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

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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Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal
and Replacement Grants;
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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AL-502 - Florence/Northwest Alabama CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: AL-502

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: AL-502

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	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	No
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)	No	No	No
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	Nonexistent	No	No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	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	No	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
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.	Faith Based organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Local University professionals and staff	Yes	Yes	No

	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.The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama advertises membership opportunities with the CoC through all social media channels such as our website and facebook page, as well as through email distribution to all of membership and potential members. Additionally, membership is advertised through our HMIS Lead Agency, and during presentations to civic clubs and community meetings. Members will be organizational representatives and citizens who are committed to the mission of the CoC, and committed to ensuring our community is advocating for our homeless population. The CoC maintains an active list of members and potential members, in an email database, which allows for organization of membership. The CoC intentionally solicits new members by continually networking and partnering with City officials from all 6 counites in our geographic area, other non profits, organizations, faith based organizations, and individuals. These types of partnerships and networking opportunities increases public awareness, and therefore soliciting new members on an ongoing basis.

2.Important information regarding our CoC is posted on the website in PDF format. Print documents are available in our office, and made for availability in our HMIS lead office. Additionally, we partner with our local library, where free computers are available to the community.

3.Our CoC partners with various organizations who support not only LGBTQ+ individuals, but also persons with disabilities. Our CoC actively solicits other organizations of this population for membership, collaboration, input, and participation.

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.The CoC solicits opinions through many avenues, including making contact with all direct service providers, organizations, and city officials that serve the homeless population and invites them to join the CoC and attend all meetings. The CoC includes these groups and individuals on all membership mailings and correspondence, and it's through these partnerships, that opinions and ideas are sought on how to prevent and end homelessness, as well as ways we can serve our homeless population and improve our community resources. In 2021, stakeholders from across all six counties in our CoC contributed to the development of the HCCNWAL Strategic Plan, which led to the publication of this report/strategic plan in the winter of 2022. This publication has been distributed throughout our six counties and is used in meetings and conversations, as our Executive Director and Board of Directors strive to create more partnerships. Our current Executive Director is in the process of networking and making connections with City officials, business owners, and community stakeholders, all of which have an interest in ending homelessness in our area. Ideas and opinions are continuously being sought during these meetings. Our goal is to have all stakeholder groups represented in our membership, and increase the partnerships and participation we have throughout our community.

2.Our CoC communicates information during membership meetings that are open to our membership, and to the general public. We offer an open forum, where people can bring forward questions, comments, and ideas that are related to preventing and ending homelessness. Our goal is to foster discussion and educate our community on ways that we can prevent and end homelessness. Additionally, the CoC takes a vested interest in the community by attending other community events and community council meetings, where information can be both communicated, and gathered.

3.The CoC ensures the most effective communication possible, by posting all information on social media, the website, as well as email. Additionally, a PDF format of the NOFO is posted on our website.

4.The information gathered during these meetings and forums allows us to meet with city officials, business owners, and other community stakeholders, and present and move forward with sustainable ideas. Information gathered from meetings is also brought to the attention of our Board of Directors, where ideas can be discussed.

	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.A public notification regarding the 2023 NOFO was posted on the CoC website, as well as social media, on July 11, 2023. The CoC stated that it is accepting all project application proposals, including renewal as well as those that have not previously received funding. This notice contained a link to the entire NOFO, as well as a timeline and submission requirements for submission to the CoC.

2.The CoC notified the public about the project application process through an announcement made on July 11, 2023 on the CoC website, as well as social media. The announcement was made through a 5 page document, that included all steps of the process, as well as dates for deadlines, as well as a link to the entire NOFO 2023.

3.The CoC notified the public about how decisions would be made regarding funding through the public posting, made on July 11, 2023. All applications from eligible (CoC membership and participation, nonprofit status, and willingness to participate in Coordinated Entry and HMIS if not DV) agencies are submitted to HUD.

4.The CoC ensures effective communication by posting all documents on both the website and social media, in a PDF format. Additionally, we partner with local libraries, who offer free computer access to the community.

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)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

18.		

	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.AL-502 works closely with all ESG and ESG-CV Program recipients in each of the 6 counties of our CoC. AL-502 also has a developed partnership with the City of Florence, and City Planning Department. Communication is conducted regularly between local city and county officials in all of the counties to ensure that the CoC plans complement and enhance the Consolidated Plan, and all related efforts. ESG recipients are active members of the CoC, attend membership meetings, and the Executive Director regularly meets with, and partners with, these agencies.
2.AL-502 works closely with ESG Program recipients. Formal and informal updates are given to local officials in the city and county governments, as well as, meetings held with local ESG recipients to ensure that resources are being used to combat the homelessness in our communities. LSA reports and data quality reports are reviewed and reported on, as well as data quality reports run monthly by the HMIS Lead Agency in coordination with all providers, to ensure efficacy. Additionally, all ESG recipients are required to participate in HMIS and Coordinated Entry, which allows for further information, partnerships, and participation.
3.AL 502 conducted a Point-in-Time count, as regulated, and submitted this report on time. The CoC also submitted the Housing Inventory Count on time. The CoC keeps this information and reports on file, and submits them to community agencies, direct service providers, and city and county officials. The Point in Time is also posted on social media.
4.The CoC provides information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions, as requested. Information and input is also gathered at all membership meetings and board meetings, that can then be shared with jurisdictions. Additionally, the CoC serves on various advisory councils and committees throughout the 6 counties, that allows for the opportunity to participate and provide information on homelessness.

	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)	No
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)

The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama holds monthly meetings with its Board of Directors and encourages participation from area school counselors and administrators in all 6 counties. The CoC maintains close relationships and partnerships with the District Level Social Work supervisors in Florence City Schools. These individuals have not only served as Point in Time volunteers, but communicate with us frequently throughout the year, to discuss potential solutions for homeless youth. Through our partnership with the schools and other direct service providers, we are successful in connecting resources to individuals that need them. We are able to link students or families with students to Salvation Army, Community Action, or other community providers. The HCCNWAL has quarterly membership meetings to which school counselors, social workers, and administration are invited to attend. These types of collaboration offer the opportunity for making connections, and proposing solutions.

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)

The HCCNWAL has quarterly membership meetings, to which school administrators and social workers are invited to attend. This allows us to ensure that all school leaders have thorough knowledge of the policies and procedures in place that connect homeless youth with educational opportunities in their school districts. Additionally, the CoC maintains active and ongoing relationships with the school social workers, as well as local principals and superintendents. It is the CoC's hope and goal, to increase the number of partnerships and written agreements we have with local school systems. Additionally, any youth or person with school-aged children calling Coordinated Entry, is informed of their education services eligibility, as well as linked to resources they will benefit from.

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	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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	No
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.The CoC collaborates with VSP like Safeplace, who actively participate in updating policies, as well as Coordinated Entry policies. Additionally, we have a representative from Safeplace on our Board of Directors, who attends monthly meetings and offers continuous input. Additionally, representatives from VSP are invited to attend our membership meetings, where we can collaborate to update policies and procedures.

2.The CoC collaborates with VSP, as well as Coordinated Entry, to offer and enforce a "No Wrong Door" policy within the protocol, as well as offering approaches that ensure services are trauma informed.   All housing counselors and case managers participate in reviews, trainings, and are updated on any guidelines necessary, related to the case. Victims of domestic violence will be immediately referred to the DV shelter, for assessment at the top of the priority list. Both SafePlace and One Place maintain memberships in our CoC, which enables us to ensure that all counselors and services are trauma informed and are indeed meeting the needs of individuals. Safeplace does special trainings once a year to all direct service staff on Trauma -informed Care to clients that receive safeplace services. All of the Court advocates and shelter case managers receive updated training on best practices for client care . Safeplace forms partnerships with transitional housing owners and managers to provide the best available options for safety and income level. Shelter staff has house meeting once a week to discuss the needs of our clients and how Safeplace can ensure that safety planning for now and when clients exit is well understood. When clients exit, Safeplace employees have given the client all the resources that the client will accept.

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)

1.The CoC coordinates with victim service providers to provide training to those that will be working directly with domestic violence individuals and households. The agencies that are VSP in our CoC include SafePlace and One Place of the Shoals. These agencies work together to provide trainings in the community to anyone that would be serving this population, including but not limited to: mental health providers, police officers, direct service providers, and social workers. Trainings are held semi-annually. Additionally, members of the CoC attend all HUD sponsored trainings on domestic violence, that are available online. Safeplace uses the Alabama Coalition of Domestic Violence for staff trainings on best practices. The grant funders have not made out of state Trainings available since Covid. Safeplace staff continues to look for trainings that work for direct service staff to do by zoom or in-state training and approved by the Alabama Department of Economic and community Affairs.
2.The CoC coordinates with victim service providers to provide training to those in Coordinated Entry that will be working directly with domestic violence individuals and households. These agencies work together to provide trainings to Coordinated Entry staff, that include in-take and assessment practices, in a way that supports client resilience, treatment, and recovery. Trainings are held semi-annually. Additionally, members of the CoC attend all HUD sponsored trainings on domestic violence, that are available online. At Safeplace, all new employees are trained with other staff within the first 90 days. Seasoned staff get updated training monthly thru planned meetings. New employees shadow managers and visit programs within the Safeplace coverage area. New staff on the helpline do not work without supervision until the Helpline Supervisor decides that the employee is adequately trained on intake and safety procedures. New clients coming in should be able to transition to a safe environment with great client care and education. Safeplace informs the clients on the power and control tactics of the perpetrator. Safeplace also gives housing resources when the client is out of imminent danger and is ready to exit the emergency shelter.

