

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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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: FL-505 - Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care/ Opportunity, Inc

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care/Opp

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	No	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Nonexistent	No	No
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	No	No	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	No	No
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	No
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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 CoC employs several strategies to attract new members. These methods include leveraging Facebook, where we have 1800 followers, as well as Constant Contact, with 500 subscribers. Additionally, we facilitate membership registration through the "Become A Member" page on our website, which also provides options for payment and displays meeting schedules throughout the year. Membership is open to new members year round. Furthermore, the CoC actively seeks out new members by engaging in various public activities. This includes outreach at public events, local government meetings, and resource fairs. We also incorporate member recruitment efforts during presentations and community outreach events, which encompass meetings with faith-based alliances and other community partners serving marginalized populations. It's important to note that only agencies classified as active members are eligible to use HMIS and apply for funding opportunities.

2.To ensure accessibility, the CoC offers electronic formats like Zoom for individuals with disabilities. Additionally, all meeting agendas and invitations include a note inviting advocates with lived experience from diverse subpopulations. Service providers are specifically encouraged to invite at least one person with lived experience from the subpopulations they serve to join the CoC. The CoC goes the extra mile by providing transportation, clothing, and necessary supplies for attendees with lived experience. Specialized outreach efforts have proven effective in increasing participation among special populations, including survivors of trafficking and domestic violence, youth, and LGBTQ individuals.

3.Lastly, the CoC has been proactively engaging with leaders in culturally specific communities. We educate these groups about the CoC and extend invitations to participate, present, and serve on task forces and committees, fostering a more inclusive and diverse membership.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)		
Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;	
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;	
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and	
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC places a strong emphasis on collaboration with organizations from various sectors, providing a platform for sharing insights, ideas, solutions, and recommendations aimed at preventing and ending homelessness. To achieve this goal, the CoC actively partners with a wide range of organizations and individuals who have cultural knowledge. The CoC's staff and board members engage in extensive community outreach efforts and actively participate in various community groups and meetings, including those organized by the Department of Health, such as the Community Health Improvement Plan, the Housing Committee championed by the Department of Health, the Mayor's Advisory Committee, as well as the Crisis Intervention Taskforce, LEA, VSO, and the Workforce Housing Taskforce.

2.The CoC extends an open invitation to all participants to present their insights to the CoC and encourages them to become involved in CoC committees. This invitation is extended by promoting sign-ups for Constant Contact, membership enrollment, following the CoC on social media, and distributing informative brochures. The CoC actively seeks input from various groups, including surveys directed at landlords and property management companies during events like the Landlord Lunch-n-Learn and Housing Summits. Similarly, law enforcement personnel are surveyed during CIT training, and specialized meetings are organized for schools, early learning institutions, PHAs, and healthcare providers to gather their input, ideas, solutions, and needs. These surveys are designed to be concise and focused, asking specific questions whose results are compiled and made public.

3.To ensure the voices of people with disabilities are heard, we maintain all contact information and forms in electronic format. The CoC offers transportation to attend all meetings and workshops. All in-person meetings are conducted in ADA-compliant facilities. We strive to offer meetings, training, and workshops in an online format when possible. Additionally, the health department offers Spanish and sign language interpretation services to the CoC.

4.The information gathered through these extensive efforts is then utilized by CoC subcommittees in several critical areas, including Gaps Analysis, Strategic Planning, Policy Development, and enhancing access to services.

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.The CoC used various channels to inform the public about the availability of the local competition, including Facebook with over 2000 followers, CoC Meetings, our website, partner’s websites, and emails sent through Constant Contact to 618 subscribers. During every NOFO, applications from organizations that have not previously been funded are encouraged to apply. These communications are designed to reach the CoC’s entire geographic area.

2.The RFP provides comprehensive guidance, including instructions for submitting project applications, scoring tools, directions for using Esnap, details on Ranking and Review Procedures, and policies regarding reallocation. Archived documents from previous years are also available on the website for reference. To ensure accessibility for all applicants, including those who have never received funds before, the CoC offers technical assistance through Grant Workshops and one-on-one support.

3.The CoC Board and membership have adopted a standard threshold review for projects that are communicated publicly. Standards include the community’s need for the project and the applicant’s capacity to effectively administer the funds, among other factors.

4.The CoC is committed to communicating effectively with individuals with disabilities by offering all materials in multiple electronic formats and platforms, including our website. This year, the Grant Workshop was conducted via Zoom to accommodate participants, but the CoC has found that there needs to be further effort to engage with agencies who have never applied for any project applications and will hold earlier workshops specifically for new perspective applicants and provide workshops throughout the year to provide more opportunities those CoC Stakeholder members who have never applied in the past.

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)	

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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.FL-505 received ESG funds contracting with 3 subrecipients and ESG CV 1,contracting with 6 subrecipients and ESG CV 2 contracting with 3 subrecipients and CV 3 contracting with 2 subrecipients under our under our Florida Department of Children and Families unified contract. We coordinate with providers by dividing out the coverage area to ensure clients are served in both Okaloosa and Walton Counties. We discuss available non-ESG funding with local governments that disburse CDBG, HHRP and SHIP and other resources, thus preserving ESG funding for the most vulnerable.

2. Our CoC participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and sub-recipients in a variety of ways on a monthly and quarterly basis. HMIS data quality reports and program performance reports are run from HMIS for each provider and users related to project deliverables. We review performance against HUD’s System Performance Measurements, and through these data points, we can measure the quality of care the clients are receiving. We also conduct monitoring for in-depth analysis with individual sub-providers twice per year with follow up for areas needing improvement to ensure the CoC is providing the best possible services to clients.in our CoC geographical area.

3. The City of Ft. Walton Beach receives CDBG funds that are administered through FL-505 to one subrecipient. Although no other local our governments do not receive direct allocations, we provide PIT/HIC data results to both County officials and city officials withing the CoC area annually or as needed or requested. and also post up to date results to the public on our FL-505 Homelessness and Housing Alliance website., FL-505 also participates in the State of Florida’s consolidated plan and provides the most recent FL-505 PIT, HIC and all requested reporting.

4. FL-505 staff attend both Okaloosa and Walton County Commissioner meetings and city council meetings as often as possible. We also attend the Affordable Housing Committee meetings in both counties. We work closely with all local government officials to address the topic of homelessness in our community in an effort to contribute to the state of Florida’s consolidated plan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

. FL-505 has formal partnerships and active MOUs with early childhood education providers, LEA and school districts to ensure that CoC staff and service providers have a direct line to education services provided through McKinney-Vento. MOUs were entered into for the purpose of coordination, collaboration, and cross-referrals for households with minor children needing services for supportive housing, emergency shelter, outreach and assessment, and access to other services to attain or maintain stable housing. School districts agreed to refer families in need of housing services to the CoC, accept referrals from the CES for students in need of title IX services, and participate in CoC activities to strengthen the identification of homeless students, advocacy, and prevention of homelessness. The CoC agreed to assess households with housing barriers, make referrals for eligible households to Title IX and early childhood education, provide financial assistance and case management for referrals from the school district, and coordinate with the local school districts to ensure uninterrupted education and continued attendance at school. The CoC also has written agreements and referral systems in place with Vocational Rehab and offers programs for youth with disabilities ages 14-22. 2.)Staff members identify a child experiencing homelessness, and the staff member determines the needs of the child and the family including education services. Once the needs are identified, HHA staff connects the family with the school liaison serving their geographic area. LEA representatives serve on the CoC Board of Directors presently, they are active members of the CoC. HHA staff works directly with school staff including counselors, teachers, and administration to ensure that the student's needs are met.

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)

FL-505 Policies and procedures include connecting students experiencing homelessness being connected to the LEA Liaison or Early Childhood Education providers as soon as it is possible. The CoC policy in the Written Standards state "A staff person must be designated as the educational liaison that will ensure that children are enrolled in school, connected to appropriate services in the community, including early childhood programs such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the McKinney Vento education services." Another CoC Policy states: The CoC expects providers to collaborate with local education authorities to assist in the identification of individuals and families who become or are currently homeless. Those identified should be informed of the eligibility for services under subtitle B of title VII of the Act. This includes demonstrating that providers establish policies to ensure all children are enrolled in early childhood programs or in school and connected to appropriate services in the community. Providers shall collaborate with local school districts and early childhood education providers to identify homeless households with children to ensure they understand their eligibility for educational services. HHA has entered into an MOA with the Early Learning Coalition and coverage area school districts. HHA will make referrals to the Early Learning Coalition for households receiving case management from a homeless service provider as it is outlined in the MOA. The CoC provides training on these policies. All households with minor children are informed of the education services available to them. The CoC monitors all programs to ensure these policies are adhered to, referrals are recorded in client files, and followups are conducted monthly or as needed.

