Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

 1. the CoC Application,
 2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
 3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

 As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

 1. The FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2023 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
 3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
 4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
 5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

 Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
 - 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
 - 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.
 Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions
 Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

 Attachments
 Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
 - Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
 - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: FL-517 - Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Heartland Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. formerly Highlands Cty Coalition for Homeless

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Heartland Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.		
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.		

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Nonexistent	No	No
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Nonexistent	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) New members may join the CoC at any time via standing/open process announced at the CoC meetings and explained in weekly email notices to 160 + interested parties. CoC website contains the membership information and form. The CoC website contains the membership information and form. CoC charges no membership fee. CoC continuously solicits members from across the region and from the broadest set of potential stakeholders. Members are also solicited at CoC-related activities, at trainings & at partner-hosted planning mtgs. CoC also virtual meetings to ensure safe participation during pandemic. Also host virtual workgroups for broader initiatives such as PIT Count planning & disaster preparedness also reach additional potential members.

2) CoC meetings are accessible via web conference, invitations are sent to all persons signed up for updates. CoC publishes membership materials in accessible electronic PDF format, holds all in-person mtgs in ADA compliant locations, invitations & flyers include invitations to request reasonable accommodations to facilitate participation in CoC-sponsored mtgs & activities.

3) CoC assertively uses culturally specific trainers to improve quality of training & encourage other culturally specific agencies to participate & join as members. CoC reaches out to minority-led agencies to notify of funding opportunities & to notify of funding opportunities & to encourage membership.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
	2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
	3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
	4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC solicits and incorporates opinions through an extensive range of ongoing activities, particularly committees & workgroups in which ALL stakeholders are invited –in addition through Youth Action Board and CoC Lived Experience Council. CoC representatives also seek out venues spanning multiple platforms, including local media, business association meetings, Faith Based organizations, etc., to promote dialogue and gather input to inform system planning. This tandem of in-reach and outreach maximizes engagement, which bolsters public awareness, collective impact and private sector partnership. Monthly general membership mtgs, fueled by active year-round committees, anchor this effort & provide for multi-sector participation (providers, advocates, public system partners, etc.) in the development & implementation of the regional CoC plan. CoC also works in alignment with related system-level entities, e.g.,local jurisdictions (delivering affordable hsg).

2) CoC uses all of the above general and topic specific gatherings to collect information related to CoC plans and initiatives from stakeholders. For example, meeting with apartment association leaders to gather input on strategies for attracting new landlords and units. During COVID19 pandemic, CoC transitioned to virtual meetings via Zoom, providing post-meeting information via website. The CoC also shares this same information – including notice of all CoC events - through email (160+list), social media, press releases & CoC/lead agency websites.

3) CoC's strategy to solicit/consider opinions on preventing and ending homelessness ensuring effective communication and access for person with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats ensuring Listening is a crucial part of being an effective communicator. Showing someone that you are fully paying attention to them is essential for furthering meaningful conversations. Good listeners are so rare these days and can become quite a novelty in anyone's life as they stand out in comparison to the one-track-minded talkers who dominate many of our conversations.

4) CoC continuously incorporates feedback from the above sources into its strategies for improving system access, responsiveness & performance. The CoC use the input from Youth and folks with lived experiences to improve PIT Count methods, hiring of CoC youth Homelessness Community Organizations, shelter inclusivity for LGBTQ individuals, hotel conversion project

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications–the process;
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC email to 160+stakeholders announcing competition to new and renewal applicants with a link to RFA and application. 9/10 posting on the website. Announced at Quarterly membership meetings. Posted RFA included timeline and announcing information session for any interested applicants held 9/7. Announced CoC will consider applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding in the past.

2) CoC notified that applications would be accepted via email, U.S. Postal Service, and paper applications accepted for persons who could not use the previous deliveries. Paper version and instructions made available on website as part of RFA. 160+ stakeholder CC sent to notify of active portal (9/12). Lead Agency consistently supported applicants through phone calls, written responses to emails and support with online support.

3) CoC funding priorities & application scoring methodology approved by CoC Board and posted on website (RFA)+ administrative data to be used in scoring in addition to submitted application responses. RFA described review/ranking/selection process and showed specific points on scorecard by application type. CoC published application materials in accessible electronic PDF format on website with links sent via email, held and recorded all meetings virtually, & offered reasonable accommodations to facilitate participation in process.

4) CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic forms. The way society refers to persons with disabilities shapes its beliefs and ideals about them. Using appropriate terms can foster positive attitudes about persons with disabilities. One of the major improvements in communicating with and about people with disabilities are using People First" language. People-first language emphasizes the person, not the disability. By placing the person first, the disability is no longer the primary, defining characteristic of an individual but one of several aspects of the whole person. For example, it is preferred to say, "people with disabilities" instead of "the disability". CoC used numerous communication aids and accommodations were available to enable successful communication. These may include the use of qualified interpreters (sign language, oral or tactile); materials in alternative formats such as large print, audio tapes, Braille and computer dist.; a reader;
and assistive listening devises.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

	In the chart below:	
1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Nonexistent
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

18.		Nonexistent

	1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds;
	2.	participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients;
	3.	provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area; and
	4.	provided information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions to address homelessness within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in the Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Consulted in planning and allocation: The CoC Lead Agency: a) oversees the allocation of & administers Balance of State ESG funding for Highlands, Hardee, Hendry, Glades, Desoto and Okeechobee Counties b) regularly consults with all ESG jurisdictions, resulting in development of ESG standards; c) participates in scoring of local applications and d) added extensive HMIS & Coordinated Entry System participation requirements to all ESG CoC contracts, including ESG-CV. All ESG jurisdictions & all ESG-funded sub-recipients across the CoC participate in the CES Registry Management prioritization and matching processes. The CoC also works extensively with ESG jurisdictions to regionally integrate and leverage ESG funding to implement a seamless system-wide Rapid Rehousing (RRH) strategy. ESG jurisdictional & grantee reps participate actively in CoC committees and workgroups, which furthers integration of ESG-funded initiatives into system development efforts facilitated by the CoC.

2) Evaluation and Reporting performance: CoC developed extensive reporting tools for use in evaluating ESG-funded project performance, including comprehensive system-level "dashboard" & project type-specific "report cards" grounded in key performance indicators. These tools promote a shared systemwide understanding of ESG-applicable standards for accountability purposes and equip grantees with data necessary for continuous improvement. HMIS produces CAPER reports for ESG grantees. Finally, Lead Agency also conducts ongoing monitoring of RRH projects using ESG and other CoC funds, providing feedback to ESG grantees as needed.

3) CoC provided PIT and HIC data to Conplan partners through direct email and presentation at CoC Board meetings.

4) CoC participates in ESG jurisdictions' Consolidated Plan and application review processes and provides information for homeless-related questions; provides HMIS/PIT data for planning preparation; 6 of 7 ConPlan partners serve on CoC Board.

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.c.	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity:	

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	Yes

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with:	

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

1C-4a.	Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

	Describe in the field below the formal partnerships your CoC has with at least one of the entities where you responded yes in question 1C-4.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC's primary youth education contacts are Homeless Education Liaisons (ELs). The CoC keeps ELs & other school officials informed about CE Community Access HUBs where families can be assessed for access to housing and services. School district reps actively participated in YDHP application process & continue involvement in CoC Youth Committee. ELs train CoC providers re: educational rights & resources under McK/ESSA at least annually. CoC members representing youth service agencies, corrections, local jurisdictions, 211/United Way, social services, mental health providers, shelter operators & family RRH program managers participate in LEA meetings/planning events. Liaisons participate regularly in CoC member meetings, advisory committees & family case conferencing.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

HCH has adopted policies & procedures intended to ensure all children & youth experiencing homelessness have the right to access a free, appropriate public education and receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to each student's need. All polices are written to ensure participants are helped to understand their rights under VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act,. HCH CoC requires or encourages key CoC participants to take active steps to affirm the educational rights of homeless children & youth, including but not limited to:

i) Clear identification of the staff member responsible for informing individuals & families of their eligibility for education services & for serving as the point person for each school district's McK-V Homeless Education Liaison including the contractual obligation for funded partners;

ii) Promotion of the educational rights of children and youth and their families as stated in the McKinney Vento legislation;

iii) Ensuring that ALL case managers take reasonable steps to affirm educational rights and access educational resources with program participants (as outlined in case mgmt. standards); and

iv) Requiring that the subrecipients train members on the educational service rights of homeless program participants at least annually.

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC has written formal agreements or partnerships with the listed providers of early childhood services:

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	Yes	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	Yes	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	No
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	Yes	No
6.	Head Start	Yes	No

7.	Healthy Start	Yes	No
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.		No	No

| | 1C-5. | Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers. |
| | | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. |

| | In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with: |

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

| | 1C-5a. | Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. | |
| | | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Violence Against Women Act housing protection prohibits covered housing programs from denying housing or evicting a victim (of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking) simply because they are victims; this will allow public housing agencies to prioritize victims for housing when their safety dictates, HCH will ensure this is adhered to by the law and update the CoC Comprehensive policies. HCH will increase services and support for survivors from underserved and marginalized communities, including for LGBTO + survivors of domestic violence, dating, violence, sexual assault, and stalking; funding survivor-centered, community-based restorative practice services; and increasing support for culturally specific services and services in rural communities.

2) Adopting a trauma-informed approach to domestic violence advocacy means attending to survivors' emotional as well as physical safety. HCH will ensure survivors increase their access to economic resources, physical safety, and legal protection, using a trauma-informed approach mean that we also assist survivors in strengthening their own psychological capacities to deal with multiple complex issues that they face in accessing safety, recovering from the traumatic effort of domestic violence and other lifetime abuse, and rebuilding their lives. HCH will also ensure that all survivors of DV have access to advocacy services in an even oriental that is inclusive, welcoming, destigmatizing, and non-retraumatizing manner.

| | 1C-5b. | Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. | |
| | | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |

		Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:
	1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
	2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

(limit 2,500 characters)

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1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:
1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault often need more than shelter to find safety from violence and abuse and to achieve house stability. HCH has developed innovative practices and has developed and incorporated them to broaden the array of housing options, including flexible funding and domestic violence house-first approach. At the same time, HCH has recognized that providing safe housing also requires addressing whether and how those options are made available to everyone who need them and a commitment to identify and remove existing barriers.

2) Through community-based technical assistance, CoC is collaboratively working to build capacity and develop strategies for ensuring that safe housing is available, and confidentiality protocols are in place and accessible to all survivors.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2) DV database meets HMIS technical standards & has APR export capacity. APR data is used in the local application competition. Data currently tracked includes basic Un-identifying client demographics: persons served with SSO & ES; age demo., household makeup, race & ethnicity, LOT. The CoC's HMIS team works DV providers to promote knowledge around System-Wide & Project performance goals & benchmarks to build data decision making competence & apply parallel SPM understanding within the DV context. The regional DV/HT projects start with the assumption that any data in their database could be subpoenaed in a child custody hearing. Thus, the DV/HT comparable database captures no details on many barriers/needs including substance use, mental. illness, criminal history, evictions & credit issues. Thus, the CoC uses aggregate information about people served by those providers, but supplements with additional data from HMIS & other public databases to determine special needs of the population, for comparison and trend analysis. CoC also receives aggregate data from DV client surveys and listening projects. The CoC utilizes data from Federal/State data sources & other agencies (ex. 211, US Census, Justice Dept. Entities & Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, DCF Human Trafficking Hotline) to extrapolate service needs (e.g. health care, child custody, mental health & substance abuse services, budgeting, job training, childcare, pet care, child welfare, parenting, transportation, credit counseling, building new natural supports network, etc). Unique needs of survivors are incorporated into training for DV and non-DV providers, case conferencing, housing plans.

1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Prioritize Safety: CoC protocols for addressing safety needs of those fleeing DV are grounded in victim-centered & trauma-informed approaches, prioritize safety, mitigate impact of violence, & maximize self-determination. The CE hsg. search process is guided by Housing Needs Form (NHF) used to match survivors w. units responsive to DV-related barriers and circumstances & client choice. HCH requires no PII. Service providers are required & trained to safeguard confidentiality of survivors w. ETPs. CE coordinated with DV agencies to protect victim PII w. de-identified information & emphasize safety while maximizing access to hsg. & services. DV agencies use comparable HMIS system, do not share client level data.

2) Use Emergency Transfer Plan: This is done through use of safety planning & emergency transfer plans (ETPs). As those fleeing DV present at Access Points, HUBs or through 211, staff assist in safety assessment & planning, DV specialists. If survivor's stay in ES/PH is no longer tenable, a safety plan is created & survivor is relocated to bridge housing & new PH. CoC hsg team (HLT) works w. landlords to secure lease bifurcations & voluntary terminations & assist participant & landlord in understanding rights under VAWA. ETP relocating survivors receive top priority for re-housing & waived waiting periods, relocation costs. CoC ensures other HUD-required protections & rights for survivors & Hsg. First principles of client choice are affirmed & balanced.