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.Our Coordinated Entry System (CES) has established guidelines and protocol to ensure a safe environment when an individual or family contacts Coordinated Entry. Coordinated Entry specialists are trained, and use an in-take and assessment process, to assess each situation. When a homeless or at-risk individual/household is identified as needing domestic violence (DV) services, that individual/household is referred to the domestic violence crisis line immediately, or the CE Specialist/case manager makes the call, while maintaining an open phone call with the person in crisis. If the individual or household chooses not to contact DV services, the CE/Case Manager takes the necessary actions to link the individual to the correct resources, while maintaining confidentiality.

2.Our CoC Coodinated Entry System requires everyone who is involved in CE to sign a confidentiality agreement, that is then updated every 6 months. Additionally, those involved in a DV situation are not entered into HMIS; rather, the assessment is completed on paper.

| | 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. Osmium is the data source used within the CoC for data on survivors of domestic violence.

2. The HCCNWAL and the HMIS Lead Agency work with the domestic violence provider, Safeplace Inc, within the AL 502 CoC by using de-identified aggregate data to assess the needs of the DV victims. They work to promote healthy relationships for these victims, through education and intervention. Through using de-identified aggregate data, the CoC is able to assess the needs of the individual or household, develop a plan to help them succeed, while maintaining confidentiality. During the Point-in-Time Count, these agencies give de-identified numbers and information to the HCCNWAL, and these numbers are then included in all data.

| | 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.The CoC communicates the potential emergency transfer plan to all individuals and families through Coordinated Entry, at the time of intake. All direct service providers within the CoC are expected to share this information.

2.The CoC communicates the process for requesting an emergency transfer through Coordinated Entry, as well as at any time that a client states they are in an unsafe situation or potential emergency. We work closely with Safeplace to ensure that all clients have equal access to housing and services available within our geographic area. If a Coordinated Entry specialist is informed of a DV situation, the client is immediately referred to Safeplace.

3.The CoC communicates the emergency transfer process to all individuals and families at the time of Coordinated Entry. The process includes the client contacting the case worker or Coordinated Entry line when they feel unsafe. The direct service provider then assists the client with the process of moving to safe and comfortable housing.

	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)

1.The CoC works closely with our DV providers and with Coordinated Entry, so that we can partner and link communication between the two sources, and therefore best assist our clients by offering all the types of services the individual or family needs. Through this communication and collaboration, the CoC ensures that every survivor has access to all housing and services available within our geographic area, regardless of their status. Additionally, the DV providers, such as Safeplace, has an extensive list of landlord partnerships they have developed that will work with clients to gain housing.

2.The CoC communicates with all our direct service providers and membership to identify any systemic barriers to safe housing. We have an active relationship with the DV providers, who also attend our membership meetings and bring forth input and ideas. Additionally, our Board of Directors includes an employee of Safeplace, a DV provider, who attends all monthly meetings, partaking in all discussions and conversations surrounding all the homeless issues. Our goal is to increase these partnerships, because we believe that better partnerships between the CoC and providers will lead to more awareness, which leads to more solutions of how to proactively identify these barriers.

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.Our CoC ensures that survivors with a lived range of expertise are involved in the development of our policies and programs through a variety of ways. Our Board of Directors includes a diverse group of people, who possess experience and skills gained from living different in different environments. Our Board of Directors include two individuals, who were both formerly homeless, and understand homelessness only through living that life firsthand. These individuals understand the need for transitional, supportive, and permanent housing, as well as understanding the need for a compassionate community. Our CoC was able to safely recruit these individuals to serve on our Board of Directors, as well as other committees, through making connections and partnerships with direct service providers. These individuals engage with our Board, attend monthly meetings, serve on committees, and we value the input and intentional feedback these individuals are able to give us. Additionally, our general membership in the CoC also includes several formerly homeless individuals, as well as several individuals who are survivors of domestic violence. We actively seek support and input from these inviduals who have lived expertise, to help us with the development of policies and programs, as well as strategic plans, and other community driven initiatives.

2.Our CoC accounts for the complex needs of survivors by offering an intake and assessment that supports client resilience, treatment and recovery, compassion, safety, and collaboration. We are intentional in asking for preferences, and providing several options for safe communications that includes but is not limited to phone calls, emails, and in person meetings. We are intentional to ensure the consent of all individuals. Additionally, this is another area where we value the input and expertise of individuals with lived experience.

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.Our CoC seeks feedback from stakeholders and community partners and organizations on its anti-discrimination policy, to ensure that we are equally serving all people in need. Our CoC seeks partnerships with LGBTQ+ organizations, to ensure that all services are able to meet the needs of all clients.

2.Our CoC shares guidance from HUD, as well as partners with Diversity agencies, to provide information and trainings to our providers and membership.

3.Direct service providers within our CoC are made aware that there will be unscheduled drop-ins throughout the year, to evaluate and ensure compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policy. Additionally, the HMIS and Coordinated Entry teams review intake, assessments, and referrals. Any complaints or non-compliance are reported and reviewed.

4.There have not been any reports or complaints of noncompliance within our CoC. However, if any reports were to be made, the appropriate actions would be taken, which could include re-training, re-educating, or removal from position.

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?
Florence Housing Authority	5%	Yes-HCV	No
Sheffield Housing Authority	40%	Yes-Both	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.The CoC has collaborative partnerships with both the Florence Housing Authority and the Sheffield Housing Authority. The Sheffield Housing Authority has the "Moving On Project", which regularly takes referrals as designated through our Coordinated Entry. The Florence Housing Authority, no longer a "public housing agency", has transitioned to multi-family housing from public housing, which gives the housing authority more options for renovations and allows individuals and families to have a home, whether subsidized or owned. FHA has the Housing Voucher Program, with 691 vouchers. The CoC Coordinated Entry specialist, as well as direct service providers in our 6 counties, work closely with the housing authorities for availability and referrals.

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	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.	Local individuals with a small inventory of houses/apartments for rent	Yes

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)	Yes
	2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
	3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
	4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
	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.	1
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.	1
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.The HCCNWAL Rank and Review committee reviews every project application, during the rank and review process, to ensure that their practices and policies follow a Housing First approach. Additionally, the HMIS and Coordinated Entry within the CoC regularly evaluates and review project success, and rate of return to homelessness, how it pertains to the Housing First approach.

2.The list of factors and performance indicators include but are not limited to: prioritizing rapid placement in housing that does not require preconditions; a successful coordinated entry system with no barriers, and reviewing the reasons for any discharged clients.   Additionally, the CoC keeps communication with providers consistent, to review Housing First principles, and be available for potential questions.

3.The CoC has regular and consistent communication with all of the CoC's membership, is available for questions regarding the Housing First Approach, and regularly visits community direct service providers. Additionally, the CoC meets with community stakeholders regularly to review not only our policies and mission, but to review housing costs and the greatest needs in our community.

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.The CoC has a geographic area that covers all 6 counties, and within those counties, we collaborate and work with direct service providers, faith based organizations, and groups wishing to be connected to Coordinated Entry. The CoC plans and implements several street outreach activities, with our largest being "Hydrate the Homeless". Through this outreach activity, funds are raised that allows waters to be distributed to all persons encountered within all 6 counties, that are in need of bottled waters. Our Coordinated Entry process is a "No Wrong Door" approach, that ensures all persons experiencing homelessness are identified, engaged, and connected to resources. Street outreach is conducted in all 6 counties, and case managers are routinely traveling to various known locations that the homeless population is known to congregate. Some of our agencies that conduct street outreach include but are not limited to Community Action, Salvation Army, and Free to Praise Ministries in Franklin County.

2.Our CoC's street outreach efforts covers 100% of our CoC's geographic area.

3.The CoC conducts street outreach work 5 days per week, with some persons remaining on call 7 days per week. Our CoC conducts street outreach, through case managers at other agencies, as well as our Executive Director occasionally conducting street outreach as well. Additionally, the HCC has partnerships with local police departments, who are given the resources needed to offer assistance to homeless individuals.

4.Our CoC Coordinated Entry has a "No Wrong Door" approach, which ensures that all persons experiencing homelessness are identified, engaged, and connected to resources, as well as having a full time Case Manager that readily assists all individuals who call the direct line. We also advertise resources through an updated flyer of information, that is posted online, on social media, and at various agencies and libraries. Additionally, our CoC tailors its street outreach by surveying shelters and direct service providers, to inquire about the most needed items, such as toiletries, food, etc. Lastly, our Executive Director maintains existing relationships, and is seeking new relationships, with all organizations and businesses that may encounter homeless individuals, so that we are increasing public awareness and support.