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	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
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	No
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC’s geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC regularly collaborates with victim service providers to update CoC wide policies by maintaining open lines of communication to seek their expertise and ensuring that they have a heavily weighted influence in our CoC-wide policy. To cultivate impactful influence Victim Service Providers are regularly scheduled for educational presentations at our CoC meetings and are available for open discussion afterwards. Additionally, the lead agency coordinates with prominent Victim Service Providers, such as Shelter House and other programs like Be Generous Inc that works directly with victims of sexual/human trafficking ,to guide and inform updates to existing policies and develop new CoC-wide policy and procedures with guidelines specific to engaging victims of domestic, sexual, and inter-relational violence and stalking. 2. To ensure all housing and services provided in our CoC are trauma informed to meet the needs of survivors, our victim service providers regularly present trauma informed content at the CoC meetings as a means of ensuring all CoC staff are knowledgeable and competent to meet the needs of survivors. Additionally, housing providers are encouraged to consult with a victim service provider upon engaging with a survivor so that the housing provider is guided by the appropriate expertise. Lastly, the lead agency is currently in consultation with Shelter House to advise on implementation of CoC sanctioned trauma informed training to ensure all members are educated to meet the needs of survivors.

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. Each provider in our CoC currently conducts their own internal training specific to their specialty and policies/procedures. In collaboration with providers who specialize in domestic violence and sexual assault, our CoC is currently developing a CoC-wide training program addressing trauma informed/victim centered care and safety planning protocols. This training will be administered to project staff annually and required for membership in the CoC. 2. Coordinated entry staff are required to complete all of the trainings mandatory of programs that specialize in victim services. This rigorous training, which includes trauma informed care, victim-centered approaches, and safety planning, ensures that our coordinated entry staff is capable of identifying and assessing victim’s individual safety needs and implementing safety plan protocols just as effectively as a Victim Service Provider. This training is mandatory upon hire and refreshed on an annual basis.

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. Coordinated entry staff has a direct line of communication with our domestic violence and sexual assault providers. Our coordinated entry staff follow the guidelines of these providers in the creation of our safety planning protocols. Our safety plans include ensuring that only essential staff are present in the office during intake and developing a client-specific set of actions that lowers the risk of being further victimized as well as increasing their safety inside the home. Staff will establish code words that indicate whether the client is in a safe place to discuss services. Staff also coordinates with law enforcement to provide an escort, ensuring that clients can safely exit their situations. 2. In collaboration with our domestic violence and sexual assault providers, our coordinated entry staff implements confidentiality protocols that allow us to serve survivors without identifying information being available. These protocols include retaining their files locally rather than entering them into a searchable database.,

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. Victim Service Providers within our CoC uses comparable database that has not yet been approved by the CoC. Shelter House has a new Executive Director and was not aware that the CoC monitors the comparable database and is in the process of correcting that action at this time. The Victim Service Providers present the CoC with de-identified aggregated data upon request to be used to evaluate how best to meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness. 2. Our CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from Victim Service Providers to assess what specific needs are most prevalent among survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking as well as what services will best accommodate those needs. These data are then used to modify existing programs, such as our coordinated entry prioritization process, and adding additional services. For example, based on aggregate data provided by stakeholders serving survivors of domestic violence in our catchment area, it was discovered that employment and career skill building was a significant need among this demographic. Programs that build employable skill sets were added to the CoC’s resource recommendations and case management protocols.

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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. All individuals and families seeking CoC Program housing assistance are provided a welcome/information packet upon intake. This welcome packet contains a letter detailing the rights that clients have while receiving CoC Program services, including information regarding our emergency transfer plan procedures. 2. The detailed process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer is communicated verbally by the assigned case manager during their initial session. Clients may also request this information in writing at any point during their enrollment in the program. 3. Our process for responding to emergency transfer requests is communicated verbally to all individuals and families by the assigned case manager during the initial session. These sessions are conducted either in person or virtually according to the needs of the client. If requested, written documentation of the emergency transfer request protocol can be provided.

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. Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking participate in the same intake process and coordinated entry assessment as all other populations experiencing homelessness with no required referral from a victim service agency. If safety during the intake process is a concern, we have alternative methods of completing the intake (phone intake, coming to the individual, etc). All individuals and families seeking services are assessed and prioritized according to level of vulnerability using the Prioritization Tool, which has levels of prioritization including having experienced domestic violence as well as currently fleeing domestic violence. Once the assessment is complete, the survivor is referred to the appropriate provider according to their specific needs. 2. Our CoC works with individuals with lived experience to closely monitor our homeless response system and locate any policies involved in our intake, placement, and case management procedures that would limit accessibility to our services or safe transition into housing. This allows us to proactively modify our procedures to effectively and safely provide service to survivors.

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 Coordinated Entry Specialist and Program Manager ,ensures that those with lived experience or those with lived experience in one or more forms of domestic, sexual, sex trafficking or dating violence participate in CE committee meeting, planning meetings and with special signed participant/privacy agreements can participate in support group activities., Candidates from a range of backgrounds were recruited to apply for any future job openings with HHA, through virtual communication where necessary for safety. One of the questions asked during the interview process covered lived experience, and these candidates were selected, in part, due to the range of their experience. In addition applying for job openings at least one of the employees would participate in the development of community action steps, safety protocols, and procedural requirements across CoC programs. 2. Our CoC accounts for the unique and complex needs of survivors in every step of our process. During intake, our clients are asked for name and language preference, race and gender identification, and consent to disclosure/entry of information into our database. If logistical or safety concerns prevent the client from being able to come to the office for intake, we have procedures in place to make intake accessible, whether through us traveling to them or providing a phone that is safe for them to use to contact us. During transition, we coordinate with law enforcement to provide an escort, ensuring that they can safely exit the situation. During case management, our CoC partners with local mental health and domestic/sexual violence organizations to provide support and additional resources that the survivor may need.

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. The FL-505 has developed an Anti-Discrimination policy that is based on the Reinstatement of HUD’s Discriminatory Effects Standard as its official antidiscrimination policy. FL-505, through its Governance Board, will create a subcommittee to oversee and monitor anti-discrimination throughout the agencies. This will allow FL-505 to assure that voices from across the community are represented. FL-505 is in the process of partnering with LGBTQ Center of Okaloosa and Walton County to assist in the referral process of ESG, ESGCV3 and Challenge Grant funds within our communities and collaborated with Okaloosa and Walton County LGBTQ Center when forming the Youth Action Board in May 2023. 2. During annual monitoring visits, the CoC reviews the anti-discrimination policy for each project being monitored to ensure alignment with CoC policies. Where discrepancies are present, CoC staff makes a note in the monitoring document and subsequent meetings are held to address those discrepancies and adjust them to more closely align with those of the CoC. 3. The FL-505 uses an approved Coordinated Entry process that exists to eliminate discrimination. Agencies who participate in the Coordinated Entry process and HMIS data collection are reviewed for disparities in services through annual data analysis. The FL-505 partners are monitored bi-annually for inclusivity and anti-discrimination practices. The reporting data that is collected at time of service is reviewed and monitored for completeness and accuracy. 4. If providers are found to be out of compliance with the FL-505 antidiscrimination guidelines, All providers are monitored twice a year to ensure they are in compliance and corrective actions for non-compliance.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC’s Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.
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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?
Ft. Walton Housing Authority		No	No
Walton County Housing Authority		Yes-HCV	No

You must enter information for at least 1 row in question 1C-7.

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 City of Ft Walton Beach and Walton County Housing Authorities all worked with the CoC member agencies informally to house homeless families and individuals as soon as possible. FL-505 has a formal MOU with Walton Country Housing Authority for EHV referrals through the Coordinated Entry System. CoC leadership recognized the importance of having written homeless guidelines and is currently working on a written policy established documented priority in the local community for the benefit of our homeless population. Area case workers are provided data to support the need for preferences. Team members from Housing authorities and the CoC Housing Committee are meeting now to create general homeless preference policies that would work for both the PHA's and, the CoC, and house homeless families first. 2. Not Applicable – FL505 continues to work to establish or renew previous formal agreements in Okaloosa County for homeless preference in local housing authorities.