3) CoC uses rapid responses to individuals and family's emergency transfer request is evaluated quickly.

| | 1C-5f. | Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. | |
| | | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and
	2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(limit 2,500 characters)

HUD requires each CoC to establish a coordinated entry process so that assistance is allocated as effectively as possible and that it is easily accessible no matter where or how the participants are present. CoC ensures that all communities that the needs of survivors of domestic violence + are incorporated into the CoC's coordinated entry process. Engaging in the safety needs of persons fleeing domestic violence is addressed. Ensuring inclusive decision-making means including domestic violence providers and others in the CoC's planning body and decision-making structures. CoC ensures that all stakeholders review HUD guidance and make sure their nuisance abatement. ordinances, crime-free housing ordinances, and crime-free housing programs are fit and do not discriminate. The CoC proactively identifies systemic barriers with the HMIS that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of DV, dating Violence, sexual assault, or stalking by Constance monitoring and comparison of data.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and	
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2) CoC donates time and develops workshops and training for people with lived experience of homelessness. Seek community space for a safe place where people with lived experience of homelessness can assist to meet new people who are currently facing the same situation (reemployment) and be inspired by others success stories. CoC offers membership to folks with lived experience at every monthly meeting. Peers have lived experiences in surviving difficult situations and societal stigma, as well as navigating nuances within the social service sector. Both homeless and drug use can leave a person feeling isolated, making them vulnerable to health issues, and limiting their ability to join the mainstream job market. Peer work includes a spectrum of services, such as advocacy and program creation, coordination, implementation and management, as well as research and evaluation. Peer support has been a vital part of successful harm reduction strategies. It is lived experience which allows those seeking support to feel connected and understood. CoC counts for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

1C-6.		Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+–Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

	1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Assisting Providers–Evaluating Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;	
2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;	
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and	

4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)HCH anti-discrimination policy explains how we prevent discrimination and protect our employees and clients and stakeholders from offensive harmful behaviors. Our policy supports our overall commitment to creating a safe and happy workplace for everyone. HCH complies with all anti-discrimination laws, including [Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA)]. We at HCH explicitly prohibit offensive behavior (e.g. derogatory comments towards colleagues of a specific gender or ethnicity). HCH gathers information from all stakeholders at each quarterly meeting inquiring if there have been any issues concerning discrimination.

2)HCH assists providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy by ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination by adopting values of care and executing regulations and procedures of the practice. During staff recruitment and interviewing process that conforms with the Equality Act; staff advancement and training; mentoring; staff meeting; addressing discrimination; quality assurance of such as feedback.

3)HCH's anti-discrimination measures are a key part of poverty eradication policies, and without them, certain categories of people will remain in, or slide back into, poverty. This is HCH's starting point for this project. It seeks answers to the question: which measures have worked in reducing discrimination against excluded groups and the poorest people, including the poorest children, in low and-middle income areas? HCH has learned in order to answer this question, there has to be a methodology that includes a systematic review of the formation gathered.

4)Consequences and anti-retaliation – HCH clearly lists and defines the process for administering reprimands to staff/providers found guilty of violating antidiscrimination policies. Outline the order and types of warning given to violators with examples of action that led to each of the consequences.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Avon Park housing Authority	100%	Yes-Public Housing	Yes
Acradis Housing Aughority	100%	Yes-Public Housing	Yes

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC has a standard working relationship with the Avon Park Housing Authority in adopting a homeless admission guide. As units at the Avon Park Housing Authority become available, they are offered to a homeless family first. Avon Park Housing Authority has 16 units set aside for homeless individuals and families. As the CoC encounter a homeless individual and/or family the Avon Park Housing Authority is notified via the referral process after they have been processed through the HMIS system and coordinated entry.

2) CoC is working with the largest housing authority in the geographic area.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

	In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:	

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	No
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	No
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	No

1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	No
	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	

PHA

This list contains no items

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.

1. Foster Care	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

1D-2.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	2
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	2
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1D-2a.	Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC evaluates every project–where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application–to determine if they are using a Housing First approach;	
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and	
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Conduction of and evaluating involves allocating resources from the project budget for this task, hiring appropriate personnel, and budgeting staff time. If the evaluation s going to be conducted by an external evaluator, resources will re required for this individual or team. Additional, there is a fidelity component that will be conducted by the external team. The evaluating process involves three key purposes – a) to ensure fidelity to the program model(making sure the program is adhering to Housing First principles; b) to understand how well the implementation strategy is working, including any barriers to implementation (i.e. lack of resources or training opportunities); c) to determine outcomes resulting from the program.

2)Data management are other resources that are considered during the performance evaluation process. There is no "one size fits all" solution, but there are resources from which can be drawn from. For instance, the HMIS will allow to report on the outcomes indicators that need to be measured.

3)With use of capacity building ensures all stakeholders feel they are part of the process even after the competition project is over. This would involve planning and stakeholder engagement so that all stakeholders understand the purpose of

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged;	
2.	whether your CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area;	
3.	how often your CoC conducts street outreach; and	
4.	how your CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Street outreach is conducted on behalf of the community rather than one agency, requiring collaboration among multiple stakeholders. Knowledge of the engagement with all partners implementing street outreach efforts leads to more strategic use of resources and more comprehensive coverage and identification of all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. CoC's efforts include connecting to a coordinated entry process. People sleeping in unsheltered locations are assessed and prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person access through the coordinated entry process. All street outreach contacts, and housing placements are documented in HMIS as an active or by-name list. Outreach workers have access to data systems to be able to input data, look up previous contacts with people experiencing homelessness, and access information on available resources. Data-sharing agreements are in place. HCH's goal of street outreach is to make connections to stable housing with tailored services and support of their choice, such as health and behavioral health care, transportation, access to benefits, and more. Street outreach does not require individuals to enter an emergency shelters or transitional housing as n "interim step" or prerequisite to access stable housing.

2) HCH covers six (6) counties Highlands, Hardee, Hendry, Glades, Desoto, and Okeechobee to ensure all are covered during the outreach stage the partnership is formed with other government and/or nonprofit organizations that share the same ideal as HCH, that is providing service to ending homelessness.

3) HCH street outreach is conducted annually on the norm, however, the dedicated case managers conduct street outreach at any event where homeless clients gather i.e. food pantries, local areas where the homeless is normally known areas.

4) Street outreach providers have protocols in place to ensure the safety of all individuals seeking assistance. Street outreach efforts effects utilize harm reduction principles, including the non-judgmental, non-coercive provision of service and resources. Street outreach efforts accept that some individuals may not initially accept offers for assistance. While maintaining a focus on creating connection to permanent housing, outreach workers establish rapport and reduce harm by providing critical, life-saving resources such as food, water, clothing, blankets, and other necessities.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate strategies your CoC implemented to ensure homelessness is not criminalized and to reverse existing criminalization policies in your CoC's geographic area:

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	No

5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.l.	

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	14	

You must enter a value for both years in question 1D-5.

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m.	

Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC's geographic area:

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	No
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) These mainstream resources, like Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, and substance abuse programs provide income food are forms of assistance. Many are significantly larger in scale than targeted homelessness programs and offer forms of assistance that targeted programs cannot. Some can help finance essential housing and service interventions, like supportive housing and rapid re-housing, that serve as the backbone of efforts to prevent and end homelessness. It is critical for the CoC to build partnerships with the agencies that administer these types of programs. HCH conversation is to reinforce the importance of housing stability. The path is to continue to educate the public of all services available.

2) Medicaid is one of the most important means of providing health insurance coverage for low-income populations, including people experiencing homelessness. Through the Affordable Care Act, states can now extend Medicaid eligibility and coverage to low-income childless adults, including those experiencing homelessness. This includes youth transitioning from foster care and unaccompanied youth who are now eligible to receive Medicaid until the age of 26. In additional to covering required services like primary care, medical services, and behavioral health treatment under their Medicaid plans. HCH case management will work to ensure this process is completed.

3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are important benefits for many people with disabilities experiencing homelessness, providing income, access to health care coverage through Medicaid and Medicare, and help with workforce reconnection through work incentives and services. Crisis response systems should work with local SSA field offices to ensure that best practices are being used when processing claims of people experiencing homelessness so that they are able to quickly enroll in SSA programs that can provide income for housing.

1D-7.	Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Non-congregate sheltering (NCS)has become an integral part of this community's efforts to protect particularly vulnerable people experiencing homelessness, especially during the COVID-19 crisis. HCH has facilities with Alternative Care Sites that isolate and quarantine people who were COVID positive, have been exposed to a COVID-positive person, or have COVID-like systems and are waiting for test results. Hotels, motels, dormitories, and medical respite/recuperative care facilities have all functioned as sites for Non congregate shelters. Rehousing clients directly out of non-congregate shelters will reduce clients' exposure. With this process, HCH has rapidly engaged in comprehensive planning to newly created non- congregate facilities as the streamline rehousing strategies. This planning is focused on flexing Coordinated Entry, landlord engagement, and other processes in a highly coordinated way. It will also focus on synching NCS policies and procedures with broader strategies to cut through red tape, eliminate bottlenecks, increase available housing units, expedite paperwork, and thereby accelerate the time it takes to engage a household experiencing homelessness to help them find housing.

	ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies--Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:
	1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
	2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop policies comprise one of three core functions of governmental public health. Policy development activities conducted at federal, state, and local levels include the development plans, priorities, statutes ordinance source allocation discussions, and program requirements (including operational and fiscal accountability policies). As the policy is developed at one level of government with implications for other levels of government, it is important to avoid unintended policy conflicts while assuring that the policy will achieve its intended outcomes. Securing adequate resources for public health must be a joint responsibility between state and local health departments and balance the needs of state and local service providers. HCH and the local health department work together to design strategies and plans for the allocation of federal and state public health resources.

2) The real solution to preventing the spread of infectious diseases is to get people off the streets and into housing, where good health can be obtained and preserved. Another way includes efforts to increase toilets, hot water, and handwashing stations at the sites where homeless folks congregate (i.e. encampments) and to bring in hand-washing kits to be used. In the Planning stage, CoC created an infectious disease response plan, which defines the roles of partners and stakeholders in the plan and assess weak spots and vulnerabilities. Communication plans were developed to ensure all stakeholders receive timely appropriate information to prevent and respond to an outbreak. Then assist homeless service providers to assess gaps in their ability to respond and ensure they receive the resources and supplies needed. Training plays an essential role in the providers on roles and responsibilities to prevent and respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop policies comprise one of three core functions of governmental public health. Policy development activities conducted at federal, state, and local levels include the development plans, priorities, statutes ordinance source allocation discussions, and program requirements (including operational and fiscal accountability policies). As the policy is developed at one level of government with implications for other levels of government, it is important to avoid unintended policy conflicts while assuring that the policy will achieve its intended outcomes. Securing adequate resources for public health must be a joint responsibility between state and local health departments and balance the needs of state and local service providers. CoC and the local health department work together to design strategies and plans for the allocation of federal and state public health resources.

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1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC has established Coordinated Entry System (CES) access points throughout the CoC service areas, located in local organizations or sites where individuals and families regularly receive homeless housing information and service. In addition, households can access CES through telephone access. The 211 hotline system screens and directly connect callers to the appropriate homeless housing and service provider in all six (6) counties in the CoC.

2) CoC and sub-recipients use the same standardized assessment and process. CoC utilizes the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT Single and Family) as the common assessment tool. The VISPDAT aids is assessing the household's current situation, housing and service needs risk of harm, risk of future or continue homeless. The information collected via the assessment tool establishes the household's priority within the
CoC's prioritization structure, as well as identifies the person's needs and preferences.

3) The CoC's Coordinated Entry is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participate in coordinated entry.

	1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
	1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
	2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
	3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and
	4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a process by which the most vulnerable homeless residents are matched with available and appropriate housing resources. An effective coordinated process entry is a critical component to any community's efforts to the goals of housing first. CoC manages data in the system and corrects it as needed. CES integrates Housing First, Harm Reduction, and Trauma Informed Care approaches in its housing and supportive services. Policies and procedures support CoC in identifying people who are experiencing a housing crisis including homelessness, preventing homelessness whenever possible, appropriately assessing clients' needs, and providing connections to housing and services quickly. Specifically, CES Policies and Procedures provides policies that govern and provide continuity and consistency on CES practices and what key stakeholders/participants should expect from the process, and a framework for service providers. Ensuring that people who are least likely to apply for homeless
assistance in the absence of special outreach is served. The use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is used to track and report data on people experiencing homelessness and their participation in services. The use of organizations that distribute services i.e. food pantries to homeless folks.