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	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
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.		30	30

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	Yes
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. Our CoC provides up to date information on mainstream resources to partners and project leaders, quarterly. All clients accessing Coordinated Entry are given information on all mainstream resources. Agencies within our CoC have bulletin boards with any flyers or brochures available from resources in the area. We also utilize SEAN Tracker and HMIS to request assistance we are unable to provide. Our social services staff assist people with applications and finding resources when clients come in with specific needs.Additionally, information can be found online, and is discussed at membership meetings.

2.Our CoC works with local healthcare organizations and our local mental health center. Our membership is open to the public and has a wide array and diverse group of members, including healthcare organizations and mental health organizations. These organizations willingly offer input and support that can assist program participants, and our ED has ongoing relationships with the leaders of these organizations. Additionally, these organizations can assist with finding the right resources, making appointments, and when possible, providing transportation to appointments.

3.Our CoC has dedicated case managers who are knowledgeable on SSI/SSDI outreach and are able to support clients in this capacity. Additionally, our Coordinated Entry team is equipped to offer outreach and access to all resources.

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)

Our CoC has been and will continue to work diligently to pursue options for non-congregate sheltering. First, we are pursuing hotel and motel owners that will partner with providers offering support to the homeless.   We are very aware for the need to provide accommodations in a way that allows privacy and safety for guests. Secondly, our ED and Board of Directors has regular meetings with city officials, including City Mayors and County Commissioners, to open the conversation surrounding the homeless issue, the need for affordable housing, and increasing our capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering. Also, our ED and Board of Directors has also recently opened the conversations with business owners, primarily downtown business owners, regarding the need for more shelter and more supportive resources to our homeless population. Lastly, direct service providers within our CoC- such as Salvation Army- have several transitional apartments that are allocated for families with children.

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.The CoC collaborates with state and local health departments, as well as our District Medical Officer, to respond to all potential infectious disease outbreaks. Our goal is to enhance our policies and procedures so that we are better equipped for any future situations.

2.Our CoC collaborates with state and local health departments by following CDC guidelines and communicating that information to all our direct service providers. Our goal is to develop more partnerships with local health agencies so that we can better support our unsheltered population. Additionally, our direct service providers have documentation posted in the lobby and shelter bulletin boards about policies/testing, and offer safety kits with masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.

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.Our CoC works to share information related to public health measures and homelessness by consistently partnering and communicating with public health officials, hospitals, and local health departments, to then share that information with direct service providers. Local physicians and hospital representatives are invited to membership meetings, and other community council meetings, where dialogue is encouraged. Our goals include partnerships with local health agencies so that we may educate ourselves more on public health measures related to homelessness. Increased participation in meetings and increase partnerships lead to more public awareness related to all health issues.
2.Our CoC has open dialogue and consistent communication with direct service providers, which allows us the opportunities to ensure street outreach workers are educated on health-related topics. Additionally, health officials are always included and invited to membership meetings, which gives them the opportunity to share information. This communication gives us the opportunity to better educate and equip ourselves with the knowledge needed to offer adequate information. Increased communication leads to increased awareness, which leads to disease prevention.

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.Our CoC has a Coordinated Entry System that covers 100% of our 6 county geographic area, through several avenues. First, our CoC has implemented a "No Wrong Door" approach, that ensures all persons experiencing homelessness are connected to resources. All direct service providers, civic groups, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, etc. are trained on the 2 step process for Coordinated Entry. The process is either conducted by the first provider that contacts the individual or referred to Coordinated Entry Specialists. Secondly, Coordinated Entry has developed within the past year a single phone number that rings to the Case Manager. Homeless Information Flyers, including this number, are posted online and on social media and have been distributed throughout our 6 county area. Lastly, we also utilize 2-1-1, which is a service that is trained to give information about homeless services to those who call.

2.Our Coordinated Entry uses a 2-step process, that combines the VI-SPDAT assessment to prioritize the severity of needs, along with also using a general Coordinated Entry intake form.

3.Our CoC Board reviews these assessments and forms twice a year, as well as inviting the HMIS team, and the Coordinated Entry team, to attend a meeting and give a full report.

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.Through the "No Wrong Door" approach that has been adopted and implemented by our CoC, our CE system is able to offer assistance to those who don't have access to special outreach. Additionally, Coordinated Entry has developed within the past year a single phone number that rings to the Case Manager, who is readily available to assist all individuals. Homeless Information Flyers, including this number, are posted online and on social media and have been distributed throughout our 6 county area, to ensure that information is easily accessible. We also utilize 2-1-1, which is a service that is trained to give information about homeless services to those who call.

2.Our CE System prioritizes people most in need of assistance through a 2 step process, including the VI-SPDAT assessment, and a general intake form. Once a client completes a full coordinated assessment, they are prioritized based on the criteria stated by HUD Notice CPD-16-011 and their VI-SPDAT score. Client and family preference is then used, to determine priority for placement. Clients can also be tracked through our HMIS system, which allows us to enhance our support for them.

3.Our CE system ensures people receive housing in a timely manner through a 2 step process, including the VI-SPDAT assessment, and a general intake form. Once a client completes a full coordinated assessment, they are prioritized based on the criteria stated by HUD Notice CPD-16-011 and their VI-SPDAT score. Client and family preference is then used, to determine priority for placement.

4.Steps our CE system has taken to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry include fair and equal access, confidentiality, timeliness, compassion, and follow-up with all clients.

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. Our CoC informs all persons that use our Coorindated Entry system, of the services available in our geographic area, and uses all methods possible to connect individuals to housing opportunities. Our CoC does not discriminate and offers resources to all eligible persons, that give all persons fair and equal opportunity.

2. Our CoC team consistently informs all program participants of all their rights, while also discussing all confidentiality agreements.

3. Thus far, our CoC has not had to report any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice, but actions would be taken if the situation were to arise.

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.	05/18/2022

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)

1.Racial equality is being addressed in a multitude of ways within the AL 502 CoC. The CoC meets often with various partners and direct service providers, to discuss and analyze racial disparities and ways we can improve our community. The CoC also actively promotes equity and provides guidance to embed principles of equity throughout our continuum. Additionally, the CoC is working to begin utilizing Racial Equity Impact Assessments.

2.The CoC did not identify any racial disparities within our programs.   However, we encourage our membership to be aware of any racial disparities that arise and initiate conversations that lead to solutions. Additionally, we commit to doing further research to address these issues.

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.	No
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.	The CoC has a specialized outreach in geographic areas that include higher concentrations of unsheltered Hispanic groups.	Yes

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)

The CoC did not identify any racial disparities within our programs.   However, we encourage our membership to be aware of any racial disparities that arise, and initiate conversations that lead to solutions. Additionally, we commit to initiating more conversations that can address these issues.

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.The CoC did not identify any racial disparities within our programs.   However, we encourage our membership to be aware of any racial disparities that arise, and initiate conversations that lead to solutions. Additionally, we commit to doing further research to address these issues.

2.Our Coordinated Entry team, our HMIS team, and our Board of Directors collaborate to track the progress of identifying, preventing, and eliminating disparities within our programs. We are able to utilize information from HMIS and Coordinated Entry to help facilitate these discussions.   Additionally, we collaborate with both the West-Mitchell Center for Inclusion at the University of North Alabama and the Shoals Diversity Center, to ensure that we continue educating ourselves and our membership about racial disparities. Our CoC's goal is to initiate more conversations regarding racial disparities and equity and to provide opportunities for success for all of our homeless population.

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)

Our CoC is continuously making strides with outreach efforts to engage those with lived experience. Through social media announcements made by members within our CoC, there are advertisements for persons with lived experience. Our Board of Directors includes several people with lived experience, and there are several direct service providers who employ those with lived experience. When building committees, we look to current or past participants of programs to include on our committees. We also strongly encourage all members of our CoC to employ those with lived experience, as well as look for volunteers who are PLE.

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.	1	3
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	1	2

| 3. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors. | 1 | 2 |
| 4. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process. | 1 | 3 |

| 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)

Our CoC has direct service providers who provide programs for professional development, as well as opportunities for linking them to community colleges and programs. These agencies provide specific professional development classes, parenting classes, and connect them directly with GED programs at local community colleges. Additionally, within our CoC, we frequently give individuals opportunities to work in Salvation Army family stores or as bell ringers in the Christmas season, which gives them an opportunity to give back to the community, while gaining work experience. Lastly, our CoC also partners with local staffing services to assist individuals in obtaining employment.

| 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.The CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness through a variety of ways. First, we have case managers and social workers assigned to all cases that are in weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly contact with clients, not only assisting them but gathering feedback from them. Second, our direct service providers follow up with clients several times per year, to gather feedback on their experience, as well as assess the need for any further assistance. Lastly, our Board of Directors includes 2 individuals who are persons of lived homeless experience. These two individuals routinely give feedback, as well as offer a different perspective and first-hand knowledge of homelessness to our Board of Directors.

2.The CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance by providing follow-up care for all clients. The CoC encourages all member agencies and direct service providers to follow up with those that have exited the system by phone calls or emails several times a year, to gather feedback, and use this feedback to enhance our programs. Additionally, our direct service providers have street outreach teams that routinely communicate with clients and gather feedback on our programs.