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	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	No
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)?	Yes
		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.	EHV

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?	Yes
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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?	Yes
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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
Walton County Hou...

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Walton County Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC implements our coordinated entry program in order to ensure we are utilizing Housing First’s principles. As part of the requirements for new and renewal projects, Housing First strategies such as low or no barrier and no income limitations to entry are requirements for the project to be included in the collaborative application. In addition, our projects will include formal support such as doctors and/or therapists and case management services beginning day one of engagement. These supports and services are flexible and available per client choice, not required in order for housing placement and assistance. For current projects, we will monitor the length of time homeless from engagement to housing to determine that rapid placement occurs. 2. The CoC uses the following factors/performance indicators when evaluating compliance with Housing First: days from project entry to move-in to ensure prioritization of rapid housing placement; extent to which projects actually serve households with multiple barriers such as little or no income and criminal history; housing stabilization outcomes, such as retention in permanent housing; and efforts by our CoC to reinforce the Housing First approach and continually reduce barriers to project entry. Coordinated Entry monitors referrals & exits to ensure that eligible applicants are admitted, housed and stabilized promptly and not exited for impermissible reasons. 3. The CoC’s monitoring program evaluates project compliance with Housing First commitments by reviewing leases/occupancy agreements, policies, participant handbooks, case notes, etc. to ensure that participation in services is voluntary and that participants are not terminated due to substance use, reluctance to engage in services or treatment, lack of progress on goals, or other impermissible reasons. Failure to adhere to Housing First commitments results in a finding. The monitoring team makes specific recommendations to correct the finding. If subsequent monitoring indicates that a project is unable or unwilling to make the necessary changes, the project could risk being reallocated.

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. Our CoC collaborates with local school districts to identify youth experiencing homelessness and local law enforcement to canvas for homeless encampments in our geographic area. Once identified, members of our CoC engage the persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness to determine their needs and provide services/referrals to help meet those needs. Street outreach programs provide a variety of services to our clients, including providing food, transportation for employment or medical appointments, clothing, and much more. 2. Our CoC's street outreach programs cover 100 percent of our CoC's catchment area. 98 percent of our CoC's geographic area is accessible to street outreach workers, while 2 percent is inaccessible to them due to gated communities and unpassable terrain. 3. Our CoC participates in some form of street outreach event on a daily basis. These events include canvassing for homeless encampments in collaboration with local law enforcement, soup kitchens, distributing hygiene kits and snack bags, providing mobile shower trailers, etc. With so many events taking place, our CoC ensures that each county in our geographic area receives services at least once per week. 4. Our CoC's street outreach efforts are tailored to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. With the help of local law enforcement, street outreach workers travel to and engage with chronically homeless individuals who rarely leave their encampments, providing them with food, water, and clothing and encouraging them to apply for additional services to meet their needs. Street outreach workers often attend events and other places where people experiencing homelessness congregate to inform them of our services and encourage them to participate. Street outreach programs have even collaborated with rapid rehousing programs to expand income requirements to include up to 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) to better serve the needs of the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and LGBTQ+ communities.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	42	36

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. The CoC does not systemically hold training for mainstream benefit education. However, the CoC requires that all CoC-funded providers determine benefit qualification and enrollment of clients in all appropriate services. Our CoC intends to add mainstream benefit training as a segment of our regular monthly CoC meetings. 2. Our monthly CoC meeting agendas include time for healthcare, substance abuse, mental health, and health insurance providers to present special monthly programs and update the CoC on current offerings and services available for program participants in our six-county catchment area. Project staff are able to meet and collaborate with those providers at that time and develop partnerships for ongoing assistance. 3. Although currently SOAR certification of program staff is handled by individual providers, we have reached out to local employment and mental health resources to develop a plan for providing this certification on a more systemwide level. Our CoC intends to have a process in place for this later this year.

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)

1.FL-505 invests ESG, PATH, CDBG, and SSVF funds in street outreach utilizing various methods to ensure all unsheltered persons are identified and engaged. Law enforcement agencies created Homeless Outreach Teams that are accompanied by Stability Specialists funded through the CoC using CDBG. These efforts are coordinated with other outreach programs to ensure coverage is comprehensive and outreach teams know where coverage is needed and when it is needed in different locations. SOAR navigators, social workers from hospitals, healthcare navigators, and VA case managers also participate in this community-wide effort. Outreach is conducted at known locations where unsheltered persons frequent and new locations are documented and reported to other teams. Identification is recorded by observation using a physical description and location if no personal identifying information is given upon first engagement. Willing participants provide UDE information recorded in HMIS using electronic devices and with signature pads and touch screens.

2.The entire CoC geographic area is covered.

3.The COC conducts street outreach daily including nights and weekends. Faith-based organizations that provide meals seven days a week, and HOT teams are able to assist with outreach on the weekends and nights as well.

4.In order to ensure underserved communities have access to services we worked with a local non-profit that distributes food to set up new food distribution sites and faith-based organizations have partnered with the CoC to host events in these areas too. Outreach workers are trained in cultural competency, motivational interviewing, and trauma-informed care to ensure engagement is handled with care and solid relations are built. Outreach teams staff inclement weather shelters where they encounter a large number of persons that would not normally seek services. Outreach events that provide Misdemeanor Court services, vaccination, veterinary services, and basic life needs are provided. Libraries, health clinics, and bus stops are other places we find persons that would have not sought assistance. Outreach teams use a friendly approach upon engagement that builds trust and builds a relationship over time. Information about services, transportation assistance, and incentive items are distributed.

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.FL-505 invites representatives from mainstream resources to present at CoC meetings to update Stakeholders on services available and how to access them. The CoC requires all CoC-funded providers to assist with food stamps, SSI, medical insurance, and healthcare enrollment where applicable. Referrals to substance abuse programs are made by PATH, ESG, and CoC-funded projects. Both Okaloosa and Walton County Behavioral Health Providers are subrecipients of ESG and the CoC Program. CoC PSH project is operated by a behavioral health provider. The CoC shares updated information on available mainstream resources through Constant Contact email blasts, posts on social media, updating resource guides, and distributing hard copies and digital copies on websites and CE access points, shelters, and outreach events. Any changes to procedures, eligibility, or availability are promptly shared and communicated. The CoC assists in coordinating resource fairs and outreach events for both 3. The CoC Director serves on Bridgeway Health Clinics Board of Directors and the CoC has partnerships with both County DOH organizations and FQHCs. The nursing programs at NWFL State College participate in all CoC events, attend CoC meetings, and intern at the various service providers and CoC locations. All funded providers are trained to utilize healthcare resources in the community. Ascension, Fort Walton Beach Medical, Hope Clinic, Crestview Health, and Bridgeway Health Clinics receive referrals for persons experiencing homelessness and participate in the CoC. These healthcare providers also refer to the CoC's CE and service providers. Lakeview Center and Bridgeway Center accept Medicaid and assist in enrolling clients in Medicaid. Healthcare Navigators employed through 90 Works also assist in enrolling clients in health insurance clients. benefits. Also, certified SOAR staff among multiple agencies including street outreach, shelters, RRH, and PSH.

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)

Due to the efforts during Covid, the CoC now has policies and procedures in place for the continuation of services during a public health emergency. Persons experiencing homelessness during COVID-19 experienced an interruption of services because the community was not prepared for this public health emergency. Lessons learned during the past two years have been instrumental in improvements and collaboration. The CoC staff continue to work closely with service providers, the state DOH, and stakeholders to implement procedures that allow for services while maintaining safety for staff and clients. A system for providing access to basic life needs, access to mainstream benefits, and supportive housing operations is now in place so no interruptions or instability occurs during a public health crisis. Training was provided by the DOH and the CoC on infectious disease and risk mitigation. Several agencies were unprepared to work remotely but now have excellent protocols for remote work. Coordination with emergency management, local government, and healthcare provides has improved and now local plans are in place for public health emergencies. Supplies are now on-hand and PPE supplies are stored for future public health emergencies. The CoC and Okaloosa and Walton County DOH are also working on an official Memorandum of Agreement to address the needs and barriers experienced in the event of continued and reoccurring COVID outbreaks to solidify the procedures we now have in place,