2) CoC ensures the use of the Vi-SPDAT single/families is used to prioritize people most in need of assistance.

3) CoC is designed to connect vulnerable households to available resources through a streamlined system of access, assessment, data collection, prioritization, and referrals.

4) CoC requires all communities to utilize a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to track and report data on persons experiencing homelessness and their participation in services. HMIS is a local web-based information technology system that the Heartland Coalition for the Homeless (HCH) CoC uses to collect client-level data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families through the homeless response system. The CoC uses the software Serice Point is used to moving in the future. HCH serves as the CoC's HMIS Lead Agency. In this role, CoC sets policy, performs executive functions and provides strategic direction and oversight of to CoC HMIS and users. To ensure all procedures are used to reduce burdens on agency using CE.

	1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry–Reporting Violations.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:
	1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
	2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
	3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-3) CoC affirmatively market housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all participants by ensure all advertising, brochures, leaflets and other printed materials include Equal Housing Opportunity statement the rights; the Fair Housing & Equal Access Rule; and the reporting procedures of any violations.

1D-10.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	01/02/2023

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities–Identified Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has developed a board of decision-making representatives who help to better assist with expanding programs to better assist in outreaching the geographic populations within the six counties that has a higher concentration of underrepresented groups of homeless individuals and families of racial disparities. Our CoCs consistently make effortless communications within inter-agencies throughout our six counties to provide access for resources that can help assist through websites, agency contact information, and other materials to reach the underrepresented groups of homeless individuals and families of racial disparities. CoC also have picked from a reputable selection of reliable citizens from three (3) of the counties in the service area to manage the decision-making process of the CoCs application, which includes a review and ranking committee that rates the process. The CoC have implemented equitable resources that address the pandemic, which includes funding for CV1/CV2 grants.

2) The racial disparities our CoC has identified in the provisions or outcomes of homeless assistance are the consistent poverty within the CoC communities we serve. There are challenges in providing ample jobs of racial ethnicities, which causes a wealth gap between the various ethnicity groups we serve within CoC counties, such as African Americans, Hispanics, and Latin Americans versus our Caucasian population. There is also a challenge within cancelation among African Americans.

| 1D-10b. | Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.q. | |

| | Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to address any racial disparities. | |

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

| 1D-10c. | Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.q. | |

| | Describe in the field below the steps your CoC is taking to address the disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

Compare local demographic data on race and ethnicity from the census to data from HMIS to determine the scope of disparities within the community. It is important to compare HMIS data on race and ethnicity not just to the data for the general population, but also for people int the community living in poverty. This gave an important window of inequity. Analyze the system's inflow and outcomes. The ultimate goal of looking at our own data is to ensure that the homeless system itself is not perpetuating inequity.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC uses.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC has in place to track the progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance by reducing financial barriers to care, particularly for those with low incomes and other vulnerable populations. Most prominently, mental health and dental care for children and the elderly tracking progress. Enhancing the availability of services and professionals in remote areas by increasing the supply of beds and technologically advanced equipment to the area. Addressing the unique needs of minorities through the adoption of cultural responsiveness requirements for all providers, the establishment of a community translation call center, and targeted intervention for all in need. Identify health, social, and income inequities. The measures that we have in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provisions or outcomes of homeless assistance are providing housing and shelter programs such as emergency assistance funding, rapid rehousing funding, and transitional housing as well as permanent supportive housing to assist individuals and families with serious chronic issues of maintaining stable housing and a stable environment.

2) The CoC uses

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

	Describe in the field below your CoC's outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The outreach efforts we have in place to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision-making processes are our social media Facebook announcement web page we have setup as well as our CoC web page website. We also provide out-in-the-field community outreach services and have inter-agency communications between our board members for our decision-making committee which we meet on the 4th Thursday of every month to discuss evaluations of all programs and announcements we may have involving our six counties and homeless assistance that is provided for individuals and families that have chronic issues relating to homelessness in the service geographical areas.

Having a strong relationship with the community not only helps to improve public safety and recruits' individuals with lived experiences, it also makes participants feel welcomed to the program. Especially in diverse communities. In reaching individuals HCH conducts an assessment – time to learn about the community and look at the Census data to understand the demographics. Develop marking and educational materials in different languages to effectively reach out to different ethnic groups within the community. Partner with the local community group to assist with the translation of materials. Host an "Open House" event and provide snacks and items that are attractive to the homeless population (at no charge). Offer free cell phones to the homeless so that they can share their ideas and leadership in the decision-making process Partner with the local newspaper and/or media to get the service being done in the community will invite more members to join in.

1D-11a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	2
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	2
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	2
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	2	2

1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC donates time and develops workshops and training for people with lived experience of homelessness. Seek community space for a safe place where people with lived experience of homelessness can assist to meet new people who are currently facing the same situation (reemployment) and be inspired by others success stories. CoC offers membership to folks with lived experience at every monthly meeting. Peers have lived experiences in surviving difficult situations and societal stigma, as well as navigating nuances within the social service sector. Both homeless and drug use can leave a person feeling isolated, making them vulnerable to health issues, and limiting their ability to join the mainstream job market. Peer work includes a spectrum of services, such as advocacy and program creation, coordination, implementation and management, as well as research and evaluation. Peer support has been a vital part of successful harm reduction strategies. It is lived experience which allows those seeking support to feel connected and understood.

	1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
	2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and
	3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2) Things change when feedback is gathered from participants served with the ESG program on their experience receiving assistance. In the homeless services arena, feedback isn't always sought. When it is, it often is done by the staff. In an ideal homeless provider situation providing the participants with access to a small kiosk can use to provide instant honest feedback. The system aggregates the data to help its service provider participants make sense of it, helping to analyze it both quantitatively and qualitatively. however, that will be an added expense. HCH has policies in place that every sub-recipient/case manager does an exit interview with the participant and the participant has the opportunity to provide feedback. Also, the participant can provide feedback via our website on the service they received, or they can send an email to our info email address. The information received is reviewed by HCH staff to see where improvements can be made if needed.

3) Steps taken by the CoC to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness providing listing to the complaints, provide training to address the issue.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.t.	

	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2) A major challenge to achieving widespread housing affordability in the CoC's service areas is the persistent underproduction of new housing. Restrictive land use regulation – especially in high-productivity rural areas – limit housing supply and drive up the cost of housing to levels unaffordable to many. To attract further attention to the problem and to possible solutions, CoC along with a nonprofit organization in Hendry County hosted a virtual event, Providing Tiny Housing and Reducing Land Use and Zoning Restrictions if needed. The event featured city, county, and private officials, who shared their interest in the project. The Pilot Project was to create supportive housing in Hendry County. Also, CoC met with county officials in Highlands County to discuss the possibility of them identifying and donating vacant land for a homeless shelter and possibly funding through the SHIP funds, this occurred in December 2022.

1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/28/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/03/2023

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.	

	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes

	5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
	6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

	1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
	2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	4
	3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	HMIS

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
	2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
	3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
	4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) With the utilization of the CoC's HMIS locally administered electronic system that collects and stores client-level data for those receiving homeless assistance. Through a coordinated effort between CoC and homeless assistance stakeholders with HMIS expertise, CoC developed HMIS technical, privacy, and security standards to collect and analyze data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing.

2) Policies embedded in the application process include: a priority for PSH projects; a policy requiring that PSH units be filled using HUD's Orders of Priority (highest needs/longest homelessness histories); & other policies requiring funded agencies to adhere to Housing First, gender inclusion & non-discrimination and CoC wide case management standards.

3) Threshold requirements ensure all projects are in compliance with CoC Interim Rule; will accept 100% of referrals through CE prioritization based on vulnerability; agrees to practice and be monitored on fidelity to HCH principles; and will not separate or deny assistance due to family composition. Competition scoring is weighted towards projects that serve persons are unsheltered; projects that exit the fewest participants to homeless situations; conversely PSH projects that retain or exit to positive destinations are rewarded.

4) Due to all projects taking referrals from CE, there is little variance in the need profile when comparing like projects. However, some history and stable and successful projects with few exits may have had for ex. 50% negative exits, scoring low in the competition (exiting 2 participants, 1 of which returned to homelessness), with 2 exits out of 50 participants in a given year. The Review & Ranking (RRC) took such nuanced consideration into account and did not penalize a highly successful project due to an inadvertently crude nuance in the competition performance scoring. While not present in our current application, the CoC can conceive of a situation where a targeted project serving highly vulnerable persons might not perform at the same level as a project serving lower acuity participants. In such a case, the RRC would make necessary, transparent and open adjustments.

	1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
		NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
	2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
	3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) In the Review, section and ranking process for project applications incorporated input from person of different races in several phases of the process. Black persons are the second most over-represented race in our homeless population. LA staff research and develop initial ideas about rating factors to present to CoC members/Board. LA staff is 31% Black, 27% Hispanic, 12% with disability and 21% formerly homeless. Lived Experience Council (33% B,17% H, 17% M) Youth Action Board (63% B, 13% H, 13% A), and Technical Expertise discuss rating factors. Other committees are open to all members so exact racial breakdown is not captured, however in a recent CoC survey (41% persons with lived experience). CoC Board approves review, selection and ranking process and is 31% Black and has Hispanic representation.

2-3) 2 Cmtes determined scoring weight of specific factors and reviewed all scored measurements. Persons of color were involved in this review, selection and ranking process. 21% of the volunteer scorers were Black, and 8% were Asian. The Asian homeless population, while small in number, makes up the group with the largest overrepresentation in the homeless population. The Community Ranking Committee members were 40% Black and 20% Hispanic. The CoC Board approves the final recommendations and is 31% Black.

4) The scoring and ranking process considered how applicants promote race equity through several scored elements, including board representation; written policies and procedures; degree to which the project reviewed outcomes with a racial equity lens, and has identified barriers to participation by persons of different races and ethnicities; and what steps taken to eliminate the identified barriers; and policies & processes to address racial disparities.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC did not do any reallocation of projects. However, if we were to do so the
process for reallocation was included in the local application RFP.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	Yes

1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/05/2023

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/05/2023

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes

1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/26/2023

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
  - Frequently Asked Questions

| 2A-1. | HMIS Vendor. | |
| | Not Scored–For Information Only | |

| | Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using. | Wellsky |

| 2A-2. | HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. | |
| | Not Scored–For Information Only | |

| | Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area. | Single CoC |

| 2A-3. | HIC Data Submission in HDX. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.3.a. | |

| | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX. | 04/28/2023 |

| 2A-4. | Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.3.b. | |

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

3.	state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC vendor is WelSky, Service Point data based that gathers all HMIS standard data points and produces comparable HUD CoC APR and ESG CAPER reports. CoC lead agency provides technical assistance to DV providers as requested to ensure compliance of comparable database and reports with HUD requirements. Lead agency's HMIS Partner Support Specialists are available to DV providers for consultation to improve data quality, analyze system performance, and provide CoC with reports needed to understand the intersection of DV survivors and homelessness response system. CoC is aware that reporting gaps exist by design and are not related to software. State of Florida statutory requirements preclude DV providers from collecting some personal information, such as disability or income, so that the information is not available for a court subpoena should the survivor be taken to court by the abuser.

2) Yes, the CoC is in compliant with the FY2022 Data Standards.

3) Yes, the CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5.	Bed Coverage Rate–Using HIC, HMIS Data–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.	

Enter 2023 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	69	0	69	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	51	0	51	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	57	0	57	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	43	0	43	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Bed Coverage was all at 100%

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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   - Frequently Asked Questions

2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/31/2023

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process;	
2.	worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process; and	
3.	included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC's most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-3) Engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations stakeholders that serve homeless youth - CoC's process is to make real improvements in the key areas we realized that we needed key experts engaged in solutions and decisions that shape their lives. There is a number of groups that were used during the planning process. Key stakeholders are individuals with lived experiences. Worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select location where homelessness youth are most likely to be identified - CoC used homeless youth input on the count process and survey. They were recruited and trained. Shelter providers worked with CoC to select the location where homeless youth were most likely to be identified. They advised on the best way of conducting the count in emergency facilities and their input on survey and process overall.

| 2B-4. | PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c. | |

	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC did not make any changes to the sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality between 2022 and 2023.

2C. System Performance

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;
2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC uses HMIS & community data to analyze FTH, esp 211, the first call for most persons experiencing FTH. Analysis shows low-wage jobs dominating service-driven economy & acute affordable hsg shortage create FTH threat for whose w/limited support systems. HMIS display ES is most signi entry point for FTH. CoC is working w/ jurisdictional partners to determine how to utilize data from ERA program as a future predictor of FTH.