3.The CoC has two individuals on our Board of Directors who are persons with lived experience. These individuals offer input, insight, and firsthand knowledge on the challenges that our homeless population faces. Additionally, our street outreach workers maintain consistent communication with clients to discuss the challenges they are facing. Lastly, it is a goal of the CoC to start focus groups within our community and providers, that would include persons of lived experience. Through the feedback and conversations in these potential focus groups, we hope to enhance our programs and services.

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.Our CoC has frequent meetings with local City Mayors and City Councils to discuss the current issues, that unless we expand our pool of affordable housing, we will see an increase in homelessness. We attempt to educate our local government on the current state of homelessness and encourage them to explore the ideas of more housing development. A second step that is being planned for the near future is for a sub-committee of the Board to approach the Board of Realtors to see if they have any suggestions for reforms to zoning and land use policies to expand housing development. Third, our CoC has meetings and partnerships with local developers and property owners, to discuss and encourage the opportunity for more housing development and rental units.

2.Our goals for the near future include the same sub-committee above to meet with the Planning Departments of the various cities and inquire about the barriers that developers of affordable housing are facing. A second step is that the same sub-committee meets with the Board of Realtors and area Construction Groups (Contractors, Architects, Entrepreneurs) to ask if they have suggestions for reforms.

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.	07/11/2023
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.	07/11/2023

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)?	70
	2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	2
	3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH

	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.The CoC collects project data and information in HMIS, and then uses that information to analyze data. Additionally, we are a small CoC, which gives us the ability to assess projects and programs in a more direct manner, such as through face-to-face, meetings and agency visits.

2.To analyze data and how long it takes to house people in PH, the CoC used HMIS data, as well as the rank and review tool. Additionally, we have quarterly membership meetings, which give us the opportunity to review data with direct service providers and community stakeholders, as well as discuss potential ideas for more affordable permanent housing in our geographic area.

3.The CoC considered the severity of needs and vulnerabilities such as chronic homelessness, lack of affordable housing, and other barriers when ranking the selected projects. Our committee for the rank and review included a person with lived experience, who was able to offer input and firsthand knowledge.

4.Our CoC is a relatively small CoC, with limited submitted project applications. We have a great need for increased affordable housing in our geographic area, and our goal is to increase our CoC NOFO score each year, so that we can increase the projects we are able to fund. We remain hopeful to receive more funding each year from HUD, so that we can increase our capacity to serve more projects.

	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.The CoC membership mirrors that of the homeless population in our 6 county geographic area. Our direct service providers have diverse leadership and staff, who have had input on the rank and review tool. Additionally, the CoC membership includes multiple people who have had lived experience, who also have had input on the rating factors used to review project applications.

2.The CoC attempted to include persons of different races and ethnicities on our rank and review committee, but was unsuccessful in doing so this year, due to people being unavailable to serve. However, our rank and review committee did include people from different walks of life, with unique and valued perspectives. Our Rank and Review Committee was made up of 4 individuals: a white male who is an active pastor in our community, a white female who works with the housing authority, a white male who is a retired insurance agent, and a white female social worker, who is also a person with lived experience. All 4 individuals are involved in the CoC membership, involved in volunteer work with multiple organizations, have worked directly with the homeless population in different capacities, and are vested stakeholders in the community. Additionally, they all have different educational backgrounds and experiences that gave valued input to our rank and review process. Our goal is to have a larger committee that includes more diversity.

3.The CoC committee reviewed data from submitted applications this year and found no barriers to participation and no inequities. While our CoC is relatively small, the renewal projects take the initiative to reduce barriers and are active in outreach progams. However, the CoC will continue seeking steps to both identify and eliminate any barriers.

	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)

1.The CoC did not reallocate any funding this year. We are a relatively small CoC, and both our current funding and additional funding is needed. Our goal is to increase our CoC HUD debriefing score, so that we have the opportunity to fund more projects, and if necessary, re-allocate. However, if a reallocation process was needed, the CoC would encourage providers to evaluate their projects throughout the year, as well as educate the rank and review committee on low-performing projects, and then utilize the rank and review tool to determine if projects are low performing.

2.The CoC did not reallocate any funding this year. We are a relatively small CoC, and both our current funding and additional funding is needed. Our goal is to increase our CoC HUD debriefing score, so that we have the opportunity to fund more projects, and if necessary, re-allocate.

3.The CoC did not reallocate any funding this year. We are a relatively small CoC, and both our current funding and additional funding is needed. Our goal is to increase our CoC HUD debriefing score, so that we have the opportunity to fund more projects, and if necessary, re-allocate.

4.The CoC did not reallocate any funding this year, because we are a relatively small CoC, and both our current funding and additional funding is needed. Our goal is to increase our CoC HUD debriefing score, so that we have the opportunity to fund more projects, and if necessary, re-allocate.

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? | No |

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.	

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.	08/23/2023

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.	

You must enter a date in question 1E-5c.

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.	

You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Service Point

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.The CoC communicates regularly with VS Providers, Safeplace and One Place, to ensure that all data is being adequately collected and input into a database that meets HUD requirements. Consistent and ongoing support and communication will take place between the CoC and VS Providers. Additionally, a Safeplace employee serves on our Board of Directors, which allows even more regular communication with the agency.

2.Yes, DV housing and service providers in our CoC are using Osnium, which is a database that is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

3.Yes, our CoC's HMIS is compliant with FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards. We use Service Point, and their provider is WellSky.

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	116	78	38	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	216	112	104	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	30	0	30	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	0	0	0	
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)

N/A, because our coverage rate is 100%.

Note- Emergency Shelter beds decreased from 148 to 116 this year, due to Salvation Army of the Shoals being closed from December thru August, due to flooding. Their available beds decreased from 36 to 8 during this time, that is included in the count above.
They re-opened September 1, 2023; therefore, numbers in 2024 HIC and PIT will reflect that.

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/27/2023

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.The CoC has good relationships with many of the school systems in our area, which enables us to engage them in our PIT count planning process. Through these partnerships and communication with city and county schools, the school liaison/social workers were able to provide the CoC with accurate numbers of youth being affected by homelessness. Additionally, we communicated with one of our shelters for youth during the PIT, Attention Homes. Having this information will allow us to more effectively serve the youth in our area.

2.The agencies and organizations in our CoC that are youth-serving organizations submitted information to the CoC that listed the areas youth may be found during the PIT. We communicated with Attention Homes, and regularly communicate with them, to have accurate youth numbers. The CoC was able to use this information when making a map of locations to be used for the PIT.

3.It is a goal of the CoC's to include youth experiencing homelessness as counters during a future PIT count.

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)

The CoC itself did not make any changes to the PIT Count implementation. However, one of our shelters, The Salvation Army, was closed from December 2022-August 2023, due to flooding and renovations, which did affect our numbers. The Salvation Army re-opened September 1, 2023, and the PIT Count for 2024 will reflect that.

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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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.The CoC uses information and data collected from the PIT and HMIS to determine risk factors when identifying persons experiencing homelessness for the first time. Additionally, the CoC uses data collection forms with current living situation documents of first time homeless persons, as well as individual and family initial intakes with direct service providers.

2.The CoC's strategy to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless includes partnering with all community agencies, direct service providers, etc. in order to work in a coordinated team effort, on behalf of the homeless population. Additional partners include faith based organizations, business owners, city and county officials, schools, our local colleges and individuals who have an interest in serving our homeless population. Once identified as at-risk for homelessness, persons are referred to direct service providers such as Community Action Agency NW-AL's HUD-certified housing counselor for homeless prevention services. Our goal is to have consistent and ongoing public awareness, with a shared interest of a mission to end homelessness, as well as increasing our partnerships throughout the community.

3.The Executive Director of the Homeless Care Council, along with the Board of Directors, is responsible for overseeing these strategies. Our goal is to advocate for the homeless population, as well as educating the community on ways they can help.

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?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

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.The CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time those remain homeless is an ongoing strategy and work in progress. The CoC continues to maintain connections and strong partnerships with all agencies and organizations within the continuum, and we are working with them to identify why individuals and families remain homeless. The CoC has monthly Board Meetings, as well as quarterly membership meetings, both of which gives us opportunities to discuss as a group, both risk factors and solutions. Furthermore, our CoC refers and schedules intake as soon as possible. Through our "No Wrong Door" Policy, individuals are met where they are when necessary. Additionally, our CoC is implementing our strategic plan, which includes but is not limited to: increasing awareness of Coordinated Entry through social media and revised informational flyers, working together with local business owners and realtors to increase affordable housing, and partnering with local colleges to provide both education and job opportunities. Specific steps being taken include:
-conversations and meeting with community stakeholders to increase public awareness and potential housing sources
-Strategic Plan implementation
-Researching and then implementing resources available to increase access to transportation services such as direct service providers' rideshare programs and the Homeless Care Council Homeward Bound transportation program
-Working collaboratively with both Community Action and Salvation Army and their transitional housing case managers
-continued conversations and partnerships with City and County officials and commissioners, to increase awareness of the homeless population

2.Persons are identified through HMIS, data collection forms and PIT count.

3.Both the Homeless Care Council and Community Action are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time people remain homeless. HCCNW-AL utilizes CAANW-AL's Chance program overseen by CAANW-AL's Executive Director.

