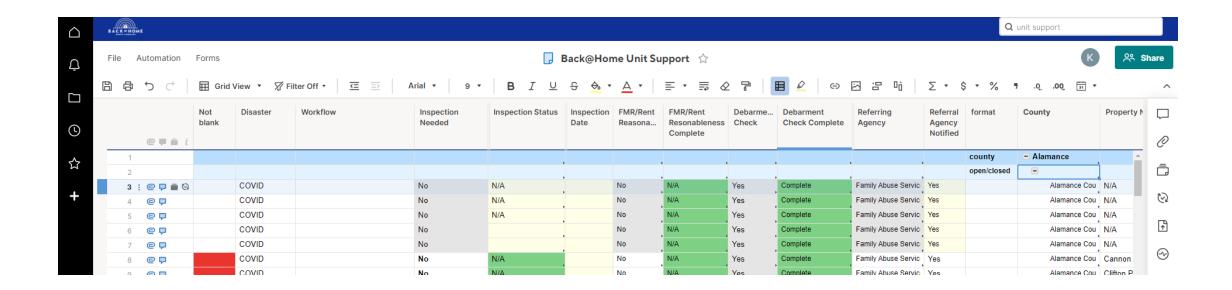




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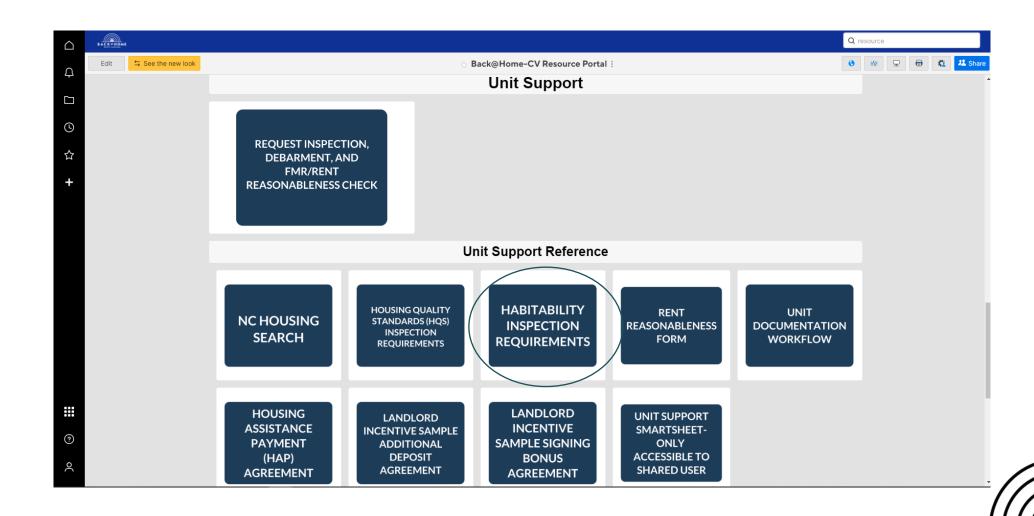


Once county is open, you can see archives





Habitability Inspection



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Description

The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program interim rule, at 24 CFR 576.403, establishes minimum standards for safety, sanitation, and privacy in emergency shelters funded with ESG, and minimum habitability standards for permanent housing funded under the Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention components of ESG. This document explains when the minimum standards apply. Note: This document does not describe how to conduct an inspection, nor does it address the lead-based paint requirements, which can be found at 24 CFR part 35.

Accompanying the habitability standards are checklists, which offer an optional format for documenting compliance with the appropriate standards.

Resource Links

ESG Minimum Habitability Standards for Emergency Shelters and Permanent Housing (PDF)
 ESG Minimum Habitability Standards for Emergency Shelters and Permanent Housing: Checklists (DOCX)



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