2) The CoC's HMIS are trained on a workflow to provide housing CoC has implemented robust diversion & housing mediation initiative that grew w/CARES and ARP resources, along with braiding of local resources. Persons experiencing a hsg crisis are encouraged to utilize 211 call center, visit a local service provider or CE access HCH location. 211 Intake specialist's triage persons between those at-risk of hmlsns vs. those who are literally hmls. Those at-risk are referred to County/State eviction prevention assistance (including CARES/ARP Emergency Rental Assistance). Those who are literally hmls are referred to hsg specialists trained to engage, HCH or via phone/virtual, in problem-solving conversations about their hsg crisis. All willing providers in mediation prior to assessment/referral to ES or Supportive Hsg Resources or the Homeless is the Lead Agency for the CoC and is responsible for overseeing and facilitating the development of a strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

	Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

	1.	natural disasters?	Yes
	2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC reduced the number of first-time homeless as reported in HDX between FY 2021 and FY 2022. This process was conducted with robust data collection, reaching out to the homeless and understanding their needs. With a use of the HMIS shared with nonprofit organization within the service area. A great focus on community-wide systems through coordinated intake; the use of Federal Housing Assistance funds; Institue a rapid re-housing by getting families involved in their future and by connecting people to service through case management.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless–CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Key elements of strategy to reduce LOTH include: i) introducing diversion and rapid exit strategy implemented system-wide that diverted 10% of those identified as homeless at community access points w/o financial assistance-- flexible financial assistance is provided when necessary to aid in rapid resolution of homelessness. CE implemented a phased assessment process & equips front-line staff, CES staff and Intake Specialists with mediation skills to facilitate rapid resolution of homelessness; ii) aggressive housing placement efforts with broad landlord (LL) engagement increasing flow in & out of the housing "pipeline." The CoC's will implement team of housing location specialists recruit private LL across the region, market aggressively to real estate professionals, and use master leasing to reduce access barriers for hardest-to- house clients; and iii) outreach to/extended engagement of those w. longest LOTHs.

2) CoC uses HMIS as primary tool to identify those with longest LOTH and invests significantly in Street Outreach (SO) to identify most vulnerable individuals with longest LOTHs, many of whom are in HMIS and un- sheltered & not accessing ES beds (the resulting impact of persons housed directly from the streets is not captured in this SPM). Prioritization process used by the CoC includes a combination of the current vulnerability index, COVID risk factors & LOTH (based on HMIS) rather than Length of Stay (LOS) in shelter. Strategies for housing these persons include identifying LL to accept high-barrier persons, case conferencing with specific persons with long LOTH, prioritizing LOTH even if persons are unsheltered and, thus their housing is not captured in this SPM. Leasing project targets persons with high barriers and longest LOTH.

3) Heartland Coalition for the Homeless is the Lead Agency for the CoC and is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC's Strategy		
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.		

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;
	2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
	3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2) ES/RRH Exits to PH: CoC increases exits to PH with housing- focused CM, recruit & support private landlords (LLs), increase client income, link clients to move on units, & monitor system/project performance. CoC expanded RRH with ESG CV funds. CoC uses data literacy with emergency shelter agencies to analyze the data, understand patterns of success & roadblocks to permanent housing exits. Influx of ESG enabled CoC to start singles RRH. State funds used to serve more emergency shelter singles in RRH. CoC hired Shared Housing Coord to

develop strategy to remove share housing barriers for ES/TH. CoC will also evaluate chronically homeless utilization of TH and institutional discharges impact on hsg permanency. CoC coordinates hsg focused CM system-wide, provides skill training (MI., TIC, etc.) Case conferencing extends hsg focused approach. CoC funds Coaching position supporting CM best practice service delivery. Housing Team (HT) recruits private sector (LL) & developed 500+ portfolio supporting choice & need-based hsg placement. To improve RRH success CoC researches service approach outcomes for RRH as part of Notre Dame Lab for Economic

Opportunity. HT supports LLs w. tenant/payment concerns, provides incentive & damage funds. Analysis of non-PH exits by race & geography informs system planning. Low performing agencies receive performance improvement plans & funding is re-allocated to agencies w. higher ETPH/Retention.

3) Heartland Coalition for the Homeless is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC identifies individuals by providing thorough & easy to follow workflows for agencies at the front door of the system effectively using shared data available in HMIS, CoC maintains a substantial investment in street outreach. CoC operated a hybrid approach to CE to ensure expansive coverage throughout the service area, with centralized access points with face-to-face interaction housing opportunities and/or providing access to appropriate services.

2) CoC strategy to reduce return to homelessness makes use of analytics, targeted interventions, structural linkages with broader system. CoC identifies factors correlated with return to homelessness (i.e. exits to family, case manager caseload, etc) through continuous examination of program data, system- & project-level performance measures at macro level; & case conferencing & feedback loops at provider/client level. RRH/PSH workgroups refined exit policies & procedures to address emerging return to homelessness issues. HCH staff identifies units to re-house clients who lose PH before they return to the system. Leveraging affordable PH units for move-on opportunities increases long-term sustainability. Responding to unauthorized capture of units by visitors of vulnerable clients, CoC developed protocols to regain unit possession & restore tenancy. Case planning emphasizes job supports & training, SOAR & mainstream services to increase income & benefits. Case mgmt includes hsg stability budgeting, adapts to changes in client circumstances, engages targeted homelessness prevention as needed, community integration & includes follow- up after rent subsidy ends.

3) Heartland Coalition for the Homeless is the Lead Agency that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of individual and persons in families return to homelessness.

| 2C-5. | Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.5.f. | |

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Strategy re: increase employment income, i) reduce barriers to & integration with mainstream/community resources; maximize partnerships with training programs connected to higher paying jobs; increase emphasis by & improve effectiveness of CoC agencies re: jobs/income; iv) emphasize employment at all client case conferencing; establish partnerships to add youth-specific job training svcs; connect RRH/PSH participants to newly launched First Step supportive employment program.

2) CoC works with employment agencies: Linking case mgmt. with mainstream employment programs; strengthening partnerships w. emerging supportive employment prog. utilizing social entrepreneurship & micro-enterprises to provide individualized employment opportunities for persons w. Employment barriers (ex. disabilities, criminal history, low educational attainment, substance use disorder, lack of childcare); ii) CoC is cultivating linkage between CES & Goodwill Job Connections Centers; RRH & PSH workflow & Cm scope of work include direct referrals to CareerSource Heartland & Goodwill staffing agency; CoC's newest initiative involves entrepreneurship mentoring in partnership with CoC Youth Action Board.

3) Heartland Coalition for the Homeless is the Lead Agency for the CoC and is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
	2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CoC has MOU with Heartland Workforce CareerSource, Goodwill of Sebring who serve as liaisons to mainstream employers & develop specific training programs to meet needs of those businesses. Lead agency's supportive housing team periodically invites representatives to present opportunities available to CMs, with training on how to enroll participants. CoC also uses email and monthly member meetings to promote access to these employment services. CM work with program participants to participate in virtual opportunities that replaced many standard job fairs, etc., during pandemic. The above mentioned organizations also serve on a number of CoC committees and working groups to inform strategies and analyze outcomes.

2) CoC works with educational institutions--specifically South Florida State College provides tuition free accelerated skills training programs in Advanced Manufacturing, Constructions and Maintenance, Health Care, Information Technology and Transportation Logistics. These are intensive hands-on learning programs based on employer specific needs in Central Florida. Job placements services are included as part of the program. Individuals are provided access to a circle of mentors and advocates that support families exiting homelessness. Other nonprofits including Hands for Homeless and Cutting Edge Ministries that provide supportive employment opportunities/job training.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.a.	
	You must upload the Housing Leveraging Commitment attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

	Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC will not do any rehabilitation/New construction in this NOFO.

3C. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

| | Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes? | No |

3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants for New DV Bonus Funding

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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
This list contains no items		

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

	We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported–please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
	. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.
8.	Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Atty 1D-11a Signe...	09/25/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Project Evaluatio...	09/22/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Atty 1E-1 Web Pos...	09/23/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Atty 1E-2 Local C...	09/23/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Atty 1E-2a Scored...	09/23/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Atty 1E-5 Notific...	09/23/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Atty 1E-5a Notifi...	09/23/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Atty 1E.5b Local ...	09/23/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Atty. 1E-5d Notif...	09/25/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2023 HDX Competit...	09/16/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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for All Projects

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                        Application Posted on Website

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Submission Summary

Ensure that the Project Priority List is complete prior to submitting.

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4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

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Atty 1D-11a Signed Letter by Working Group

FL-517 Lived Experience Working Group

This letter is notification that the Working Group of Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness in the FL-517 CoC comprised of homeless and/or near homeless persons with other representatives.

The purpose of individuals serving on this board is to ensure that the concerns stated below are addressed:

- Homeless individuals are treated with respect.
- Ensure they are directed to services needed.
- That someone be there for them when needed.
- Ask what they need.

The above only states a few of the subjects addressed at our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Members:

Leola English _Leola English_

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Gloria Stevens _Gloria Stevens_

Attachment 4-B

Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information

Provider's Legal Name	**[Test Provider]**
Acronym (If Applicable)	
Year Incorporated	
EIN	
Street Address	
Zip Code	

Project Information

Project Name	
Project Budget	
Grant Number	
Name of Project Director	
Project Director Email Address	
Project Director Phone Number	
Which best describes the project *	**Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing**

If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing

Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	**People in Recovery**

*Please note that when you select a project type, particular standards may not be relevant.

Management Information

Name of CEO	
CEO Email Address	
CEO Phone Number	
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	
Staff Email Address	
Staff Phone Number	

Assessment Information

Name of Assessor	
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	
Assessor Email Address	
Assessor Phone Number	
Date of Assessment	**Nov 02 2016**

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". M signifies full compliance for the standard.

No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum in requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, fina completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimi of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless requir funding source.
		Optional notes here
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1.
		Optional notes here
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any pr HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal acces these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules h https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/
		Optional notes here

Name	Participant Input Definition / Evidence
Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible

Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and pref Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure acces households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifyi housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.

Optional notes here

| Access 6 | The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry |

Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined c system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' exi processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violenc does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex off other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.

Optional notes here

| Access 7 | Exits to homelessness are avoided |

Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the cor existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that thos families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from se housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate vic harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.

Optional notes here

Name	Participant Input Definition / Evidence
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing

Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service mode the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full right responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.

Optional notes here

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For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". M signifies full compliance for the standard.

	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable up except with prior notice by either party.
	Optional notes here	
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferenc of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, parti be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of ro available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates v room or unit.
		Optional notes here
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the pr building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on lengt lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental mar
	Optional notes here	
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights an

Leases 5

Measures are used to prevent eviction

Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided fo Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of phys committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if tl evicted.

Optional notes here

Leases 6

Providing stable housing is a priority

Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit.

Optional notes here

Leases 7

Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)

While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with management, including representative payee arrangements.

Optional notes here

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Standard	Services Definition / Evidence
Services 1 Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and inclu areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabil maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services. *Optional notes here*
Services 2 Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process *Optional notes here*
Services 3 Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the re ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resi or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. *Optional notes here*
Services are continued despite	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or be

Standard		Housing Definition / Evidence

Services 5 — Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery

Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate ne[...] develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time.

Optional notes here

Services 6 — Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed

Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-sp[...] Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects th[...] with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and sch[...] have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their c[...] themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom wi[...]

Optional notes here

Services 7 — Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)

Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. S[...] informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a pa[...] participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.

Optional notes here

Standard		Housing Definition / Evidence

Housing 1 — Housing is not dependent on [participating in services]

Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan.

Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, a Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from dr (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer c may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/rec policy-brief/
		Optional notes here
Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the pr hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.
		Optional notes here
Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with in from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before experiences homelessness.
		Optional notes here

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Standard	Project -Specific Standards
Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant cl
	Optional notes here
Project 2	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid re-housing is to end homelessness and m to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.
	Optional notes here
Project 3	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailore based on those assessments.
	Optional notes here
	Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of transitional housing are to provide tempora accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the services nee
	Transitional housing is focused on

Project 5

TH projects provide appropriate services

TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participants health and safety needs (e.g., person: recovery; domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations) when there are no pe solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional ho are not required in order to participate in housing.