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.The CoC's strategies regarding exits to permanent housing and retention of permanent housing is implemented through several agencies within the Continuum of Care. These agencies include but are not limited to both Community Action and the Salvation Army. These agencies have both case managers and social workers that work directly with individuals and families, oversee and guide their success in their daily lives, in order to help them retain housing. All agencies within our CoC work and partner together, making referrals on behalf of the individuals, to rapidly house that person or family. Our housing counselors who work with families and individuals are all HUD-certified housing counselors. Our community also includes individuals and organizations that are readily available and willing to assist with financial deposits or first months' rent, in order to give more opportunities for permanent housing. Additional steps being taken include:
-investigating and implementing various transportation rescources, which can provide transportation to employment and therefore exit to permanent housing
-work collaboratively with all direct service providers, to stay knowledgable of the most up to date resoucres
-strategic plan implementation
-expanding our membership, as to offer the membership opportunity to more providers, therefore increasing resources

2.The CoC's strategy is to support Community Action or other agencies that are helping, as they work with individuals or families that have been housed through CoC funds, and seek ways they can become self-sufficient. This includes having partners within the community that can result in strong supportive services, possible employment opportunities, and even learning short and long-term life skills. Additionally, agencies within the CoC offer in-person meetings conducted by HUD housing counselors working directly with individuals and persons providing assistance in maintaining their permanent housing and/or exit to identified permanent housing destinations. Lastly, we have programs and classes within our CoC that are designed to support newly housed individuals and families. These programs include budgeting classes, parenting classes, and job skill training.

3.The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

	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.The CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness is through analyzing HMIS Data, Coordinated Entry, and working with the outreach teams from direct service providers. The CoC has several direct service providers and agencies who have case managers, social workers, and volunteers, that track homeless clients through case management and street outreach teams. Feedback from these teams and all these sources is used to identify those who are at risk, as well as potential solutions.

2.The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness is through analyzing HMIS Data, Coordinated Entry, and working with the outreach teams from direct service providers, which many of them have HUD counselors.   Additionally, through the partnerships that have been created with business owners and other members in the community, feedback can be gathered that helps us identify risks and ideas for solutions. Lastly, we have programs and classes within our CoC that are designed to support newly housed individuals and families. These programs include budgeting classes, parenting classes, and job skill training.

3. Community Action and other direct service providers are responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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.The CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources is to continue to build partnerships in the community, to then provide the opportunity for connecting individuals to employment opportunities. Through partnering with business owners, city council, mayors, and various community agencies, the CoC is more equipped to help individuals locate employment. We partner with several local businesses who will employ clients regardless of background, to help them become self sustaining. Leaders in our CoC are always aware of the need to enlarge our opportunities for employment and partnerships. The CoC has counselors and case managers who work with local colleges to help clients become students and enroll in classes. Case management is also offered to all clients that are housed, and through case management services, employment can be found. Additionally, our strategies include networking and partnering with community partners and career centers (unemployment office), and attending community service group meetings to form partnerships (i.e. Shoals Community Council, the Rotary Club, etc).

2.Our CoC works with mainstream employment organizations primarily through partnerships within the community. Creating consistent partnerships with community stakeholders increases public awareness, which in turn helps increase employment opportunities. The other benefit of partnerships is the ability to inform employers of individuals that need employment and/or assistance and then link those individuals to available employment. Additionally, our strategy includes community meetings and referrals by direct case managers to workforce development opportunities, GED classes, staffing agencies and job fairs. Many of our direct service providers are diligently working on various ways to educate the homeless population on job opportunities, how to acquire employment, and how to retain employment.

3.Community Action and other direct service providers are responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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.The CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income also consists of growing consistent partnerships within the community. Through partnerships within the community, we are able to increase public awareness and therefore grow the ability to help others. Additionally, we have community partners who provide direct non-cash income such as SNAP and TANF, referrals for disability claims, public housing and section 8 referrals.

2.Community Action and other direct service providers are responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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:

- 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

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)

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

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
  - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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	Letter Signed by ...	09/24/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/20/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/18/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/15/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Renewal Pr...	09/19/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of N...	09/15/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/18/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Comp Select...	09/15/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HDX Competition R...	09/15/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	NOFO posting Docu...	09/18/2023

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Accepted

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Document Description: Local Comp Selection Results-Letter Posted and Screenshot

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Submission Summary

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

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Submission Summary	No Input Required

Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

Overview: This tool aims to assess and document how closely a housing and service provider adheres to the recommend in the context of the broader work to implement a Housing First orientation at the system-level. This tool specifically eval directly impacts a system's fidelity to Housing First. In addition to the universal best practice standards identified in this t local community context and local written standards pertaining to Housing First when assessing projects. A Continuum of

Provider Info tab: The Provider Information tab should be completed **prior** to beginning the assessment. Specifically, the **served, and *Date of Assessment*** fields need to be completed in order to populate the assessment standards and report su type and population. Please complete this section prior to printing any standards for assessment.

Standards: The standards have been arranged into the following categories: *Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases,* of this page describes each of the categories in more detail. Some of the categories are not applicable for all project types

Project Type	Applicable Standards
Coordinated Entry	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Street Outreach	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Emergency Shelter	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Project-specific
Transitional Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Rapid Rehousing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Permanent Supportive Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific

Safeguarding: Please keep in mind safeguarding concerns when assessing projects. In particular, we advise Continuums of violence to make sure that adequate safety and confidentiality policies and practices are in place before beginning assess

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Scoring: For each standard, there are three scoring criteria: "Say It", "Document It", and "Do It" (as explained further belo each standard, the assessor should mark "Always" for each scoring criteria. Use the drop down in the three columns to th

- "*Say It*" means that project and agency staff can describe verbally what they do concerning each standard. The organizational culture supports the standard by how staff talks about what is done.

- "*Document It*" means that there is written documentation that supports the project's compliance with each st Policies and Procedures, Personnel Handbooks, Professional Development Plans, Project Rules, etc.

- "*Do It*" means that the assessor was able to find evidence that supports the project's compliance with each st in client or other administrative files, client acknowledgement that something is being done, staff can point to d standard, etc.

Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information col include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional informat

Tab	Description
Instructions	Tool overview and aim
Provider Info	Input provider, project and general assessment information
Standards - Access & Evaluation	Input compliance with standards concerning participant access to the project and input, project evaluation and performance management
Standards - Leases	Input compliance with standards concerning the lease and occupancy agreements, where applicable
Standards - Services & Housing	Input compliance with standards concerning the service and housing models and structure, where applicable
Standards – Project-Specific	Prompts assessment standards based on project type and targeted sub-populations served by the project, where applicable
Report Summary	Displays assessment scores and conclusions, and highlights non-compliant standards

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Purpose
Offers instruction to users on the assessment tool
Determines project-specific standards for consideration
Assesses whether access and evaluation are compliant with Housing First principles
Assesses whether leases and occupancy agreements are compliant with Housing First principles
Assesses whether services and housing are compliant with Housing First principles
Assesses whether specific project standards are compliant with Housing First principles
Printable summary of the assessment

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	**Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.**
Acronym (If Applicable)	CAANW-AL
Year Incorporated	1965
EIN	63-0505905
Street Address	745 Thompson St.
Zip Code	35630

Project Information	
Project Name	CHANCE
Project Budget	$395,955.00
Grant Number	AL0044L4C022215
Name of Project Director	David Crosby
Project Director Email Address	d.crosby@caanw.org
Project Director Phone Number	2567664330

Which best describes the project *	**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.	**None of the above**

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

Management Information	
Name of CEO	David Crosby
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CEO Phone Number	2567664330
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Staff Phone Number	2567664330

Assessment Information	
Name of Assessor	Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	Executive Director
Assessor Email Address	hccnwal@gmail.com
Assessor Phone Number	*(256)415-8845*
Date of Assessment	**Sep 18 2023**

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". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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 project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/ *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always

	Name		Say It	Document it	Do it
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 preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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 community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Name		**Participant Input Definition / Evidence**	**Say It**	**Document it**	**Do it**
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always

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". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

Standard		Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
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 upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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 property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always

Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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 for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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 basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always

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". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

	Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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*	Always	Always	Always
Services 3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
Services 4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always

	Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them). *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
	Standard	**Housing Definition / Evidence**	**Say It**	**Document It**	**Do It**
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants. *Optional notes here*	Always	Always	Always
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, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/	Always	Always	Always

		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 and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.	Always	Always	Always
		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 imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			