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC’s geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC covers 100% of our geographic area by using the centralized coordinated entry system covering Okaloosa and Walton counties in the CoC catchment area that is easily accessed by anyone seeking housing with 6 access points spread throughout the CoC, virtual access points such as 2-1-1, assertive outreach teams, and in-reach for persons in institutional settings that may be discharged to homelessness. 2. Law enforcement, hospitals, schools, shelters, correctional facilities, behavioral health, human trafficking providers, faith-based organizations, food pantries, victim-service providers, SHIP/NSP, PHA, PATH, ESG, SSVF, VA, CoC, and CDBG funded projects participate in the CES. The CoC utilizes all CES participating entities and assertive outreach to identify, engage, and assess unsheltered persons that may otherwise not seek assistance and expedite connection to critical services. Outreach events are held to bring in the hardest to reach and CES staff attend inclement weather shelter. 2. The system uses the VI-SPDAT to rank applicants in order of vulnerability, with the most vulnerable households ranked at the top. The VISPDAT, by-name list, housing match, and referral system are housed in HMIS to expedite the process from assessment to referral to housing. The VISPDAT score is included in the byname list and those with the highest score are automatically placed at the top of the list and matched to the most appropriate intervention. The system is designed to ensure that people who have been homeless the longest and/or are the most vulnerable are prioritized. Intake Specialists assist with obtaining all documents needed for housing placement and housing navigation to expedite housing and meet the 30-day goal. Receiving Agencies will house referred participants as quickly as possible with a targeted goal of housing within 30 days.. 3.A Coordinated Entry Committee has been formed to look at our current assessment tools and updating to tools that better fit our area that serves more rural areas and also allows for other indicators other than the Vi-SPDAT score. This need to form a committee addressing this specific need was prompted by input from case managers and clients.

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.The CoC uses a centralized coordinated entry system covering Okaloosa andWalton counties in the CoC catchment area that is easily accessed by anyone seeking housing with 6 access points spread throughout the CoC, virtual access points such as 2-1-1, assertive outreach teams, and in-reach for persons in institutional settings that may be discharged to homelessness.

2.Law enforcement, hospitals, schools, shelters, correctional facilities,behavioral health, human trafficking providers, faith-based organizations, food pantries, victim-service providers, SHIP/NSP, PHA, PATH, ESG, SSVF, VA, CoC, and CDBG funded projects participate in the CES. The CoC utilizes all CES participating entities and assertive outreach to identify, engage, and assess unsheltered persons that may otherwise not seek assistance and expedite connection to critical services. Outreach events are held to bring in the hardest to reach and CES staff attend inclement weather shelter.

3.The system uses the VI-SPDAT to rank applicants in order of vulnerability,with the most vulnerable households ranked at the top. The VISPDAT, by-name list, housing match, and referral system are housed in HMIS to expedite the process from assessment to referral to housing. The VISPDAT score is included in the byname list and those with the highest score are automatically placed at the top of the list and matched to the most appropriate intervention. The system is designed to ensure that people who have been homeless the longest and/or are the most vulnerable are prioritized. Intake Specialists assist with obtaining all documents needed for housing placement and housing navigation to expedite housing and meet the 30-day goal. Receiving Agencies will house referred participants as quickly as possible with a targeted goal of housing within 30 days of referral .During Covid quarantines, FL-505 designed a phone interview process to reduce persons using coordinated entry and we are currently working on the online application that can be accessed directly from our website.

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 affirmatively markets the services that we provide through our Coordinated Entry Program by ensuring that all flyers, social media posts, website advertisements, and local events that we participate in are available to all eligible persons regardless of national origin, race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, level of education, etc. 2. Our CoC informs participants of their rights and remedies during our Coordinated Entry intake process. All new clients entering the Coordinated Entry Program are provided with a welcome packet that includes a detailed list of their rights and responsibilities, a copy of our Public Privacy Notice, and a copy of the Federal Fair Housing Law. 3. If unfair housing practices are discovered during the coordinated entry process, our Coordinated Entry Specialist works with the impacted clients to report the issue. FL-505 works closely with Northwest Florida Health Network in Region One and the Office on Homelessness on the jurisdictional Consolidated Plan under which FL505 operates. It is ultimately responsible for collecting and investigating any sort of complaint regarding Fair Housing in this area. The complaint form is located on their website. Clients are also advised that they may contact HUD directly at their complaint hotline number...

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.	04/11/2023

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC’s process for analyzing racial disparities in provision and outcomes of homelessness assistance include cross-referencing clients served data in HMIS and PIT data with US Census Data. Additionally, FL505 regularly reviews our public facing community performance, system performance, and project performance dashboards to monitor disparities in clients served and project outcomes. On April 11th, 2023, the lead agency presented and demonstrated how to navigate these dashboards at the General CoC meeting and encouraged providers to review disparities at the project level for accuracy and equity analysis. 2. According to US Census data, racial minorities in our community constitute 15% of our total population. However, through regular CoC-wide racial analysis, it was identified that racial minorities constitute 27% of our PIT count total. According to HMIS client’s served data from FL505’s HMIS participating providers, in the 2022 fiscal year the clients served were approximately 30% African American, 60% White, 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.5% Asian, and 0.9% Hawaiian (note: percentages do not included counts of “missing”, “refused”, or “data not collected”). These figures highlight the overrepresentation of minorities in our homeless populations that has been addressed in our most recent Housing Needs Assessment.

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.	No
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC’s process for analyzing racial disparities in provision and outcomes of homelessness assistance include cross-referencing clients served data in HMIS and PIT data with US Census Data. Additionally, FL505 regularly reviews our public facing community performance, system performance, and project performance dashboards to monitor disparities in clients served and project outcomes. On April 11th, 2023, the lead agency presented and demonstrated how to navigate these dashboards at the General CoC meeting and encouraged providers to review disparities at the project level for accuracy and equity analysis. 2. According to US Census data, racial minorities in our community constitute 15% of our total population. However, through regular CoC-wide racial analysis, it was identified that racial minorities constitute 27% of our PIT count total. According to HMIS client’s served data from FL505’s HMIS participating providers, in the 2022 fiscal year the clients served were approximately 30% African American, 60% White, 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.5% Asian, and 0.9% Hawaiian (note: percentages do not included counts of “missing”, “refused”, or “data not collected”). These figures highlight the overrepresentation of minorities in our homeless populations. xxxx needs updated numbers

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. Measures that our community uses to track progress towards preventing and eliminating disparities in the provision and outcomes of services are centered around efforts to identify cultural, historical, and environmental context of the population we serve. A primary measure of progress is the evaluation of the racial composition of stakeholders, provider staff and decision makers that have a seat at the table. Our CoC strives to make sure that the voices influencing decisions are an accurate representation of the population we serve. Another measure to track progress is comparing the length of stay in a project, services received, and exit destinations stratified by racial groups. This stratified measure is an indicator of how quickly a client's needs are being met and whether race is an effect modifier of outcomes. This measure provides insight as to what adjustments need to be made in a project to close the racial gaps in these measures. Additionally, our CoC considers the objectives driving initiatives such as whether the project is targeting or prioritizing service provision to marginalized groups. The measures stated can be compared longitudinally to previous years to assess progression towards a more equitable provision of services and equitable outcomes in FL505. As our CoC tenaciously rebuilds its capacity and restructuring following the set back of a natural disaster and the pandemic, we are currently developing a more formal and structured process for tracking such progress that includes benchmarking for these measures with clearly defined definitions of success.

2. To track measures of progress towards equity, HUD's Racial Equity Tool is used as a critical first step in identifying disparities and changes in the racial composition of our community. Equipped with the foundational knowledge provided by the Racial Equity Tool, we then consult our public facing Community, System Performance, and Project Performance Dashboards that transform raw HMIS data into actionable information used to assess and track progress towards eliminating identified disparities as well as create awareness in the form of public and transparent service provision and outcomes in our homelessness response system. These public facing dashboards utilize Imported data from our HMIS to provide a platform for equity analysis by any viewer. These dashboards present historical HMIS data that can be filtered by year allowing for fresh data to be compared to previous years.

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 places great emphasis on having people with lived experience involved in leadership and decision making processes. Members of our CoC have been asked to contact current participants in programs providing homelessness assistance to youth between the ages of 16 and 24 and invite them to assist in forming a Youth Advisory Board, that will influences decisions made affecting youth experiencing homelessness. Persons with lived experience are encouraged to take leadership roles on this and many other committees. The CoC Governance board actively recruited its members by having programs providing homelessness assistance reach out to clients that had successfully completed/exited the programs At this time we have one Board member with lived experience of homelessness who also coordinates and joins when physically able the support/advisory meetings at the family and individual meetings for feedback on how to improve our delivery of service. Zoom meetings have been made available for those with disabilities or lacking adequate or reliable transportation when needed.