Optional notes here

No additional standards

Optional notes here

No additional standards

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Population 2	Services include relapse support	Housing and services include relapse support that does not automatically evict or discharge a participar project for temporary relapse. Relapse support might include referrals to outpatient treatment or dire outpatient services or the ability to hold a unit for a certain period of time (30-90 days) while the partic residential treatment.
		Optional notes here
Population 3	Services support sustained recovery	Recovery housing projects provide services that align with participants' choice and prioritization of rec but not limited to abstinence from substances (if that is a personal goal), long-term permanent housing stable income through employment or benefits. Support is offered through connections to community-options.
		Optional notes here
Population 4	Population	No additional standards
		Optional notes here

Attachment 1E-1

Web Posting/Local Newspaper of Local Competition Deadline

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FL-517 Continuum of Care Lead Agency

Highlands, Hardee, Hendry, Glades, Desoto, and Okeechobee Counties

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Project Application Submission to HCH

FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO Requirements. CoCs and applicants should read this NOFO in its entirety in conjunction with the Rule to ensure a comprehensive understanding of and compliance with all CoC Program requirements. This NOFO frequently references citations from the Rule. Please refer to the below webpage for complete information.

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is not intended to cover all items as specified in HUD's NOFO, but rather to establish the local process based on HUD's NOFO requirements. Therefore, all applicants must read the NOFO to fully understand all of the element's overall application process, as well as those specific to this application.

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In accordance with Title 24 part 4, subpart B of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), during the selection process (which includes HUD's NOFO development and publication and concludes with the award of assistance), HUD is prohibited from disclosing covered selection information. Examples of impermissible disclosures include: 1) information regarding any applicant's relative standing; 2) the amount of assistance requested by any applicant; and 3) any information contained in the application. Prior to the application deadline, HUD may not disclose the identity of any applicant or the number of applicants that have applied for assistance.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Funding of approximately $3,134,000,000 is available through this FY 2023 HUD CoC Program NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award under this NOFO. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the funding restrictions contained in this NOFO. Funding includes approximately $147,000,000, available for the competitive renewal and replacement of expiring Round 1 YHDP Grants and the non-competitive renewal and replacement of expiring grants YHDP grants initially funded in FY 2017 (Round 2) or later, and at least $52,000,000 available for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects, described in sections I.B.3.1 and I.B.2.b.(8) of this NOFO. HUD may add to the total amount with available funds that have been carried over or recaptured from previous fiscal years. All

requirements in the FY 2023 application process, including requirements for the entire CoC Consolidated Application and the total amount of funds available, are included in this NOFO.

HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all new reallocation, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC renewal, Round 1 YHDP Renewal and Round 1 YHDP replacement projects in two tiers.

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Tier 1: Tier 1 is equal to 93% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ADR) is described in Section 1.B.2.b.(1) of the NOFO minus the Annual Renewal Amounts (ARAs) of YHDP renewal and YHDP replacement projects. **(NOTE: YHDP REFERENCES/AMOUNTS DO NOT APPLY TO OUR COC AS WE HAVE NOT BEEN AWARDED YHDP FUNDING).**

Tier 2: is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for but does not include YHDP renewal or YDHP replacement projects, CoC planning projects, and if applicable, UFA Costs projects or projects selected with DV Bonus funds.

A. Amendment to criteria for qualifying as "homeless." For purposes of the CoC Program and other HUD programs authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, section 605 of VAWA 2022 amended section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require HUD to consider as homeless:

any individual or family who—

(1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized.

(2) has no other safe residence; and

(3) lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

This statutory change took effect on October 1, 2022. Rulemaking will be needed to require Continuums of Care (CoCs) and CoC Program recipients and subrecipients to make corresponding changes to the applicable written standards, coordinated entry policies, and documentation policies used to qualify individual and families as homeless under the CoC Program. That said, because HUD must recognize as "homeless" families and individuals who meet the new statutory criteria in section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as of October 1, 2022, CoC recipients may implement the new definition prior to HUD rulemaking, provided that CoCs update

the relevant written standards and policies as needed to reflect the new statutory criteria. **This qualification of HUD's understanding and use of the "homeless" definition applies for purposes of all references to the "homeless" definition in this NOFO, including all references to specific paragraphs of the "homeless" definition in 24 CFR 578.3.**

B. HUD's Strategic Planning Goals and Homeless Policy Priorities

a. HUD Strategic Goals

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Strategic Plan sets the direction and focus of our programs and staff to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality, affordable homes for all. This NOFO supports HUD's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026 to accomplish HUD's mission and vision. Each of the five goals in the Strategic Plan include what HUD hopes to accomplish, the strategies to accomplish those objectives, and the indicators of success.

HUD will pursue two overarching priorities focused on increasing equity and improving customer experience across all HUD programs. Five strategic goals and several objectivesundergird the Plan; however, the follow goals are applicable to this NOFO:

C. Applicable Goals and Objectives from HUD's Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities. Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.

Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing. Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.

Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership. Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities.

Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities. Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

You are expected to align your application to the applicable strategic goals and objectives below.Use the information in this section to describe in your application the specific goals, objectives, and measures that your project is expected to help accomplish. If your project is selected for funding, you are also expected to establish a plan to track progress related to those goals, objectives, and measures. HUD will monitor compliance with the goals, objectives, and measures in your project.

D. HUD Homeless Policy Priorities

This section provides additional context regarding the selection criteria found in section V.B. of this NOFO and is included here to help applicants better understand how the selection criteria supports the goal of ending homelessness.

1   Ending homelessness for all people. In 2022, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) presented *All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* to the President and Congress. The plan is built around six pillars: three foundations—equity, data and evidence, and collaboration—and three solutions—housing and supports, crisis response, and prevention. The work funded through this NOFO will support the actions and strategies proposed within the pillars. To end homelessness, CoCs should identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness. CoCs should measure their performance based on local data that considered the challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area (e.g., veterans, youth, families, those experiencing chronic homelessness, and people with disabilities, including those living with HIV/AIDS). CoCs should partner with housing, health care, and supportive services providers to expand housing options, such as permanent supportive housing, housing subsidies, and rapid rehousing. Additionally, CoCs should use local data to determine the characteristics of individuals and families with the highest needs and longest experiences of homelessness to develop housing and supportive services tailored to their needs.

2   Use a Housing First approach. Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions. CoC Program funded projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing, and CoCs should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness. Additionally, CoCs should engage landlords and property owners to identify housing units available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods. HUD encourages CoCs to assess how well Housing First approaches are being implemented in their communities.

3   Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness. In recent years, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness has risen significantly, including a rising number of encampments in many communities across the country. People living unsheltered have extremely high rates of physical and mental illness and substance use disorders. CoCs should explore all available resources, including CoC and ESG funded assistance, housing subsidies, and supportive services to provide permanent housing options for people who are unsheltered. CoCs should work with law enforcement and their state and local governments to eliminate policies and practices that criminalize homelessness.

4   Racial Equity. In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of

color are substantially over-represented in the homeless population. HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address racial equity within CoCs. Responses to preventing and ending homelessness should address racial inequities to ensure successful outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness using proven approaches, such as: developing a coordinated community response created in partnership with a racially diverse set of stakeholders and people experiencing homelessness and partnering with organizations with experience serving underserved populations. CoCs should review local policies, procedures,and processes with attention to identifying barriers that result in racial disparities and taking steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity and to address disparities.

5 *Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals.* Discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation manifests differently for different individuals and often overlaps with other forms of prohibited discrimination. CoCs should address the needs of LGBTQ+, transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals and families in their planning processes. Additionally, when considering which projects to select in their local competition to be included in their application to HUD, CoCs should ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects. CoCs should also consider partnering with organizations with expertise in serving LGBTQ+populations.

6 *Persons with Lived Experience.* The people who know best what solutions will effectively end homelessness are those who are experiencing homelessness. HUD expects CoCs to include people with lived homeless expertise and experience in their local planning and decision-making process. People with lived experience should determine how local policies may need to be revised and updated to improve the effectiveness of homelessness assistance programs, including participating in planning and oversight activities, and developing local competition processes. CoC leaders and stakeholders should prioritize hiring people who have experienced homelessness in areas where their expertise is needed.

E. Definitions

A Curable Deficiency is missing or incomplete application information that may be corrected by the applicant with timely action. To be curable, the deficiency must:

- not be a threshold requirement, except for documentation of applicant eligibility;
- not influence how an applicant is ranked or scored versus other applicants; and
- be remedied within the time frame specified in the notice of deficiency.

A Non-Curable Deficiency is missing or incomplete application information that cannot be corrected by an applicant after the submission deadline. A non-curable deficiency is a deficiency that is a threshold requirement, or a deficiency that, if corrected, would change an applicant's score or rank versus other applicants. If an application includes a non-curable deficiency, the application may receive an ineligible determination, or the non-

curable deficiency may otherwise adversely affect the application's score and final funding determination.

Racial Equity is the elimination of racial disparities, and is achieved when race can no longer predict opportunities, distribution of resources, or outcomes – particularly for Black and Brownpersons, which includes Black, Latino, Indigenous, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other persons of color.

Threshold Requirements are eligibility and quality requirements that must be met for an application to be reviewed, rated, and ranked. Threshold requirements are not curable, except for documentation of applicant eligibility and are listed in Section III.C., Threshold Eligibility Requirements. Similarly, there are eligibility requirements under Section III.C., Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility.

Underserved Communities has the meaning given to that term in Section 2(b) of Executive Order 13985 and refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects ofeconomic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the definition of "equity" above.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) means the identifier assigned by SAM to uniquely identify business entities. As of April 4, 2022, the Federal government has transitioned from the use of the DUNS Number to the use of UEI, as the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards government-wide.

Beds Dedicated to Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families. A permanent supportive housing bed that is dedicated specifically for use by individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness [see 24 CFR 578.3 definition of Chronically Homeless] within a CoC's geographic area, as reported in the CoC's HIC and the FY 2023 PH project applications. When a program participant exits the project, the bed must be filled by another participant who is experiencing chronic homelessness unless there are no persons experiencing chronic homelessness within the CoC's geographic area. This concept only applies to PSH projects.

CoC Bonus Project. The CoC Bonus allows CoCs to use up to 7 percent of their Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) to create one or more new project applications. New projects created through the CoC Bonus must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in sections III.C.5.b. and c. of this NOFO. To be eligible to receive a CoC Bonus project, the Collaborative Applicant must demonstrate its CoC ranks projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in section V.B.2.b of this NOFO.

Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus). A new project that is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or

section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. As described in paragraph (13) below, survivors of human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act because they are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; however, a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking. New DV Bonus projects are subject to the limitation on new projects in section I.B.3.a.(1) of this NOFO, and a CoC may apply for up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) to create a new DV Bonus project(s); however, this amount is limited to a:

(a) a minimum of $50,000 if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is less than $50,000; or

(b) maximum of $5 million if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is more than $5 million. See sections I.B.3.l and I.B.2.b.(8) of this NOFO for project application requirements and how DV Bonus projects will be reviewed and selected.

For DV Bonus applications that propose expansion, if the DV Bonus application does not meet the above requirements for an expansion project, or the renewal portion is not selected, HUD will consider the DV Bonus application as a standalone DV Bonus application and usethe DV Bonus selection process described in I.B.2.b.(8) above.

Housing First. A model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stability in permanent housing in which admission does not have preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) and in which housing assistance is not conditioned upon participation in services. Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects are considered to be using a Housing First model for the purposes of this NOFO if they operate with low barriers; work to quickly move people into permanent housing; do not require participation in supportive services for continued tenancy, occupancy, or participation in the project; and, for Transitional Housing projects, do not require preconditions for moving into the transitional housing (e.g., sobriety or minimum income threshold) but do provide or assist with access to such supportive services. Additional information regarding Housing First is in section I.A.4.b.(2) of this NOFO.

Racial Disparities. Racial disparities are differences in the homeless population based on race or ethnicity, which includes individuals who are Black, Latino, Indigenous, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other persons of color relative to the general population or differences in the provision or outcomes of homelessness assistance based on race or ethnicity.

F. CoC Program Components. 24 CFR 578.37 states CoC funds may be used to create and operate projects under five program components: PH (including PSH and RRH); TH;

SSO; HMIS; and in some cases, homelessness prevention. Only designated HPCs may carry out homelessness prevention activities through the CoC Program. Although CoCs were able to apply for HPC designation during the FY 2023 CoC Program Registration process, HUD did not receive any requests for HPC designation; therefore, no CoCs may request funds for homelessness prevention. The only components that will be funded in the FY 2023 CoC ProgramCompetition are:

    A. PH (PSH and RRH);
    B. TH;
    C. SSO; and
    D. HMIS.

G.Review of CoC Rankings. CoCs must rank all renewal project applications; new project applications created through reallocation, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and Round 1 YHDP Renewal and Round 1 YHDP Replacement (grants originally funded in the FY 2016 YHDP Competition) project applications submitted by project applicants in e-snaps. CoCs must not rank the followingproject applications: YHDP Renewal or replacement projects originally awarded through the FY 2017 YHDP Competition (Round 2) or later, CoC Planning, and UFA Costs (if applicable) projects.