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	Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.	Always	Always	Always
		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 move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	Always	Always	Always
		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 tailored assistance based on those assessments.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
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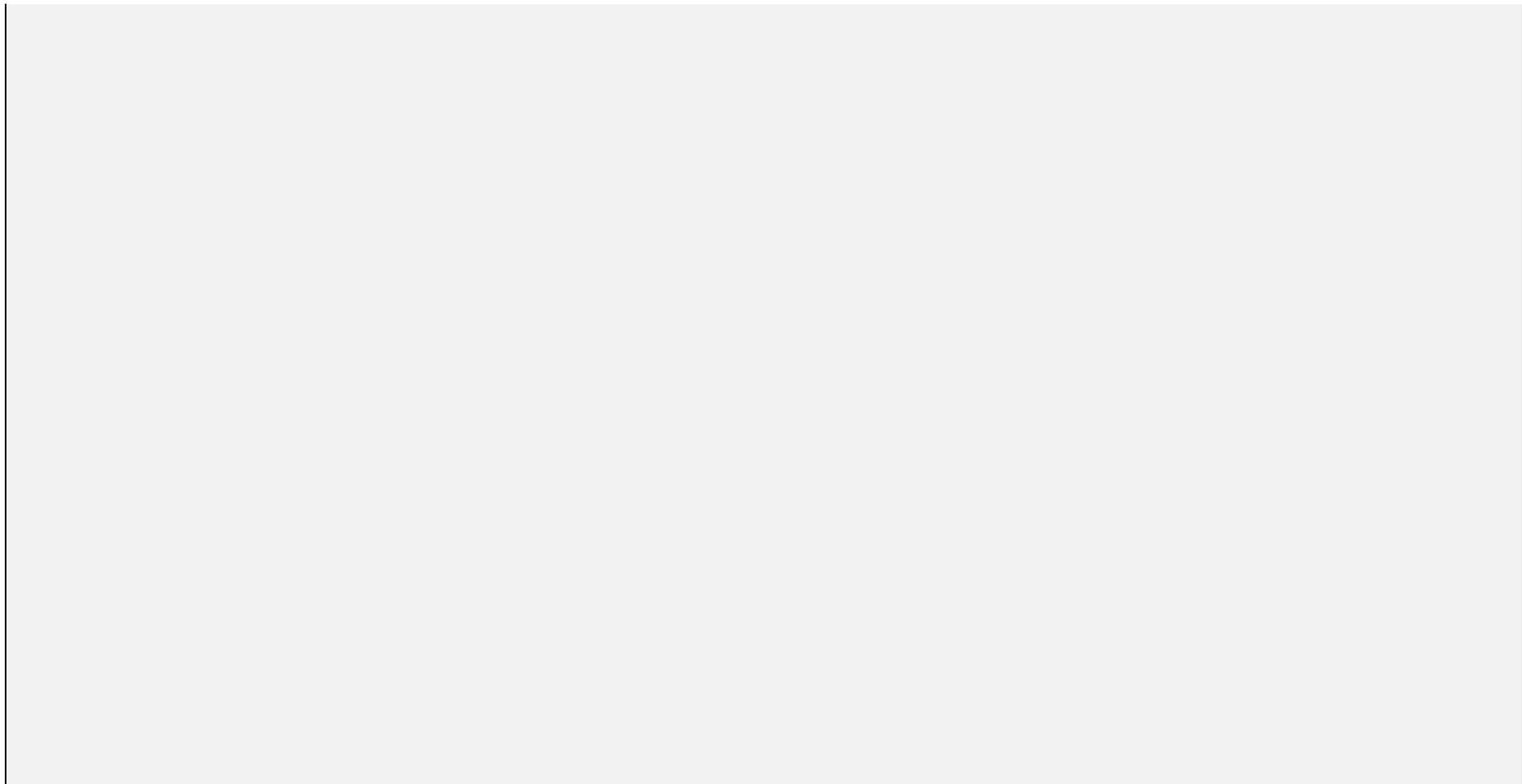No additional standards

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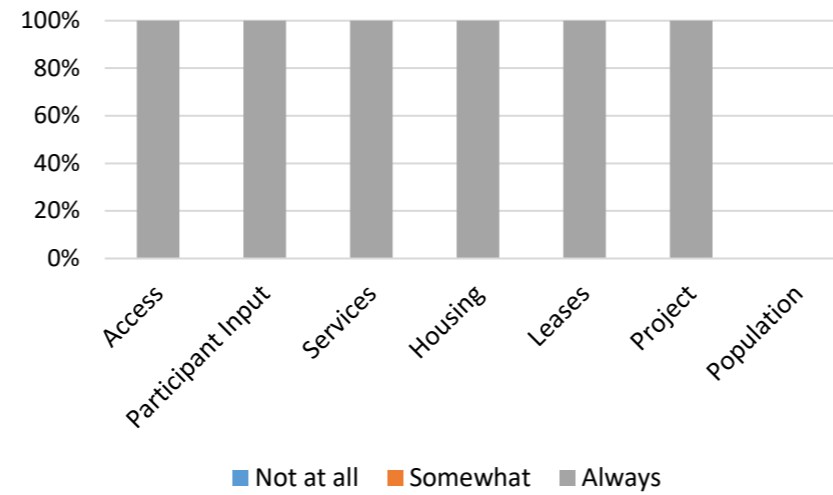| Your score:	180
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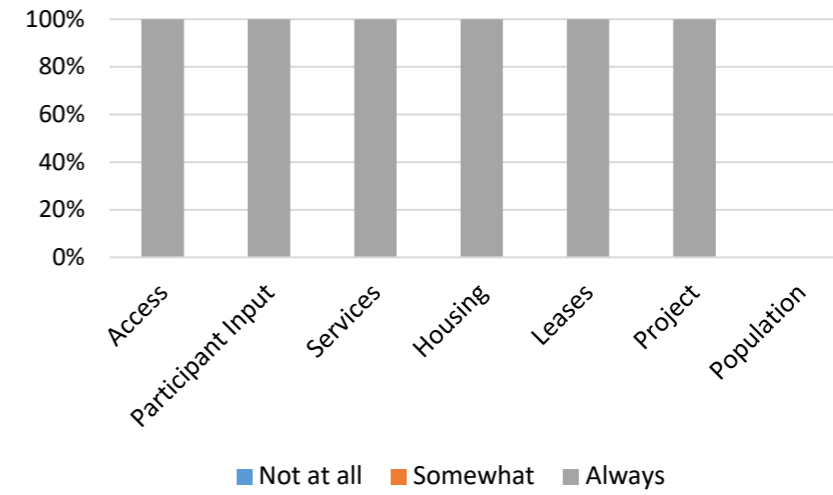
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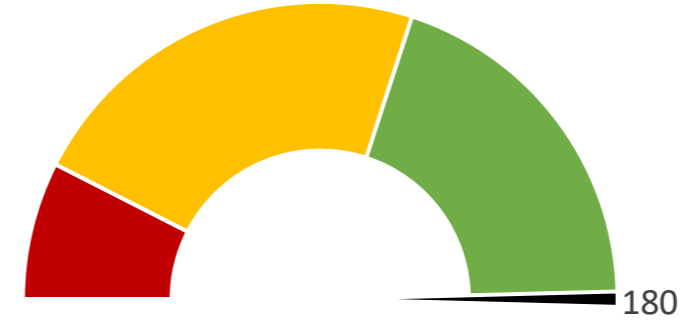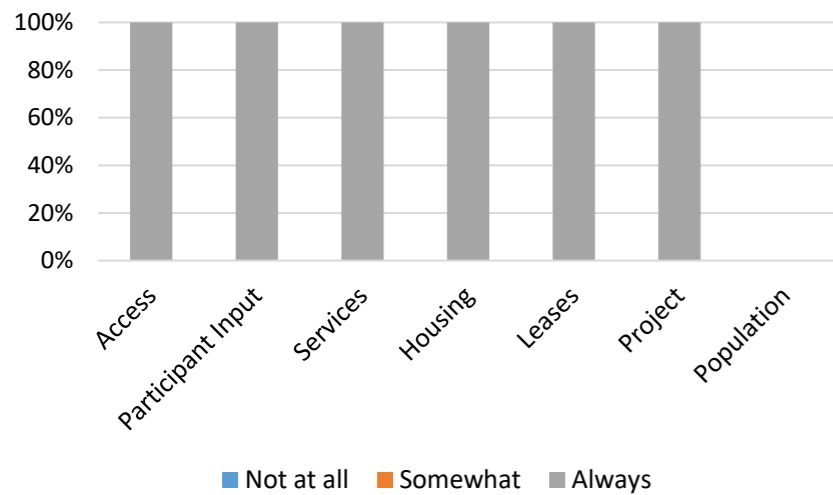
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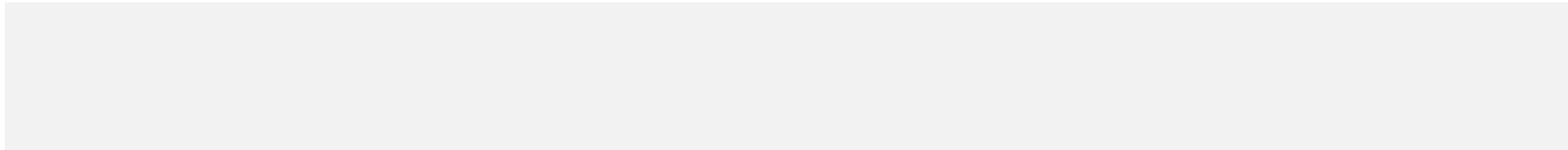| Category	No.	Name	Standard
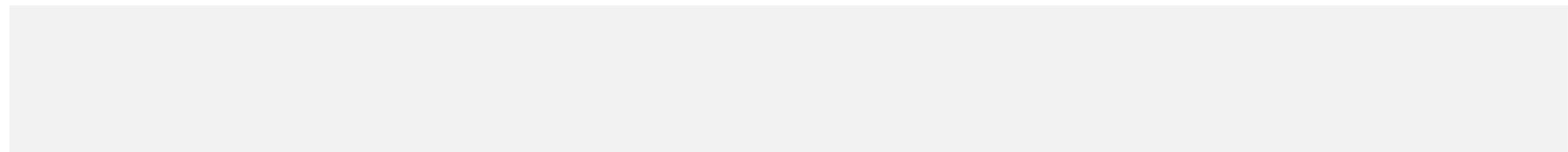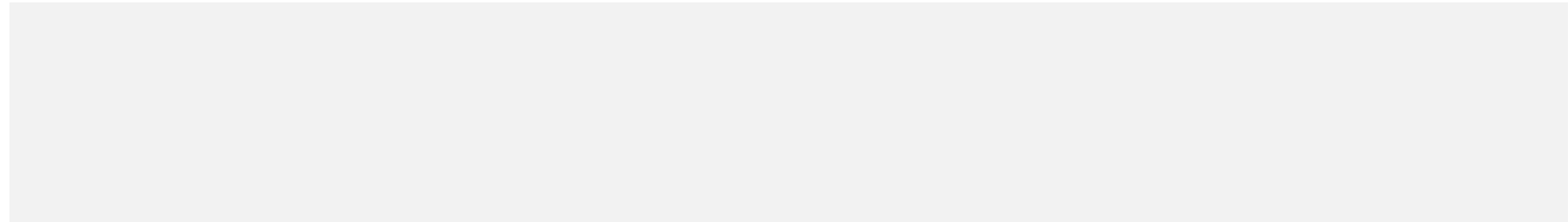
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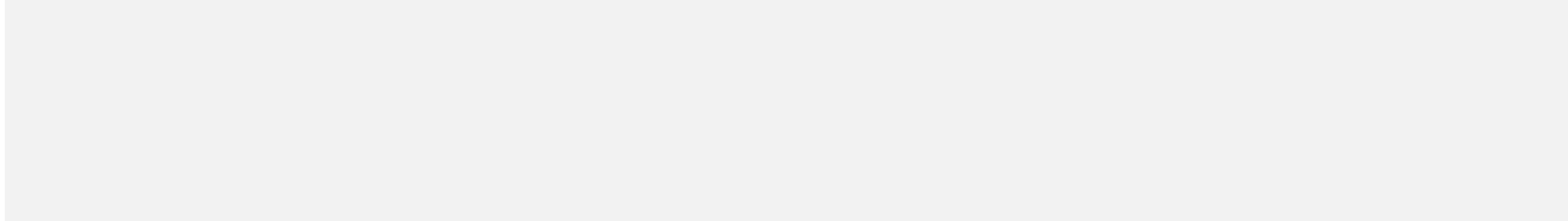
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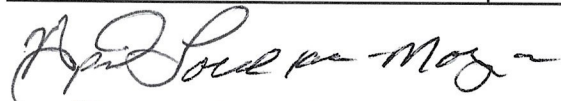
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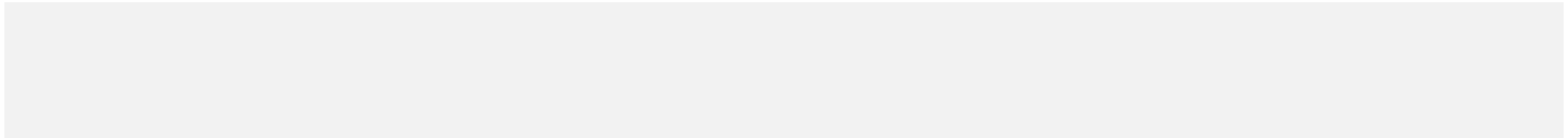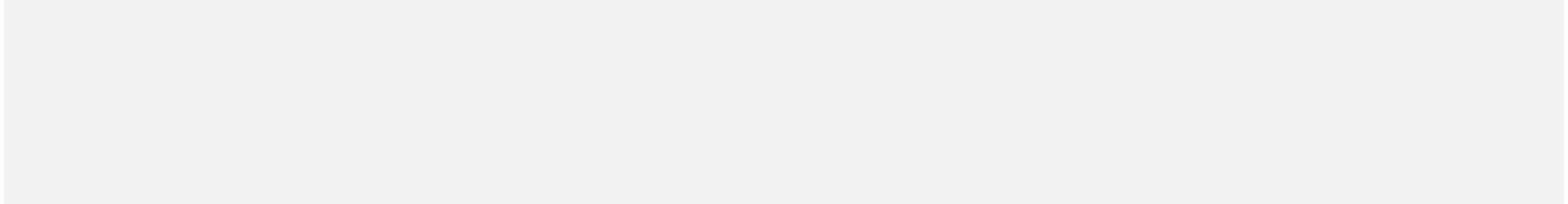
Rank and Review Scoring Tool FY2023