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.	7	5
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	3	3
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.	2	1

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 provides professional development and employment opportunities by encouraging its members to recruit volunteers, interns, and employees with lived experience. We also encourage that preference for positions be given to these individuals. Once brought on board, these individuals receive training, certifications, and hands-on experience in the workplace, meeting not only immediate financial needs, but also providing opportunities for building a more stable future. A former client with lived experience of homeless and now serves as a liaison with our CoC received a scholarship to the Southern Conference on Homelessness last year held locally in Sandestin, FL and is now recruiting and nominating other homeless for scholarship awards to lead the effort of inclusion and input from those currently homeless or those with lived experience. The liaison also has a Master's Degree in Social Work and has been offered employment that would be flexible enough to accommodate her disabilities and assisting the CoC and other partners on how to help design more efficient ways to provide professional development opportunities for those facing the same barriers she has experienced.

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. Our CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness through the feedback form created by the lead agency. This form gives clients an opportunity to anonymously provide input on our current services as well as suggestions for additional services that would better meet the needs of our clients. This form is provided during outreach projects and at our Community Resource Center. 2. The Rapid Rehousing Feedback Form is provided to clients 6 months after receiving assistance through our ESG RRH program or when a client exits the program. This form allows our CoC to gather feedback from people who have received assistance through this program by affording the client the opportunity to provide feedback on what services did and did not help them achieve their goals of stable permanent housing. The form also requests suggestions for improvements and additional services that may allow us to better serve the needs of future clients in these programs. 3. Our CoC has implemented changes to our intake process, street outreach, Community Resource Center, and many other programs to address challenges raised by people with lived experience. Our CoC has created access points at various locations throughout our catchment area as well as allowing our case managers to travel to clients without transportation to an access point. We have updated our intake form to remove invasive/unnecessary questions. Our CoC has also invited guest providers to the Community Resource Center to provide services frequently requested by our clients on site for a one-stop-shop approach.

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.FL-505 CoC has met with the Elected Officials and Local organizations responsible for rezoning and land use policies to permit more housing development in our catchment area. There is currently a plan in development to rezone commercial properties and school buildings not currently in use to be used as housing facilities. The Walton County Health Planning, Healthy Homes is chaired by our current Interim Director and they meet with local government officials to share data from the CoC and the WCHIP surveys to show the need and advocate for more affordable housing. As a result, county and city officials have placed housing as an urgent need for the communities. 2. Regulatory barriers that affect housing development across our CoC include zoning laws, subdivision rules, and public ordinances. CoC leadership is working with state and local elected officials and their respective departments, Public Housing Authorities, Local area Financial Institutions and housing developers to reduce those barriers and restrictions that restrict housing development. This subject is discussed at a standing monthly meeting of the parties involved, and we expect this continuous focus to allow us to achieve some progress this year. A prime example of the actions taken is the development of Commercial properties that have now been authorized as Residential properties and are utilizing the tiny housing model for affordable housing. FL-505 recently added a Developer to our Board of Directors and the Interim Director also attends the Okaloosa and Walton County Affordable Housing Committee meetings and allowed to give input and share information and data to advocate for more affordable housing, understanding that it is the largest barrier and challenge to ending homeless is housing.

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

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

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

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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	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. Our CoC provides reports generated from HMIS for data quality and also Program Quality and System Performance Measures for each project. Reviewers are also informed of the barriers that might affect certain outcomes beyond a providers control in some of those areas and were available for any additional questions or information requested by the Reviewers.

.2. Our CoC analyzed data collected from applicants and HMIS to determine average amount of time between initial intake and transition to permanent housing. This analysis also allowed our CoC to determine common barriers that caused lengthier episodes of homelessness. The Proposal Quality aspect of the Review and Ranking Scorecard scored projects using the results of this analysis.

3. Our CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in and the ability to maintain permanent housing with the Key Program Elements and CoC Participation sections of the Review and Ranking Scorecard. The CoC Participation section includes participation in the Coordinated Entry process. The CE process prioritizes applicants based on severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants that would prevent transition to or ability to maintain permanent housing. Projects that were confirmed by the Coordinated Entry Specialist to have followed Coordinated Entry protocols without side doors were awarded maximum points, with fewer points awarded to any who used the process but did not fully follow the protocols.

4. Our CoC understands that barriers faced by projects providing highly needed services to the hardest to serve populations may result in lower performance. Taking this into consideration, the CoC Review and Ranking Scorecard was designed to allow projects to receive points for addressing provision of housing and services to hardest to serve populations. Projects can earn up to 30 points if they address a significant need in our CoC, combat severe barriers not related to race/ethnicity, and address racial/ethnic barriers. This 30-point allotment allows projects to raise their score significantly compared to projects that did not address these issues.

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 race that is most over-represented in the local homeless population is African American, which makes up 30% of our client base but less than 15% of the population in our CoC’s catchment area. After the creation of the Project Application Scoresheet, three members of the African American community with lived experience in homelessness were consulted and asked to provide feedback regarding the rating factors used to review our project applications. 2. The most over-represented race in our local homeless population, representing 30% of our clients, is African American. To ensure that this population was adequately represented in the review, selection, and ranking process, 25% of our Rank and Review Committee is African American. 3. As our CoC only received one project under each category for funding, the degree to which each project identified and addressed barriers faced by our most over-represented populations did not affect the rank level of the projects. It did, however, affect the overall score of the project. The Review and Ranking Scorecard allows for up to 20 points for serving this population: 10 for addressing barriers related to race/ethnicity and up to 10 depending on the number of years spent serving the target population. In future Rank and Review Committees, with all other aspects of project quality being equal, projects that do identify and address these barriers will be ranked higher than those that do not.

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 had only one project under consideration for reallocation. FI-505 Homelessness and Housing Alliance (HHA received the HUD CoC RRH project 2 years ago. Since the CoC Board and Stakeholders decided that it was best for the CoC to move away from client direct services to provide more support for our subrecipients and administrative requirements, HHA released a RFP for another agency Catholic Charities of NWFL) was awarded the contract to take over the HHA RRH project. This year HHA did not submit a Renewal Application for the RRH project and the current contracted agency who has been high performing with the contract since awarded in April of 2023, This agency applied for a New RRH project and the Board approved that reallocation. The RRH project was reallocated to the approved RRH Project submitted by Catholic Charities due to the low performance of HHA's direct client services to this agency that has a proven track record of consistent high performance in all RRH programs.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	Yes
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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?	
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.	09/12/2023
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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
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/12/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/12/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	WellSky
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC’s HMIS coverage area.	Multiple CoCs
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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.	04/24/2023
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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 plans to engage the DV provider to apply for ESG funding so they can obtain licenses to use a comparable database. Although they are still not using one, we will continue to encourage them to do so by providing education and by trying to demonstrate the value of using an HMIS comparable database and the requirement to do so.
2. The victim service provider is not currently using an HMIS-comparable database but the CoC is working with them to correct this action and currently meeting with them to go over the system they are using now compared to what is needed using the HUD DV Monitoring Tool
3. Yes, the HMIS is compliant with FY2022 data standards and in the process with our vendor or preparing for the new FY 24 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	139	16	123	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	0	0	0	
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	36	0	36	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	149	0	149	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

1. steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2. how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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
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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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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/26/2023
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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.	04/24/2023
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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 took a comprehensive approach to plan the 2023 PIT Count, with a strong emphasis on involving youth and youth services providers in the process. This inclusive planning effort engaged a diverse range of stakeholders, recognizing the importance of a multifaceted strategy to capture an accurate picture of the homeless youth population in our counties. Stakeholders involved included school districts, local community colleges, career and workforce development agencies, vocational rehab agencies, local law enforcement, health departments, and faith-based organizations.
2. On the day of the count, events were organized at various agencies to reach homeless youth effectively. Homeless youth enrolled in homeless programs, alongside adult volunteers, distributed resource flyers in specific areas and at times they had identified as optimal for connecting with more homeless youth. Local Emergency Medical Services and law enforcement agencies hosted cookouts, and donations were collected to provide incentives. Additionally, information about the events was posted in locations frequented by youth to encourage their participation in the activities scheduled for the day of the count.
3. GenNext, a program that offers a range of services for homeless youth, played a vital role in supporting the PIT Count. They not only provided incentives but also took the lead in coordinating volunteers dedicated to reaching the homeless youth population.