H.Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus).
TheConsolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 provides not less than $52 million for "new rapid re- housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines to be critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking." See section I.B.2.b.(8) of this NOFO for additional information.

I.Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) component projects:

      1. Scores up to ___ Points.

      2. Collaboration with Victim Service Providers

      3. Need for the Project.

      4. Quality of the Applicant Experiences.

      5. Demonstration of inclusion of victim-centered practices.

      6. Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise.

J.PH-RRH and Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects must follow a housing-first approach.

K.SSO-CE to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different.

L.Participant Eligibility. Projects funded through this NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for program participants. All references to paragraphs of the definition of homeless that are found throughout this NOFO refer to the paragraphs listed under the definition of "homeless" in 24 CFR 578.3 and include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, even if section 103(b) is not explicitly referenced. All specific references to the definition of "homeless" under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 that are found throughout this NOFO also include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, even if section 103(b) is not explicitly referenced. All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process. As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO. Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under or families headed by youth aged 24 and under who are living in unsafe situations. HUD interprets "youth-serving provider" as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under. HUD interprets "living in unsafe situations" as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under this NOFO or the Rule.

M.New Projects. See section III.B.3.e for more information on New Project applications (New PH-PSH projects, New PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, and SSP-CE, New DV Bonus projects.)

N.ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.

a. **HUD does not award grants to individuals.**

b. **Faith-based organizations.**

c. **Non-profit applicants with a 501©3 identifier ONLY.**

O.Rules and Regulations Applicable to HUD NOFOs

Applicants must comply with these rules to apply.

1. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Grants Programs

The following requirements affect applicant eligibility. Detailed information on each requirement is found in the "Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Competitive Programs" document on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

- Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Requirements
- Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
- Debarments or Suspensions, or both
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirement
- Pre-selection Review of Performance
- Sufficiency of Financial Management System
- False Statements
- Failure to conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct
- Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities

In addition, each applicant under this NOFO must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the Award Term in Appendix A of 24 CFR part 170 if the applicant receives an award, unless an exception applies as provided in 2 CFR170.110.

P. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application submission deadline. Project applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application submission deadline, will be deemed ineligible. Their applications will receive no further review, will not be rated and ranked, and will not receive funding.

Q.Match. 24 CFR 578.73 provided the information regarding match requirements.

R.Indirect Cost. Indirect cost rules under 2 CFR part 200 apply.

Estimated funding available for the Heartland Coalition for the Homeless CoC in HUD's FY 2023 CoC Program Competition as stated below:

Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ADR)	$273,450
Estimated HMIS Operation	$3,627
Estimated PSH Renewal	$145,358
Estimated HMIS Dedication	$34,085
Estimated Bonus RRH-RRH	$90,380
Estimated DV Bonus (New)	$110,967
Estimated CoC Bonus (New)	$77,677
Estimated CoC Planning (CoC Only)	$55,483

Updates will be provided as published.

Tiers	
Total Tier 1 = 93% of ARD	$254,308
Total Tier 2 = 7% of ARD	$19,142

(Note: The amount of DV Bonus funding available is not included in HUD's Tier amounts, the projects(s) are still expected to be ranked and can fall into either Tier 1 or 2. Please refer to the NOFO for additional information.

All numbers above will be/are as published by HUD in their "FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Estimated ARD Report" https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/ which "provides the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), Estimated ARD, Tier 1, CoC Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus, and CoC Planning amounts for each CoC listed.

Critical Dates and Deadlines:

FL-517 Heartland Coalition for the Homeless FY2023 Regular NOFO Local Program Competition	Day	Date	Time
HUD Released FY2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO	Wednesday	7/5/2023	N/A
HUD Opens e-snap Access	N/A	TBD	N/A
HCH released FL-517 Request for Proposal	Thursday	8/3/2023	N/A
TA Workshop via Conference Call for all CoC projects Applicant (renewal and new projects)	Friday	8/4/2023	10:00am
Deadline for all Project Applications to be submitted to the CoC (No later than 30 days before the HUD application deadline 9/28/2023)	Monday	8/28/2023	4:00pm EST
CoC Ranking and Review Committee Completes Renewal Project Application Scoring	Wednesday	8/30/2023	11:00am
Labor Day Holiday	Monday	9/4/2023	Closed
HCH Applications Review Board Completes CoC Priority Listing based on Application Scoring (Virtual)	Wednesday	9/6/2023	2:00 p.m.
CoC Project Priority Listing Presented to HCH Board of Directors (via email)	Monday	9/11/2023	4:00pm
CoC Notification to Project Applicants -Written Notification to all Project Applicants whether their project application(s) will be accepted and ranked,			

rejected, or reduced on the CoC Priority (no later than 15 days before the application deadline)	**Wednesday**	9/13/2023	**5:00pm**
Post Completed Application to HCH Website (at least 2 days prior to submission)	**Tuesday**	9/26/2023	**8:00pm**
HUD 2023 CoC Submission Deadline	**Thursday**	9/28/2023	**8:00pm**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

The below technical assistance is available to assist in completing/submitting New and Renewal Project application for the FY 2023 HUD CoC Program Competition:

1) **TA Workshop for all HUD-CoC Program Project Applicants (new and renewal)** will be held via Conference Call on **Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

   Join Conference Call Meeting:

   Dial: 1-605-313-4136

   Access Code: 727-754#
   *Please note that there will be no direct grantee submitted in e-snap by participants. **ALL SUBMISSION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CoC.***

2) **HUD FY 2023 NOFO RESOURCES**
   The HUD FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition: Funding Availability webpage includes the following NOFO resources:

   - FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO

   - FY 2023 CoC Program Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

   - CoC Program Collaborative Applicant Registration Notice

   - CoC Program Unified Funding Agency (UFA) Registration Notice

   - CoC Program High Performing Community (HPC) Registration Notice

   - FY 2023 Continuums of Care Names and Numbers

   - FY 2023 Geographic Codes

   - FY 2023 Geo Codes and Preliminary Pro Rata Need Amounts

   - FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Estimated ARD Report

All Documents listed above are available on HUD's e-snaps: CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System – FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition:

Funding Availability page which can be found at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/

3) **New and Renewal Project Applicants should read the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO in its entirety to gain a comprehensive understanding of all requirements and components. It is also necessary to read the CoC Program Interim Rule to ensure compliance with CoC Program requirements.**

The overall CoC score, which is a primary factor in both HUD's process of scoring Tier 2 and new CoC Bonus and DV Bonus projects, is based on a complex scoring formula. How the overall CoC Application score is determined is detailed in HUD's NOFO.

4) **HUD's Homeless Policy and Program Priorities: Hud's FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice, Section 1.4a outlines HUD's Homeless Policy and Program Priorities, including the following listings.**

This NOFO supports HUD's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026 to accomplish HUD's mission and vision. Each of the five goals in the Strategic Plan includes what HUD hopes to accomplish, the strategies to accomplish those objectives, and the indicators of success.

HUD will pursue two overarching priorities focused on increasing equity and improving customer experience across all HUD programs. Five strategic goals and several objectives undergird the Plan; however, the following goals are applicable to this NOFO:

5) **Applicant's Goals and Objectives from HUD's Strategic Plan:**

1. Support Underserved Arears

2. Ensure Access to and Increase Production of Affordable Housing

3. Promote Homeownership

4. Advance Sustainable Communities

You (CoC) are expected to align your application to the applicable strategic goals and objectives below. Use the information in this section to describe in your application the specific goals, objectives, and measures that your project is expected to help accomplish. If your project is selected for funding, you are also expected to establish a plan to track progress related to those goals, objectives, and measures. HUD will monitor compliance with the goals, objectives, and measures in your project.

6) **Section 1.4.b HUD Homeless Policy Priorities:**

1. Ending homelessness for all persons

2. Use a Housing First Approach

3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness

4. Improving System Performance

5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies

6. Racial Equity

7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals

8. Persons with Lived Experience

9. Increasing Affordable Housing supply

7) **Per Section 1.B.2.c(1): FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO Requirements –** CoCs should consider the policy priorities established in this NOFO in conjunction with local priorities to determine the ranking of new and renewal project applications request. Refer to section 1.A.4 of the NOFO for more information.

8) **Heartland Coalition for the Homeless CoC's Priorities** – As the Collaborative Applicant and the CoCs Lead Agency, the Heartland Coalition for the Homeless, is committed to making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. This will require that HCH continually assess the community needs, available resources, and balance competing priorities of the overall system to strategically align resources to the priorities as needed.

The CoC has adopted a series of evidence-based practices collectively known as Housing First. Business, government, healthcare, human services, and philanthropic leaders have coalesced around making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee Counties. To truly address homelessness, the community must simultaneously address the top causes of homelessness:

- Mental illness

- Low wages

- Substance abuse

- Poverty

- Unemployment

- Lack of affordable housing

The order of priorities established by the CoC is as follows:

- Critical System (HMIS, Coordinated Entry)
- CE – Dedicated Access
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid RE-Housing
- Emergency Shelter
- Street Outreach
- Homelessness Prevention (targeted)

In order to accomplish this, Heartland Coalition for the Homeless must identify and select projects, based on a project's:

- impact on improving system performance and performance measurements,
- performance data of existing projects, project type, cost effectiveness, past monitoring/audits, and
- the community needs and vulnerabilities

Recognizing HUD's obvious emphasis on Survivors of Domestic Violence (DV), Heartland Coalition for the Homeless will also take into account the level in which a project considers the needs and vulnerabilities of those with a history of victimization such as domestic violence, sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness and how they are prioritized for housing and services.

9) REALLOCATION

FY 2023 CoC Program Reallocation Policy is: *Reallocation of HUD CoC funding provides CoC's with the opportunity to 1) reallocate excess funding and 2) to move funding from low performing projects to new projects with the intent that the new project(s) will be higher performing. Reallocation can be done either through voluntary reallocation or through forced reallocation based on a CoC's published reallocation process for low performing projects. HUD examines and considers a CoC's ratio of reallocation when scoring a CoC's Application, as it demonstrates to HUD that CoC's are consistently evaluating the effectiveness of the funding awarded to a CoC's projects and working to ensure that all HUD CoC funded projects are being used to effectively end homelessness.*

All eligible CoC renewal projects indicated their intent to renew all eligible funding amounts. Therefore, no funding is available through reallocation.

10) Eligible Projects for the HCH CoC – New and Renewal

NEW PROJECT(S) – The organization of this RFP for NRW PROJECT(s) is as follows:

1. **Complete New HUD e-snaps Application – DO NOT SUBMIT**
   https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2022-New-Application-Detailed- Instructions.pdf

2. **Housing First/Low Barrier Questionnaire** (all project types) – Included in this RFP, Completed and Signed
   NOTE: The Housing First/Low Barrier Questionnaire is to be answered based on the project in the proposal.

3. **Budget Summary Form.**

4. **Detailed Budget/Financial Plan Narrative - not to exceed 2 pages. (Approximately 1,000 words single spaced) -** The applicant should:
   a. Explain in detail how the amount of funding being requested and/or listed as match in each section of the Budget Summary Form was calculated. Examples:
      i. if the project is requesting case management staff, then the narrative should state: 2 FTE Salary at $30,000/year; 2 FTE benefits/fringe at 10% of salary.
      ii. Transportation – 50, 31-day bus passes at $36 /pass
         - If additional "Other" items are needed to show all the project's costs, please add lines to the Budget Summary Form as needed within a section.
         - If funding is being requested for acquisitions or rehabilitation, be sure to explain the overall project's budget and financing plan.
         - Explain the agency's process to ensure adequate cash flow to operate when receiving funding that is based on a cost reimbursement process.

5. **Explain how your New Project will apply Housing First model.**

6. **You must describe your organization's capacity and experience, in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application.**

7. **Describe how your project will integrate into the neighborhood.**

8. **Describe how program participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing.**

9. **Describe the specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstreams health, social services, and employment programs for which program participants**

may be eligible.

10. What type of funding is the project applying for in this RFP Competition?

New Project (Section III B.3.e &f..): The FY 2023 NOFO allows CoC's to apply for new funding and/or projects through reallocation, CoC Bonus and Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. Additionally, HUD's NOFO allows for new projects to be completely new projects, or an expansion of a project currently funded through the CoC Program or expansion of a project not currently receiving CoC Program Funds. New projects can include an expansion of an existing CoC or non-CoC Program funded project. The initial grant for new project applications may be 1-year, 2-years, 3-years, 4-years, 5-years, or 15-years. HUD may extend the grant consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CRF 200.309.