Points Possible	Performance Measures and Rating Factors	
15	Coordinated Entry/Assessment Participation	15
	100% = 15 pts; 85-99% = 10 pts; Below 85% = 0 points	
10	Project is Housing First oriented	10
4	Applicant is active CoC Participant	4
	Attends 80% of meetings = 1 pt; PIT participation = 1 pt	
	Dues current = 1 pt; CoC member 1 yr or > = 1 pt	
5	Project spent 95% or greater of allocated HUD funds (exceptions may apply)	5
10	Project developed with active participation of *persons with lived experience*	10
4	Project earned satisfactory CoC monitoring scores	4
2	Application is complete and data is consistent	2
10	Project is operating within CoC Standards	10
10	Documented Match Amounts meet HUD Requirements	10
70	TOTAL Points Possible	70

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PIT Count Data for AL-502 - Florence/Northwest Alabama CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	215	183	232	195
Emergency Shelter Total	73	37	75	63
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	101	112	123	100
Total Sheltered Count	174	149	198	163
Total Unsheltered Count	41	34	34	32

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	18	19	11	0
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	11	12	4	0
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	7	7	7	0

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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	25	0	55	27
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	24	0	55	25
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	1	0	0	2

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	5	13	0	5	2
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	1	8	0	5	2
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	4	5	0	0	0

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

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HIC Data for AL-502 - Florence/Northwest Alabama 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	86	8	8	100.00%	78	78	100.00%	86	100.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	216	8	104	7.69%	112	112	100.00%	120	55.56%
RRH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
PSH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	302	16	112	14.29%	190	190	100.00%	206	68.21%

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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	0			

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				

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				

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Summary Report for AL-502 - Florence/Northwest Alabama 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	172	180	49	66	17	30	34	4
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	172	180	50	66	16	30	34	4

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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	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")	250	251	213	280	67	73	112	39
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	278	251	213	280	67	60	112	52

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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	105	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	105	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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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	183	232	49
Emergency Shelter Total	37	75	38
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	112	123	11
Total Sheltered Count	149	198	49
Unsheltered Count	34	34	0

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	194	186	-8
Emergency Shelter Total	187	186	-1
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	7	0	-7

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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)	172	186	14
Number of adults with increased earned income	12	12	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	7%	6%	-1%

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)	172	186	14
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	3	6	3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	2%	3%	1%

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)	172	186	14
Number of adults with increased total income	15	18	3
Percentage of adults who increased total income	9%	10%	1%

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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)	5	9	4
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	4	3	-1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	80%	33%	-47%

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)	5	9	4
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	1	2	1
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	20%	22%	2%

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)	5	9	4
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	5	4	-1
Percentage of adults who increased total income	100%	44%	-56%

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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.	172	172	0
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.	152	25	-127
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)	20	147	127

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.	172	244	72
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.	152	32	-120
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.)	20	212	192

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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	30	0	-30
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	4	0	-4
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	26	0	-26
% Successful exits	100%		

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	172	231	59
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	121	109	-12
% Successful exits	70%	47%	-23%

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	6	0	-6
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	6	0	-6
% Successful exits/retention	100%		

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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	40	40	40	55	16	16	50								
2. Number of HMIS Beds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	228	172	185	7	7	0	0	0	0	191	172	91	34	30	0
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	223	165	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	191	172	42	34	30	0
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	5	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	2.24	4.24	1.27							0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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Submission and Count Dates for AL-502 - Florence/Northwest Alabama CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/27/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/24/2023	Yes

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HOMELESS CARE COUNCIL OF NW ALABAMA
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Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, Inc. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year FY 2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition

Link to the Overall FY2023 Competition NOFO:
FR-6700-N-25_NOFO.pdf

The Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama has received notice of funding available from HUD for the Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition. It is **strongly suggested** that any eligible agency wishing to apply for any of the projects, renewal or new, read the NOFO in its **entirety.** The link to the complete FY 2023 CoC NOFO is above. If you have questions about whether your proposed project is eligible to be funded in this FY2023 Competition, please contact Ashley Smith, Executive Director of the Homeless Care Council, at hccnwal@gmail.com before making any project plans. The HUD competition is very specific about what type of projects can be funded and the process that must be followed for consideration before submission.