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)

Not applicable.

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. Risk factors for people experiencing homelessness for the first time are identified through the SPDAT assessment, coordinated entry process, data collected in HMIS, and interactions with street outreach and emergency shelter staff. We look for factors like poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, mental illness, substance use disorder, health issues, youth aging out of foster care, and limited education.
2. For those at risk of becoming homeless, we offer early intervention through diversion, including referrals to mainstream financial and rental assistance programs, housing counseling, legal services, and other supportive services. The CoC has many agencies that offer TANF, private assistance, and ESG-funded homelessness prevention services. The CoC membership and partner agencies are trained on diversion strategies and have a thorough knowledge of available resources to support the CoCs diversion efforts.
3. Homeless and Housing Alliance oversees the CoCs strategy to reduce the number of people and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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. Our Coc determined the risk factors used to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time by analyzing data from HMIS and coordinating with our member agencies to assess trends prevalent in those seeking assistance for the first time. 2. Our CoC has developed several strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. Through data collected from participating agencies, our CoC identified the following risk factors for first time homelessness: Fleeing domestic violence, severe mental and physical health concerns, residing in an institutional care facility for less than 90 days, and low/fixed income status. Our strategies to address these factors include Homeless Prevention such as assistance with utilities and rent, assistance with childcare and transportation for employment, discharge planning with case managers, and access to professional development and employment opportunities. 3. Homelessness and Housing Alliance.

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. Our CoC increases the rate of client exit to permanent housing through a case management system. Clients are assigned case managers who collaborate with the client to assess their specific barriers to financial stability and self-sufficiency. Once barriers are identified, a robust case plan is created with detailed action steps designed to overcome said barriers. These steps may include financial planning, basic life skills, professional development, continuing education, and medical care plans. 2. Our CoC increases the rate that individuals and families in permanent housing projects retain their housing through our case management system. Our case managers develop a detailed action plan upon intake to address the current needs and future goals of each client. At least once per month, the assigned case manager will meet with the client to review the progress made and update the current plan. These plans include steps to develop a monthly budget, procure and maintain employment, further education, and improve overall mental and physical health. When a client is ready to exit our program, their case manager will ensure that the client has a plan in place and access to all resources necessary to maintain stable housing. 3. Homelessness and Housing Alliance.

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. Individuals and families who return to homelessness are identified through our data management system and/or self-report. Persons seeking assistance complete an intake interview during which prior episodes of homelessness are identified. This information is confirmed through the service history information located in HMIS. 2. Our CoC reduces the rate of additional return to homelessness through a case management system. Clients are assigned case managers who collaborate with the client to assess their specific barriers to continuing financial stability and self-sufficiency. Once barriers are identified, a robust case plan is created with detailed action steps designed to overcome said barriers. These steps may include financial planning, basic life skills, professional development, continuing education, and medical care plans. 3. Homelessness and Housing Alliance.

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. Members of our CoC work to build relationships with local businesses, temporary employment agencies, and career resource centers that could provide employment opportunities to participants in CoC programs. Our case managers assist clients with access to employment cash sources by removing barriers such as lack of mandatory identification documents, transportation, childcare, and deficits in education/training. 2. Our CoC collaborates with local CareerSource partners and businesses to increase employment cash income of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. These partners provide resume builders, professional development, education and training, and employment matching services. Our CoC also assists in the removal of barriers for employment such as transportation and childcare. 3. Homelessness and Housing Alliance.

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. Our CoC accesses non-employment cash income by educating clients on unemployment, social security, and disability benefits. Case managers will assist clients in setting up accounts with the Department of Economic Opportunity and walk them through the process of applying for unemployment benefits. Our CoC also works closely with the Social Security Administrative Office to assist our clients in applying for social security and disability benefits. Clients are provided with transportation to appointments and given access to a phone for interviews, if needed. 2.Homelessness and Housing Alliance.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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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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
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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)

N/A

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

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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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
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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)

N/A

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

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/25/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/25/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	HHA Announcement ...	09/24/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/24/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/24/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	HHA Notification ...	09/24/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/24/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	HHA Project Award...	09/24/2023
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	FL-505 2023 HDX C...	08/23/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	Walton Country PH...	09/25/2023

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Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool and Instructions

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Document Description: Scored Forms for New RRH Project

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Document Description: HHA Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

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Document Description: Notification of Project awards accepted website posting

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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

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released the FY 2023 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD’s Continuum of Care Program Competition FR-6700-N-25.

Homelessness & Housing (HHA) serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care (FL-505). As the Collaborative Applicant, HHA is accepting proposals for projects that wish to use CoC Program Homeless Assistance funding from HUD. This notice serves as an overview of the process and opportunity to apply for funds.

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 non-profit providers, State, and local governments to quickly rehouse 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.

New and renewal project applications will be accepted and prioritized for funding by the Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care Grant Review Committee. **The CoC encourages applications from applicants that have never previously received CoC funds as well as from applicants that are currently receiving or have in the past received CoC funds.** The CoC provides technical assistance to ensure that the process is accessible to all eligible applicants, including those who have not received CoC funds in the past. It is important to read this entire document, attachments, and HUD Program Guides including the NOFO before submitting an application to ensure all requirements are met.

The Grant Review Committee will competitively rank projects on how they improve the performance of the local homeless assistance system and will reallocate funds to higher performing projects. This NOFO supports HUD’s Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026 to accomplish HUD’s mission and vision. HUD will pursue two overarching priorities focused on increasing equity and improving customer experience across all HUD programs. This year, HUD is putting an emphasis on prioritizing projects that support underserved communities, ensure access to and increase the production of affordable housing, promote homeownership, and advance sustainable communities. Please read the Review and Ranking Procedures attachment for more information on reallocating, ranking, and review. All projects must follow a housing first approach and agree to utilize One Way Home, the coordinated entry system. Please read this entire document and HUD’s NOFO.

Okaloosa Walton Homeless CoC has been notified by HUD that the below amounts are estimated for the upcoming funding cycle with a maximum of eligible funds to be applied for.

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$691,397
- Anticipated Tier I amount: \$642,999
- Anticipated Tier II amount: \$48,398
- Bonus Project amount: \$49,355
- DV Bonus Project amount: \$70,507

Eligible project applicants:

- Nonprofit organizations

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- States
- Local governments
- Public housing agencies
- For profit organizations are NOT eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grants

Newly proposed and renewal projects will be accepted for the following eligible projects:

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: ALL PROJECTS SHOULD APPLY FOR ONE YEAR GRANT TERMS.

1. Permanent Supportive Housing projects may apply for projects that will serve 100 percent chronically homeless households.
2. Renewal PSH projects (Additional items outside ESNAPS are required and must be verified by HHA). See Scoring Tool in Scoring Process.
3. Renewal HMIS project for the costs that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead for a maximum amount of \$52,552 (will be ranked #1 to meet HUD reporting requirements)
4. Permanent Housing -Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) that serve homeless households including unaccompanied youth
5. Rapid-Rehousing (PH-RRH) for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence.
6. Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry for the Coordinating Entity.

Beginning with the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition, HUD allows project applicants to apply for a new expansion project under the reallocation process or bonus in order to expand existing eligible renewal projects that will increase the number of units in the project or allow the recipient to serve additional persons. HUD has clarified that the component type for the existing project and the new expansion project must be identical (e.g., an existing PSH project may only apply for a PSH expansion, an existing RRH project may only apply for a RRH expansion). Projects may not apply for an expansion to replace other funding sources. Applicants seeking funding for an expansion project should complete the relevant section of this application.

DV Bonus: For projects the CoC indicates it would like considered as part of the DV Bonus, HUD will award a point value to each project application combining both the CoC Application score and responses to the domestic violence bonus specific questions in the CoC Application using the following 100 point scale:

- 1.) For RRH component projects
 - a.) CoC score. Up to **50** points in direct proportion to the score received in the CoC application.
 - b.) CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers. Up to **10** points in direct proportion to the score received on the following rating factors in the application: section V.B.1.e, section V.B.2.c, and section V.B.3.b.
 - c.) Need for the project. Up to **10** points based on the extent the CoC quantifies the need for the project in its portfolio, the extent of the need, and how the project will fill that gap.
 - d.) Quality of the Project Applicant Experience. Up to **15** points based on the previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and dating violence, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.
 - e.) Demonstration of inclusion of victim-centered practices. Up to 8 points based on the quality of the project's plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors by adopting victim-

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centered practices (e.g., Housing First, Trauma-Informed Care, Confidentiality) in operating their project. Full points will be awarded to project applicants that can demonstrate they are already adopting victim-centered practices.