New Projects for **DV Bonus**. New projects that want to be considered for the DV Bonus, may be:

     a) PH-RRH projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);
     (b) Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects defined in section I.B.2.b.(18) of this NOFO dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3); or
     (c) SSO-CE project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

For new projects created through DV Bonus, HUD must determine the CoC has demonstrated that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance. Heartland Coalition for the Homeless CoC RFP is the primary solicitation process for determining eligible projects for the HUD's CoC Program Competition. As part of the annual RFP process HCH requests and solicitors project proposals for which:

- Funding is anticipated to be secured by HCH, including the CoC Program funds anticipated to be available for new and renewal projects through HUD's NOFO process.
- Future funding availability is unknow to HCH; however, the project(s) must meet a gap to improve the overall system performance of the CoC. These proposals are referred to as pipeline projects.

The RFP is utilized to increase system coordination and effectiveness in order to strategically align community resources on an annual basis.

All proposals submitted during the RFP process are scored and selected according to the written standards. Based on this process, projects are selected for conditional award by Heartland Coalition for the Homeless (HCH) Board of Directors. From the conditional awards, some

projects are selected to be awarded funding that is already available. Other projects (or components) for which funding is not available become pipeline projects to be considered when, and if, other appropriate and applicable funding becomes available. For example: a proposed project may include the components of street outreach, emergency shelter and rapid rehousing. However, funding may only be available for the rapid rehousing component, and they may be awarded funding for only the rapid rehousing component.

When a funding source or opportunity becomes available for a new project for which HCH did not receive a proposal for during the most recent Universal RFP cycle, a project will be selected based on a project's:

- Impact on improving system performance and performance measurements of the CoC
- Performance data of existing projects, project type, cost effectiveness, past monitoring/audits, and
- The community needs and vulnerabilities.

Utilizing the process and philosophy stated above, HCH is open to the submission of new project applications to apply for the available CoC Bonus and DV Bonus funding in our CoC's FY 2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition application;

- **CoC Bonus**
- **DV Bonus**

All new projects will be submitted with HCH as the grantee and the submitting agency as the sub-recipient. The sub-recipient will be responsible for ensuring 100 percent of the required match for the project's full grant award is met. The allowable admin funding will be split 50/50 between HCH and the sub-recipient agency.

Renewal Projects – HCH's RFP process also included the opportunity for current CoC Program funded projects, HCH's CoC Program Funded sub-recipients, to indicate their intention to renew by submitting a Letter of Intent to Renew. All projects currently receiving CoC's funds as the sub-recipient must submit a Letter of Intent to Renew during the process.

Consolidation Projects – No Renewal Projects are seeking consolidation under this NOFO.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICANTS
All project applicants, including sub recipients, must ensure their agency meets applicant and program eligibility and threshold requirements as described in HUD's NOFO, Section V.

ELIGIBLE COSTS
All projects must adhere to the eligible costs established under the CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63) to identify the costs eligible for funding. Projects requesting funding for

ineligible costs or to serve an ineligible population based on project type will be rejected by HUD.

Match. 24 CRF 578.73 – provides information regarding match requirements. All eligible funding cost except leasing must be matched with *no less than 25 percent cash and/or in-kind resources* as described in 24 CFR 578.73. Leasing projects must be matched at 25 percent of the amount of funding minus leasing costs. The CoC Interim Rule clarifies that the match must be provided for the entire grant amount funded, inclusive of administration costs. Applicants must demonstrate how they will meet this match requirement as part of the Project Application.

> *HUD strongly encourages project applicants to review the FAQs posted at www.hudexchange.info/coc/faqs by searching for the keyword "match."*

****IMPORTANT****

Per HUD's Application instructions, if your project application includes third-party in-kind match commitment on the "Sources of Match" screen (in e-snaps) you have a separate "7A Attachments" screen that should be used to attach the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between your organization and the organization providing the in-kind match. Documentation is required prior to issuance of the grant agreement if your renewal project is selected for conditional award.

The following match information will be required to be entered into the project application.

- Type of Commitment: Required. Select Cash or In-kind (non-cash) to indicate the type of contribution that describes this match commitment. If applications include third-party In-Kind match, project applicants should attach MOU(s) documentation that confirms the in-kind match commitment.

- Type of source: Required. Select "Private" or "Government" to indicate the source of the contribution. Funds from HUD-VASH (VA Supportive Housing program) and other federal programs are eligible sources of match so long as they do not prohibit their funds to be used as match for another federal program and are considered Government sources.

- Name the Source of the Commitment: Required. Enter the name of the organization providing the contribution. Be specific and include the office or grant program as applicable.

- Date of written commitment: Required. Enter the date of the written contribution.

- Value of written commitment: Required. Enter the total dollar value of the contribution.

The match information should be based on the current commitments at the time of project application, covering the requested grant operating period (i.e., grant term), and **NOT based on projections**. HUD expects the amount(s) listed on this screen to be accurate, with a commitment letter(s) in place that includes at least the same amount(s) as those listed in this screen.

CONTINUUM OF CARE PROJECT SCORING AND RANKING

HUD requires and evaluates a CoC's ability to have a "coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for the solicitation, objective review, ranking, and selection of project applications, and a process by which renewal projects are reviewed for performance and compliance with 24 CFR part 578" (Section VII.B.2) and made publicly available as part of this CoC's NOFO Local Process instruction packet.

With this in mind, in considering the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of the community and the availability of resources, the Heartland Coalition for the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) considered projects for inclusion into the CoC's Consolidated Application based on organizations submittal of an Letter of Intent to Renew (Renewals), a new applicable project during the 2023 Universal RFP, having had an approved pipeline project from previous RFPs, and/or would have a significant impact on the overall development and improvement of the CoC's performance as a coordinated system.

Project Level Objective Scoring Criteria and Past Performance

Renewal Projects
Renewals will continue to be scored and ranked according to performance data, utilizing a standard year based on HUD's most recent System Performance Measurements data range, which for FY 2023 is **October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, and utilizing the CoC APR for most scoring elements.** This is to align project level data to its impact on System Performance Measurements.

The renewal scoring includes factors included on the Renewal Project Performance Scorecard and are related, but not limited, to:

- Length of Time Homeless (project entry to housing move in)
- Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations
- Increase in Earned and Total Income
- Residence Prior to Entry: Participants entering from the street, emergency shelter or safe haven
- Percent that Exit to another Homeless Situation
- Unit Utilization Rate
- HMIS Data Completeness
- Racial Equity
- Coordinated Entry Participation by grantee/sub-recipient of the project.

The Renewal Project Performance Scorecard has a total point available of 144.5 as indicated in the table below. Eighty-nine percent (89%) is based on objective criteria and forty-four percent (44%) directly relates to system-wide performance measurement outcomes.

Renewals

A.	System-wide and Project Level Performance	Maximum Points = 80
B.	Coordinated Entry Participation	Maximum Points = 3
C.	Racial Equity, Inclusion of Persons with Lived Experience, and Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals	Maximum Points = 12
D.	Project Populations	Maximum Points = 10
E.	Data Quality	Maximum Points = 12.5
F.	Overall, Grant Management	Maximum Points = 14
G.	CoC Participation	Maximum Points = 4
H.	Inclusion of Persons with Lived Experience	Maximum Points = 9
	Total Points Available	**144.5**

New Projects – CoC Bonus and DV Bonus

New projects selected for inclusion in the FY 2023 HUD CoC Program Application through the CoC's 2023 RFP process will be reviewed and scored with a New Project Scoring Criteria that includes proposed project level performance outcomes, including those listed below, and past performance of the same or similar projects. The FY2023 RFP specifically includes a FY2023 HUD CoC Program Bonus and DV Bonus project(s) in the list of expected funding opportunities for which the proposals received would be considered for selection.

Our 2023 RFP project proposal scoring criteria includes:
- Coordinated Entry Participation
- Equity and Inclusion
- Project Population
- Organizational Capacity
- CoC Participation
- HMIS Participation

Conflict of Interest

A conscious effort is made to avoid conflict, or the perception thereof, when assigning applications for review. No member of the CoC Project Review Committee shall score their own agency's project applications; however, they may score other project applications if no other conflict has been identified. All reviewers are asked to identify any conflict that may exist with any application they are assigned to review. HCH, along with the members of the CoC Ranking and Review Committee, understands and fully acknowledges that there is an inherent conflict of interest in having persons scoring other proposals that are competing for funding. However, we also understand and acknowledge that there is a need for scorers/reviewers to be highly

knowledgeable about the overall CoC needs, best and next practices, regulations, etc., to be able to fully understand if a project application is a good model/proposal that meets a community need. HCH staff conduct a review of all scoring/reviewer data to monitor for signs of a scorer/reviewer that may be scoring in a manner that directly influences the outcome of the final results.

Proposal Format – All Applicants Submitted Proposals

o   One (1) original proposal package submitted as a PDF. The submitted document should be a single PDF file that contains all required information. The PDF proposal package must include all required signed signature pages and attachments. All of the above must be received by the specified date and time indicated as the proposal submission due date in this RFP document to be considered for funding award.

o   Each Project Proposal package PDF should be assembled in the order listed in Section IV (Eligibility Criteria to Apply and Proposal Requirements) of this RFP using paper size of 8.5" x 11". For any pages in landscape format, the orientation should be the top of the page on the secured side of the package. The package should clearly distinguish each section and/or include a table of contents. All required narratives should be typed, (see fatal flaw section), single spaced and does not exceed the stated maximum length.

o   The RFP Application must be signed by an agency official designated to execute contracts. All Contact Information on the Application should be completed and legible.

o   If the Proposal is handwritten, it will be rejected.
o   A cover letter is requested and required.
o   Do not include these instructions with your submission.
o   Requested narratives should be concise yet detailed. Don't include information or attachments not related to the specific Project Proposal or that are not specifically requested in this RFP. Do not reference websites/webpages for reviewers to access additional information in support of your narrative.

o   If your organization is submitting more than one Project Proposal, you must indicate at the top of the RFP Application and/or cover page, the priority number of the Project. For example: If your agency submits a RRH project and a PSH project, and the RRH project is your agency's "first priority", the RFP Application Form for the RRH Project Proposal should state "first priority" and the RFP Application Form for the PSH project should state "second priority".

FATAL FLAWS – ALL APPLICATIONS/SUBMITTED PROPOSALS

Proposals that commit the following will be considered as having a fatal flaw, and

will not be given consideration for funding:

- o Proposals received after stated due date.
- o Proposals received from agency not eligible to apply.
- o Non-profit agency is not a 501c3, has not been in operation for at least 2 years, and/or is not in good standing with the State of Florida, and/or is listed on the Excluded Parties List.
- o Developer/Investor – not a legally formed entity at time of application based on Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations and/or listed on the Excluded Parties List.
- o The RFP Application is not signed by an agency official designated to execute contracts.
- o Proposals that are completely and/or mostly handwritten. *Proposals that include minimum hand-written items, such as when completing the Housing First/Low Barrier Questionnaire, will be accepted.*
- o Proposals that are submitted in a manner that does not follow the order outlined in this RFP, as listed in the Eligibility Criteria to Apply and Proposals Requirements of this RFP for applicable project submission.
- o Proposals that do not include all required documents as stated in the Eligibility Criteria to Apply and Proposals Requirements of this RFP for applicable project submission.
- o Proposals that exceed stated page number maximums in any section as indicated in this RFP.
- o Failure to complete the Housing First/Low Barrier Questionnaire (non-profit agency) or Low Barrier Housing Access Questionnaire (Developer/Investor) including signature.

HUD's Project Review and Selection Process

All applicants are expected to read the NOFO to understand how HUD will review and select projects.

HELPFUL TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN COMPLETING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION.
Numbers entered must be consistent throughout the application (e.g. units, persons served, performance measures universe, HMIS and budgets.)

Each project application must ensure that:

a. Proposed participants will be eligible for the project component type;

b. Proposed activities are eligible under the CoC Program Interim Rule;

c. Project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all the criteria for that question included in the detailed instructions;

d. Data provided in various parts of the project application are consistent; and

e. All required attachments correspond to the attachments list in the e-snaps, that they contain accurate and complete information, and that they contain a current date between August 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023.

QUESTIONS FROM PROJECT APPLICANTS

Questions may be submitted to the appropriate HCH staff up until the grant deadline and will be answered in the order received; however, applicants cannot depend on being able to get a question answered immediately and failure to get an answer to a question is not an acceptable reason for missing the grant deadline. Questions and their responses will be shared among all renewal applicants via email at least weekly.

Questions related to the HMIS data and reports specific to the New and Renewal Project Performance Score Card should be directed to your HCH staff. If necessary, your staff will consult with our HMIS staff. Please note that HCH staff cannot directly update or correct any data; or provide specific client record instructions for data corrections that would/could impact the data being used in the FY 2023 HUD CoC Program Competition Renewal Project Performance Scoring.