Active members, in good standing, of the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama are invited to submit applications for funding under the HUD NOFO for the Continuum of Care Program Competition. If your agency plans to submit a proposal, you MUST submit your project proposal to Ashley Smith, Executive Director of the HCCNWAL, hccnwal@gmail.com no later than 4 pm on Friday, July 28th, 2023. See the Submission Schedule at the end of this notice for a calendar of dates regarding the submission process. You will be notified by Friday, August 4th via email if your proposal meets the criteria for application.

Completed FY 2023 CoC Project applications will then be due by Friday, August 11th, 2023, by 4 pm to the Homeless Care Council Office, at 210 East Tennessee Street #111 Florence, Alabama.

Applications will then be reviewed and ranked during the week of August 21st, 2023. If your application is approved for submission, you will receive notification of your application being approved and its rank for submission no later than Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023. The same notification will apply to any applications rejected or reduced as well.

The Homeless Care Council will submit the collaborative and complete application to HUD no later than Tuesday, September 26th, 2023. Generally, it takes 60-90 days to receive notice of awards.

The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. The Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama will serve as the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care, which serves Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Marion, Winston, and Lawrence counties.

HUD'S priorities for this Funding Competition include the following list. Detailed information about each priority is outlined in the NOFO, Section I. All applications must propose projects which fall under one of these categories.

1. Ending homelessness for all persons.
2. Using 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

Projects Available for Funding

Please read through the FY 2023 NOFO in its entirety. Due to the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the American Rescue Plan 2021, there are new and/or additional opportunities for projects. Also, using the "Housing First" model has returned to this NOFO. You can read more about these changes in the NOFO.

Also, please refer to Section III Eligibility Information of the NOFO, starting on page 33, for all project consideration guidelines. The Continuum of Care is required to rank all renewal projects, and HUD will consider these rankings when making renewal awards. Renewals will be judged based on past performance.

In the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition, in addition to requests for renewal projects and CoC planning, CoCs may submit requests for new projects through the process of expansion of an existing project, reallocation of existing projects, or a CoC bonus. The types of projects that are permitted in this grant award are defined in the NOFO. Further clarification about what those projects represent is detailed in the attached 24 CFR 578 Regulations.

Carefully read the NOFO released by HUD (General and Program sections). In addition, be familiar with the 24 CFR Regulations for CoC Competition Funding.

APPLICATION – Please type out this information in a new document

1. **Name of Proposing Agency**
2. **Address**
3. **Contact Person & Telephone Number**
4. **Participation in the Continuum of Care:** Describe the extent to which the agency has demonstrated an active commitment to and involvement in the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama.
5. **Coordination of Services**: State how the proposed services are integrated into the overall community-based response to homeless people through the continuum of care.
6. **Agency Experience and Capacity:** State the experience of the agency in providing services to the homeless population and describe the capacity of the agency to manage the proposed project and grant funds.
7. **Participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS):** Describe the agency's intent to enter client data in the HMIS. For existing projects, including the current percentage of clients, entered in HMIS for this project and the percent of universal data elements for clients entered. If there is a U.S. Dept. of HUD exception to participation in HMIS that applies to your agency/clients, please explain.
8. **Implementation:** Describe the ability of the agency to implement the project in a timely fashion and recruit the target population.

Questions 9-12 are only for Renewal Grant Applicants

9. **Bed Utilization Rate:** If a project's bed utilization rate was less than 80% during any quarter of the last fiscal year, explain why the rate has fallen below 80% and what has been done to remedy the issue.
10. **Last HUD Monitoring Report:** List findings for the last HUD monitoring visit or attached monitoring report. List actions to correct any HUD finding requiring corrective actions. If the project has not received a monitoring visit by HUD, then state: *No Report*
11. **Rate of Expenditure for Last APR Year**
    1. Annual Period: (Month/Day/Year through Month/Day/Year).
    2. Annual HUD award for APR period above $
    3. Total HUD funds expended for the APR period above:
    4. % of Funds Expended: (Divide item 3 by item 4 times 100)
12. **APR Period Information & Cost Effectiveness Data**
    1. Annual Period: (Month/Day/Year through Month/Day/Year)
    2. Total # of Individual and/or Family Housing Units Available:
    3. Annual capacity for occupancy possible: (Item 2 times 365)
    4. Actual occupied unit days of services: (Total number of occupied unit days of service)
    5. Annual % of Capacity: (Divide item 3 by item 4 times 100)

1. Create your agencies proposal for application based on the HUD CoC Stated Priorities.

2. Submit your simple proposal to the Homeless Care Council Executive Director, Ashley Smith, by email at hccnwal@gmail.com no later than July 28th, 2023 at 4 pm. Include your agency's name, the name of the applicant, email, and address, and the dates of your membership in the Homeless Care Council with your proposal.

3. You will be notified via email by August 4th, 2023, if your proposal is approved and accepted.

4. Once you have received notification that your project proposal is accepted, you will need to create an account in e-snaps for your application completion (If you haven't already done this).

5. Complete the application for your project. See the listed instructions for completing your application. This includes filling out the 9 steps on the application, as well as submitting the application of your project via e-snaps. These ARE TWO SEPARATE APPLICATIONS. The e-snaps application AND the 9-question HCC Application. If you are a renewal grantee, you must also answer questions 9-12.

6. Once you have completed your application in e-snaps, save it to a pdf.

7. Email the grant application and the esnaps PDF of the project application plus the following attachments to hccnwal@gmail.com – attention HCC Grant Application – by Friday, August 11th, 2023, by 4 pm. Late applications will lose points in the review process. At this time, you will need to make 6 hard copies of the application and e-snaps PDF and include the following:

1. IRS 501c3 letter or other documentation of non-profit status
2. Current list of board of directors with affiliations
3. Most recent audit
4. Proof of UEI number
5. Supplementary report (see instructions below) – IF RENEWAL APPLICATION

These will need to be delivered to the Homeless Care Council Office, by 4 pm at 210 East Tennessee Street #111, Florence, AL, also by Friday, August 11th, 2023.

8. Once your application has been reviewed and ranked by the Homeless Care Council Rank & Review Committee if needed, you will need to make any edits or corrections. You will find out if your project has been ranked in Tier 1 or Tier 2 by 4 pm on Wednesday, August 23rd and all changes will need to be made by Monday, August 28th, 2023, by 4 pm for final submission.

9. You will need to hit final submit on your e-snaps application and export and print your application pdf out. Once those are completed, you need to submit the completed and final application by Monday, August 28th at 4 pm, as well as the exported pdf of your esnaps.

10. The Homeless Care Council will submit all projects and the Collaborative Application to HUD no later than Tuesday, September 26th, 2023. The grant is due to HUD on Thursday, September 28th, 2023, at 8:00 PM EDT. You will be notified as to which Tier your project was put in and how it was ranked based on priority.

NOTE: It generally takes at least 60 days to hear about the award. Tier 1 awards will be announced first and then Tier 2 reports are generally announced 30-60 days after Tier 1 is announced.

Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama
FY2023 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program

Schedule of Submission Deadlines

-PROPOSAL DEADLINE FOR YOUR AGENCY TO SUBMIT A SIMPLE PROPOSAL FOR THIS COMPETITION-
Friday, July 28th by 4 pm.

> Must submit a simple summary of the proposed project and intent to apply. This can be done via email to hccnwal@gmail.com or brought to the HCCNWAL Office at 210 E Tennessee Street Suite 111, Florence, AL.

-NOTIFICATION VIA EMAIL IF YOUR AGENCIES PROJECT PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED-
Friday, August 4, 2023.
You will be notified via email no later than August 4 if your project proposal is accepted.

-**APPLICATION DEADLINE!-**
Friday, August 11 by 4pm.
NOTE: Late applications will cause you to lose points in the rank and review process. Project applications are due NO LATER than 4pm on this date.

> You must submit 6 hard copies of the PDF version of your esnaps application, plus 6 copies of your project application, including attachments to The Homeless Care Council, 210 E Tennessee Street #111, Florence, AL 35630.

-THE RANK AND REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL MEET THIS WEEK TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS:
August 21st, 2023.

> The CoC Rank and Review Committee will meet this week to review and approve your application.

-NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE RANK OF YOUR PROJECT-
Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023.

> Any changes or edits that are needed will be reported back to you for correction, by email.

-CORRECTED APPLICATIONS WITH SUGGESTED CHANGES OR EDITS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE AS WELL AS SUBMITTED TO ESNAPS-
Monday, August 28th, 2023, by 4 pm.

> **Failure to make edits will make your application ineligible**. Completed Projects are due to the continuum no later than Monday, August 28th, 2023, by 4 pm for final submission. Registration in e-snaps must be completed, along with all necessary revisions completed by the review committee.

-COMPLETE GRANT, INCLUDING ALL APPLICANTS AND COC APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN-
Tuesday, September 26th, 2023.

> The final grant application will be submitted to HUD via e-snaps by the CoC on behalf of all projects.

The grant is due to HUD on Thursday, September 28th, 2023, at 8:00 PM EDT. You will be notified as to which Tier your project was put in and how it was ranked based on priority.
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