- f.) *Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise. Up to 7 points based on the project's ability to demonstrate its plan to involve survivors in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.*

DV Bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

Per CoC policy HHA's HMIS renewal project will be ranked number 1 in order to ensure all HMIS and reporting requirements are met for our CoC.

Critical Deadlines:

- Virtual applicant workshop on August 9, 2023 at 9:00AM CST.
- Project Applications submitted to HHA in E-Snaps and one hard copy by 5:00 PM on August 28, 2023.
- Applications reviewed for completeness and submitted to Grant Committee August 31, 2023.
- Review Committee Meeting September 7, 2023.
- Rankings to CoC Board for approval September 11, 2023 (Results posted on www.hhalliance.org)
- All project applicants advised of acceptance/rejection September 11, 2023.
- Consolidated application and Priority Ranking posted to website on September 21, 2023.
- Consolidated Application to be submitted on or before September 26, 2023.

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should ensure that they meet the following threshold criteria:

- 1) Must propose an eligible activity for an eligible homeless population (see page 2 eligible projects)
- 2) Must be an eligible contractor for federal funds with a current SAM certification and current tax exempt status
- 3) Must not propose to use HUD funds to supplement current funding.
- 4) Must be able to provide the following information:
 - a.) Signed authorization to apply for CoC funding and agreeing to all items in next section
 - b.) Most recent IRS 990 or audit report and auditor's management letter
 - c.) IRS 501(c)(3) designation letter
 - d.) Current board roster
 - e.) Copies of code of conduct/ethics, conflict of interest, organizational chart, and personnel, procurement, and accounting procedures
 - f.) Match letter for 25% of the applied amount subtracting leasing if applying for PSH
 - g.) Any other requested documents described in Scoring Tool

Requirements: All applicants will certify in writing to the following:

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- Submit program data and participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or have an equivalent system and submit de-identified data to HMIS if a domestic violence provider. Applicants must agree to adhere to HMIS policies and pay required HMIS fees (3% of grant award). This is an allowable cost and should be included in the budget.
- Follow FL-505 Written Standards
- Participate in One Way Home, coordinated entry system, and accept referrals that prioritize the most vulnerable from the Supportive Housing Registry maintained by HHA.
- Be a member in good standing, membership dues must be current at time of submittal
- Participate in all CoC activities and attend 75% or more CoC meetings.
- Applicants must ensure and demonstrate that they understand the Conflict of Interest guidelines found in CFR 578.95 (b)(c)(d) and are free of any conflicts in interest.
- Attend trainings, conferences, webinars, or other technical assistance HUD or the CoC provides regarding CoC Program funds, Racial Equity, Equal Access Rule, and the administration of those funds as needed. HUD annual training is mandatory attendance for project applicants.
- Agencies that are awarded CoC Program funds are to be monitored and evaluated at a minimum of annually by the Continuum of Care. The data results and outcomes of the monitoring and evaluations will be shared with the Grant Committee. The Grant Committee will utilize the evaluations, data, and outcomes, in the decision-making process for future applications. Agencies are required to allow at least one annual site-visit by HHA or CoC designated monitor.
- Promote geographic diversity of programs throughout our CoC by covering both counties.
- **Agencies that serve survivors of domestic violence are encouraged to apply and are exempt from having to utilize the HMIS, however they will need to agree to participate in One Way Home and provide data from a comparable database.**

To be eligible for funding under this NOFO, project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the Hearth Act of 2009, the CoC Program Interim Rule (24 CFR part 578), the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO, the FY2019 HUD General Section NOFA, and any HUD published CoC Program New Project Application Guidance. You can find these documents at www.hudexchange.info.

Policy Priorities: Found in NOFO on page 7-9

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

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CoC Program Provisions: Found in NOFO on page 23-24

1. Performance-Based Decisions

Appropriations Act:

- a. Requests for new CoC project applications are not allowed, unless the CoC evaluates and competitively ranks projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in Section V.B.2.b of this NOFO;
- b. HUD will prioritize funding for CoC's that have demonstrated the capacity to reallocate funding from lower to higher performing projects.

ALL PROJECT APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH Administrative, National, and Departmental Policy Requirements found in NOFO on pages 111-113

All agencies interested in applying for CoC Program funds should read the NOFO on HHA's website www.hhalliance.org or at HUD's website

Applicant Workshop:

All those interested in applying for the HUD CoC program may should attend the grant workshop. Please submit questions regarding the application to crystal@hhalliance.org prior to the Workshop. The Workshop will include reviewing the application, eligibility requirements, funding requirements including prioritizing most vulnerable, chronically homeless and other populations, bonus projects, and housing first. HMIS requirements will be reviewed but no HMIS end user training will take place during the Workshop. All other questions and concerns that are submitted via email will be addressed.

The Workshop will be hosted via Microsoft Teams on August 9, 2023 at 9:00 AM CST.

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Submittal:

All project applications must be submitted in ESNAPS as well as one hard copy HAND-DELIVERED to HHA Admin office located at 906 Mar Walt Drive, Unit G, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. **DO NOT MAIL.** Applications submitted through any other means will not be reviewed. The deadline for both submissions is August 28, 2023 by 5:00 PM CST. If applications are not received by that date and time, they will not be reviewed. Please make sure the hard copy contains all requested

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information. This RFP does request more than the application in ESNAPS requests. If you have any questions, please email crystal@hhalliance.org

Helpful Links:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/program-components-and-eligible-costs/>

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/grant-administration/>

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2909/coc-project-application-instructions-for-new-projects/>

Scoring Process for FL-505 CoC Program

Scoring of applications will be completed by the Grant Committee, which is made up of CoC members who are not employed by or associated with any of the project sponsors applying for funds. The sole exception to this rule is HHA, which is a recipient of the HMIS grant, but is permitted to serve on the CoC Grant Committee because HMIS grants are automatically prioritized by the CoC in order to meet HUD HMIS requirements.

The Grant Committee will score submitted proposals according to objective criteria provided as part of the application process and will rank proposals in order according to scores. The committee will then consider overall HUD and CoC priorities and strategy to determine a final list of projects to be submitted to HUD, and the amounts of funding to be requested for each project. **Proposers will be notified in writing no later than September 11, 2023** of whether they will be included in the application to HUD and the amount to be allocated for each project. The list for selection shall be posted on the website of the Homelessness & Housing Alliance on that date. Applicants will also be notified in writing via email.

HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for new and renewal project applications submitted to HUD in the FY 2023. CoCs are expected to closely review information provided in each project application to ensure:

1. All proposed program participants are eligible
2. The information provided in the project application and proposed activities are eligible and consistent with 24 CFR part 578;
3. Each project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all criteria for that question as required by NOFO
4. Data provided in certain parts of the project application are consistent; and
5. All required attachments correspond to the list of attachments in eSnaps that must contain accurate and complete information that are dated between May 1, 2023 and September 28, 2023.

SCORING, RANKING AND SELECTION

All complete, timely, and eligible applications will be scored by the CoC Grant Committee, using the scoring rubrics attached to this guidance. Please use the appropriate scoring tool as they vary depending on project type. Scores will determine each project's rank in the CoC's application to HUD, and rank will be the primary determinant of placement into Tier 1 and Tier 2. Scores may also be used to reject applications or to reduce budgets for low-scoring projects.

The scoring rubric evaluates past performance (of renewal applicants) and promotes best practices or practices that will improve our local response to homelessness and align our response with national policies and best practices. These include:

- Ending homelessness for all persons
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- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Improving System Performance
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
- Racial Equity
- Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
- Persons with Lived Experience
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

The process for considering projects will include the following:

- Meet threshold requirements
- Project scoring; and
- Responses to any requests for explanations or requests for more information from the Grant Committee

Once the committee completes the scoring and ranking, the committee will consider the CoC's priorities, whether the initial scoring is likely to result in any critical service gaps, whether grantees have a history of returning unspent funds to HUD and strategy related to Tier cut offs and HUD's selection process and may adjust budgets and produce the final ranking of projects to be included in the CoC application. The Committee's rationale for any adjustments must be recorded and made public with the published rankings.

Because HMIS is required for the CoC and must be funded, HMIS grants will receive the maximum score and be ranked #1. Our CoC encourages organizations to apply for all other eligible project types. All applicants or interested potential applicants are encouraged to attend the Applicant Workshop.