NOTICE OF INCLUSION/EXCLUSION

HCH will formally notify all projects, in writing (via email), by **5:00pm on Wednesday, September 13, 2023** of the project's inclusion in or exclusion from the FY2023 CoC Consolidated Application.

CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION POSTING

HCH will post to the HCH website (www.heartlandcoalitionforthehomeless.org) the FY2023 HUD-CoC Consolidated Application to include the CoC Application, Project Priority Listings, and all project applications on **Tuesday, September 26, 2023 by 8:00pm.**

Heartland Coalition for the Homeless

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Phone: 863-453-8901

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http://www.heartlandcoalitionforthehomeless.org

Atty 1E-2 Local Competition Scoring Tool

Local Competition Scoring Tool

CoC did not receive any project to score attached is the Scoring Tool that would have been used.

Sincerely,

Brenda Gray

Brenda Gray, Executive Director

Heartland Coalition for the Homeless
2023 NOFO
Project Scoring Tool

TO BE COMPLETED BY HCH STAFF
The proposal was submitted by the deadline:
The applicant is a local nonprofit or government organization with 501c3 status:
Application is signed by an agency official designed to execute contracts:
Agency has SAM Registration:
Eligible to Apply:
Reviewed By HCH Staff/Date of Threshold Reviewed:

Project Scoring
Please enter your score for each scoring criteria based on the project proposal. *While most scoring factors are related to specific questions, the reviewer may consider all elements of the proposal to determine the score for each item.* *Please use only whole and half points.*

Priority # 1 Housing First (Required for all Housing Projects (Required for all Projects): Ensure the project adheres to low barrier and housing first practices, that center on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible and provide services as needed. Engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of housing available **Max 25 points.**	
Priority # 2 Timeliness: The organization has a clear schedule for project implementation, spending, and reporting, and will be able to carry out activities within the funding period. **Max 5 points.**	
Priority # 3 Organization's Capacity and Experience: The organization has experience addressing the needs of and providing	

services to low-income households who are homeless, formerly homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. **Max 5 points.**	
Priority # 4 Budget, Match, and Leverage: The project has a reasonable budget, all anticipated costs are eligible under one of the available funding sources, and adequate match has been committed. The project also leverages funds to expand available housing and services. **Max 5 points.**	
Priority # 5 Proposal Presentation: The proposal is organized, and adheres to the RFP instructions. The Narrative is clear and concise, and the proposal presents new and original information to be considered for funding. **Max 20 points.**	
Priority # 6 Project Outcomes (Performance Measures): Ensure that the project has an estimated outcome that is within the COC and HUD standards and supports the goal of making homeless in the CoC rare, brief, and on-time. Addressing – the length of time a family/person remains homeless; returns to homelessness; extent to which the person retains or exits to permanent housing; increase non-cash and employment income. **Max 10 points.**	
Priority # 7 Engagement of Persons with lived Experience & Equity: Does the organization actively engage persons with lived experiences. Active engagement could include demonstration through membership on the organization's board, having persons with lived experience in paid staff positions, or through a regular, documented process for consulting persons with lived experience in program design. **Max 20 points.**	
Priority # 8 Healthcare Coordination: Does the project coordinate with physical and behavioral healthcare organizations, housing coordinators, and landlords to provide integrated services to program participants? Is there documentation provided i.e., commitment letters? **Max 10 points.**	
<center>**TOTAL POINTS**</center>	
Total Available Points = 100	

Threshold Requirements

1. Applicant has Active SAM registration with current information?
2. Applicant has a valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) Number?
3. CoC Program Eligibility – Project subrecipients meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the act and rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g. nonprofit documentation).
4. Financial and management Capacity – Project subrecipients demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as described in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.
5. Certification – Project applicant submit the required certification specified in the NOFO.
6. Population Served – The population to be served meets program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and the NOFO.
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12. False Statements – A false statement in an application is grounds for denial or termination of an award and may result in criminal, civil, and/or administrative suctions, including fines, penalties and imprisonment t. Recipient or applicant confirms all statement are truthful.
13. Mandatory Disclosure Requirements – Recipients or applicants disclose in writing to the awarding program office at HUD, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award within ten days after learning of the violation. Receipts that have received a Federal award including term and condition outlined in Appendix XII to 2 CFR par 200- Award Term and Condition for Recipient integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in S200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, include suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321, and S.C. 2313).
14. Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities- Applicants are subject to the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, 31 U.S.C. 1352 (the Byrd Amendment), and 24 CFR part 87, which prohibit recipient of federal awards from using appropriate funds for lobbying the execute or legislative branches of the Federal government in connection with a Federal award. All applicant submit with their application the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying included in the Application download from Grants.gov. In addition, applicants disclose, using Standard Form LLL (SFLLL), "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities", any funds, other than federal appropriated funds, that will ne r have been used to influence federal employees, members of Congress, or congressional staff regarding specific awards.
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Atty 1E-2a Scored Forms for One Project

CoC did not receive any project to be scored attached is the Scoring Tool that would have been used.

Sincerely,

Brenda Gray, Executive Director

Heartland Coalition for the Homeless
2023 NOFO
Project Scoring Tool

TO BE COMPLETED BY HCH STAFF	
The proposal was submitted by the deadline:	
The applicant is a local nonprofit or government organization with 501c3 status:	
Application is signed by an agency official designed to execute contracts:	
Agency has SAM Registration:	
Eligible to Apply:	
Reviewed By HCH Staff/Date of Threshold Reviewed:	

Project Scoring

Please enter your score for each scoring criteria based on the project proposal.
While most scoring factors are related to specific questions, the reviewer may consider all elements of the proposal to determine the score for each item.
Please use only whole and half points.

Priority # 1 Housing First (Required for all Housing Projects (Required for all Projects): Ensure the project adheres to low barrier and housing first practices, that center on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible and provide services as needed. Engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of housing available **Max 25 points.**	
Priority # 2 Timeliness: The organization has a clear schedule for project implementation, spending, and reporting, and will be able to carry out activities within the funding period. **Max 5 points.**	
Priority # 3 Organization's Capacity and Experience: The organization has experience addressing the needs of and providing	

services to low-income households who are homeless, formerly homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. **Max 5 points.**	
Priority # 4 Budget, Match, and Leverage: The project has a reasonable budget, all anticipated costs are eligible under one of the available funding sources, and adequate match has been committed. The project also leverages funds to expand available housing and services. **Max 5 points.**	
Priority # 5 Proposal Presentation: The proposal is organized, and adheres to the RFP instructions. The Narrative is clear and concise, and the proposal presents new and original information to be considered for funding. **Max 20 points.**	
Priority # 6 Project Outcomes (Performance Measures): Ensure that the project has an estimated outcome that is within the COC and HUD standards and supports the goal of making homeless in the CoC rare, brief, and on-time. Addressing – the length of time a family/person remains homeless; returns to homelessness; extent to which the person retains or exits to permanent housing; increase non-cash and employment income. **Max 10 points.**	
Priority # 7 Engagement of Persons with lived Experience & Equity: Does the organization actively engage persons with lived experiences. Active engagement could include demonstration through membership on the organization's board, having persons with lived experience in paid staff positions, or through a regular, documented process for consulting persons with lived experience in program design. **Max 20 points.**	
Priority # 8 Healthcare Coordination: Does the project coordinate with physical and behavioral healthcare organizations, housing coordinators, and landlords to provide integrated services to program participants? Is there documentation provided i.e., commitment letters? **Max 10 points.**	
TOTAL POINTS	
Total Available Points = 100	

Threshold Requirements

1. Applicant has Active SAM registration with current information?
2. Applicant has a valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) Number?
3. CoC Program Eligibility – Project subrecipients meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the act and rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g. nonprofit documentation).
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Atty 1E-5 Notification of Projects Rejected-reduced
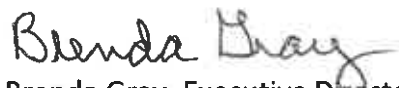
Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced Listing

CoC did not reject or reduce any application because there were none submitted

by any nonprofit organization. Below is a sample of the letter would have been

sent:

Greetings,

This is notification that your submission was rejected/reduced by the CoC Ranking
and Review Committee.

Sincerely,

Brenda Gray, Executive Director

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Atty 1E-5a Notification of Projects Accepted

CoC did not receive any project to be scored/accepted below is an example of a Notification of Projects Accepted.

Date: _____

Organization Name: _____
Organization Address: _____

_____

Greetings: _____

Congratulations. The Ranking and Review Committee selected your Request for proposal for the _____ Project to be included In FL517 CoC FY2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.

The CoC will submit the NOFO by September 28, 2023, and you will be notified when/if your project was selected by HUD.

We at FL-517 CoC would like to thank you and your organization for all the dedicated hard work your organization provided to clients in our service area. We look forward to continued partnership.

Do let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Brenda Gray, Executive Director

Heartland Coalition for the Homeless

Atty 1E-5d Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website

Good morning DJ,

Please post the attached to our website -We Posting - "CoC Approved Consolidate Application" with today's date of posting 9/25/2023 or 9/26/2023. Also Please send me a screenshot of the posted date and time.

Do let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Brenda Gray

Brenda Gray, Executive Director

From: Virginia Rahmings
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Cc:	Brenda Gray
Subject:	CoC Approved FY2023 Consolidated Application
Importance:	High

Good morning,

"On behalf of the Executive Director, Brenda Gray,"

For your review, the FY2023 NOFO CoC Approved Consolidated Application is posted on our website – www.heartlandcoalitionforthehomeless.org.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

Virginia Rahmings
Office Clerk

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Mission Statement: The Heartland Coalition for the Homeless mission is to effectively end homelessness and to improve lives through community, education, advocacy, engagement and funding.

2023 HDX Competition Report

PIT Count Data for FL-517 - Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	403	382	650	1016
Emergency Shelter Total	14	27	41	120
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	34	0	0	0
Total Sheltered Count	48	27	41	120
Total Unsheltered Count	355	355	609	896

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	98	98	12	120
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	2	2	4	11
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	96	96	8	109

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PIT Count Data for FL-517 - Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	36	26	27	119
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	17	7	7	40
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	19	19	20	79

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	10	18	20	20	62
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	0	0	2	0	0
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	10	18	18	20	62

*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

2023 HDX Competition Report

HIC Data for FL-517 - Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	69	0	0	NA	19	69	27.54%	19	27.54%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	51	0	5	0.00%	0	46	0.00%	0	0.00%
RRH Beds	57	57	57	100.00%	0	0	NA	57	100.00%
PSH Beds	43	8	43	18.60%	0	0	NA	8	18.60%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	220	65	105	61.90%	19	115	16.52%	84	38.18%

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HIC Data for FL-517 - Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC

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Notes
*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.
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In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").
In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	59	59	59	43

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	48	48	9	13

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	157	157	14	57

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for FL-517 - Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.
Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	38	0	38	0	-38	38	0	-38
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	38	0	38	0	-38	38	0	-38

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer to the client's entry date effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	38	74	324	220	-104	38	128	90
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	38	74	319	220	-99	38	128	90

2023 HDX Competition Report
FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range.Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from TH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons		650	
Emergency Shelter Total	27	41	14
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	0	0	0
Total Sheltered Count	27	41	14
Unsheltered Count		609	

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	32	0	-32
Emergency Shelter Total	32	0	-32
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	1	0	-1

2023 HDX Competition Report
FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	210	0	-210
Number of adults with increased earned income	85	0	-85
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	40%		

Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	210	0	-210
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	0%		

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	210	0	-210
Number of adults with increased total income	85	0	-85
Percentage of adults who increased total income	40%		

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	125	31	-94
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	85	1	-84
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	68%	3%	-65%

Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	125	31	-94
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	5	0	-5
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	4%	0%	-4%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	125	31	-94
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	85	1	-84
Percentage of adults who increased total income	68%	3%	-65%

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Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	38	0	-38
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	38	0	-38
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	0	0	0

Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	297	118	-179
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	36	0	-36
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	261	118	-143

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	38	0	-38
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0	0	0
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	35	0	-35
% Successful exits	92%		

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	108	171	63
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	95	80	-15
% Successful exits	88%	47%	-41%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	428	1	-427
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	395	1	-394
% Successful exits/retention	92%	100%	8%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	11	11	6	20	20	16	78	78	64	157	157	14			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	11	11	6	20	20	16	14	14	0	157	157	14			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	17.95	17.95	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	728	32	0	16	1	0	900	66	4	888	271	199	0	77	0
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	310	12	0	102	1	0	428	55	1	500	94	171	0	60	0
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	40	9	0	30	0	0	60	4	0	30	18	83	0	52	0
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	12.90	75.00		29.41	0.00		14.02	7.27	0.00	6.00	19.15	48.54		86.67	

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Submission and Count Dates for FL-517 - Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/31/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/19/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/27/2023	Yes