August 9th Applicant Workshop (optional) 9:00 am. Please use the following link:

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The information shared during the Workshop will be sent via email and posted to the website on Thursday, August 10, 2023 for those applicants unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts, disability, or other impairments.

Applicants not selected by the CoC to be included in the CoC submission may follow the Appeal Process in the Rank and Review Policy and Procedures but if the applicant is still not satisfied, they may appeal by submitting their *eSnaps* Solo Application directly to HUD.

Applicants not selected may appeal directly to HUD following the appeal process in the NOFO.

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August 28, 2023 Deadline for Submittal of Complete Application for Rating and Ranking 5:00 pm CST.

Complete applications include:

1. **eSnaps submittal** with following attachments uploaded:

- Documentation of agency 501(c)(3) status
- Match commitment letters (dated May 1, 2023 to September 28, 2023)

2. **Delivery of Hard Copy and CoC Required Documents** to HHA, 906 Mar Walt Drive, Unit G, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547.

The required documents are:

- Signed authorization to apply for CoC funding on cover letter.
- Most recent audit report or 990
- IRS 501(c)(3) designation letter
- Current board roster
- Match letter
- The following agency policies: Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest; Drug-Free Workplace; Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing; Reasonable Accommodation and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities; Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment; and Confidentiality.

Threshold Requirements (if one or more of the following isn't met the application will not be scored):

Was the Project properly entered into ESNAPS and delivered by 5:00 pm CST on August 28,2023?

Does the Project meet the Eligibility Threshold Requirements and was sufficient documentation provided and uploaded into ESNAPS proving eligibility?

Was the hard copy submitted to HHA complete according to the RFP and scoring tool for the appropriate project type?

Is the project an active member of the CoC and participating in CES?

Evaluating Projects Submitted by Victim Service Providers:

The following tool is specific to projects that only serve survivors of stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

SCORING FOR DV Bonus PROJECTS FOR FY2023 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION		
<p>PROGRAM DESIGN 30 points <i>Source:</i> Project Application</p> <p>Must serve all areas of the CoC. These projects should all be low barrier to entry and utilize Housing First.</p>	Does the project align with CoC needs and enhance system wide performance? (up to 10 points)	<p>Project describes specific strategies to meet outcomes for this population: Outcomes should include: Does project application include and describe strategies and services that are designed to meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence when increasing access to employment and benefits that address issues or dangers posed by abusers How does the program seek to ensure rapid placement into permanent housing for families and individuals while addressing their safety concerns? How will project reduce the recidivism rates to DV and homelessness? (if strategies for these 3 outcomes are specified and accurate-10 points)</p> <p>If project describes partial strategies but meets community needs- 5 points</p> <p>If project does not meet community needs and does not describe ways to enhance system wide performance-0 points</p>
	Project describes how participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in housing (5 points)	Project describes in detail how participants will be assisted to stay in housing using evidence-based approaches including recovery, increasing employment, and improve overall well-being? -5 points
	Housing First/low-barrier + rapid placement in PH (up to 5 points) EVIDENCE-BASED	Project describes Housing First model; is low-barrier + participates in CES, rapid placement in PH—5 points
	Project description/scope includes safety planning, Trauma Informed Care, and other strategies specific survivors needs (up to 10 points)	Adequately describes project and is consistent with DV population and offers services and programs to meet the expected performance outcomes – up to 10 points

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AGENCY EXPERIENCE and HISTORY OF PARTICIPATION 22 points <i>Source:</i> Application; HHA verification of active members and CES MOU	Agency experience up to 10 points	5 or more years serving population or performing the proposed activities – 10 points 3 or more years serving population or performing the proposed activities – 6 points
	Experience with federal funds (up to 5 points)	Prior use of federal funds to operate 1 or more program(s) – 5 points
	Project participates in CoC and CES. (2 points)	Project is an active member of the CoC and participates in CES. 1 point for each verified by HHA.
	Organization and management structure (up to 5 points)	Description demonstrates strong internal coordination & financial accounting – 5 points
FINANCIAL 25 points <i>Source:</i> Budget submittal, leverage letters/MOU/MOA,	Budget submission (up to 10 points)	Budget is accurate and complies with CoC Interim Rule, and cost effective –10 points Budget is accurate but not specific and cost effective- 5 points Budget does not align with project -0 points
	Match letter for 25%. (5 points)	Match letter included for eligible activities- 5 points No letter-0 points
	Ability to maximize resources by having a plan to integrate and coordinate with other programs. (10 points).	Agency demonstrates the ability to link clients with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs they may be eligible for. The narrative should include any written agreements with other programs or letters from other agencies should be attached. If narrative describes plan but does not include written agreements or leverage letters-5 points If agency doesn't demonstrate this ability-0 points
PROGRAM & DATA MANAGEMENT 23 points <i>Source:</i> Application, agency policies and procedures	Performance measures (up to 5 points)	Proposed performance measure(s) are consistent with population served and CoC performance goals – 5 points
	Data Sharing (up to 5 points)	Describes how the project shares aggregate data from its database with the CoC, and what is the project's process to attain participants' informed consent to be included in this database-

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	Schedule & management plan (5 points)	Full points where there is a plan for timely and rapid start up (no later than 7/1/2024) and strong management
	Complete and compliant policies & procedures (up to 5 points)	Full points where all required policies and procedures are submitted and comply with HUD requirements
	Project includes the following activities: Transportation Follow-ups SSI/SSDI technical assistance	Full points for all 3. (1 point each)

Outcomes for DV Projects:

Does project application include and describe strategies and services that are designed to meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence when increasing access to employment and benefits that address issues or dangers posed by abusers?

How does the program seek to ensure rapid placement into permanent housing for families and individuals while addressing their safety concerns?

How will the project reduce the recidivism rates to DV and homelessness?

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SCORING FOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR FY2023		Points Allowed
COC PROGRAM COMPETITION		
PROGRAM DESIGN 20 points <i>Source:</i> Project Application, program monitoring, HMIS data, Policies submitted. If less than 12 points here reallocation should be considered	Cost efficient (up to 10 points) Over \$10,000- 0 points 8K -10K- 8 points Less than 8K-10 points HHA will verify	Is the overall cost per project participant less than the National Average \$10,000 per participant/unit? Total Budget divided by current capacity=
	Project data confirms it is designed to enhance system wide performance by reducing the # of households experiencing homelessness, length of time homeless, and increased housing placement and retention. Data confirms strategies used to improve system performance (20 point maximum) HHA will verify	# of extremely vulnerable housed from Supportive Housing Registry_____ 10 or more- 10 points 5-9- 5 points 1-4-0 points
		Length of time from referral to housing (average) Less than 30 days 5 points; 30-45 days 2 points, over 45 days 0 points
PERFORMANCE 25 points <i>Source: HMIS or APR</i> If less than 18 points here reallocation should be considered <i>HHA will verify</i>	Participants exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) (up to 10 points) Housing Stability (up to 6 points) Less than 85%-0 points	# of participants exited to PH over 5- 10 points 3-5 exited to PH-3 points Under 3-0 points 85% or more remained in PH – 6 points
	Income (up to 5 points)	55% or more of adults Increased income – 5 points 25%- 54% of adults increased income – 2 points Less than 25%-0 points
	Mainstream Benefits (up to 5 points)	90% or more of adults maintained or increased benefits – 5 points 80%-89% or more of adults maintained or increased benefits – 3 points Less than 80%-0 points
FINANCIAL 16 points <i>Source:</i> Match letters, Budget, program monitoring, If not on target to spend down all funds reallocation should be considered	Match (3 points if yes and 0 pints if no)	The project budget and application include a 25% match and the match funds align with the activities to be carried out.
	Budget-3 points	The project budget is descriptive, and all items are explained
	Drawdown rates (up to 5 points) HHA will verify Renewals will submit verification that Draw Downs are occurring at least quarterly.	Invoices monthly – 5 points Invoices at least quarterly - 1 point
	Spend Down (up to 5 points) HHA will verify Renewals will need to include a Draw	On target to spend at least 95% of grant – 5 points

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	Down amount for each category in the budget and submit to HHA.	
DATA/ HMIS 15 points <i>Source: APR, HMIS reports</i> <i>HHA will verify</i>	HMIS data quality (up to 10 points)	5% or less null/missing data – 10 points 6-10% null/missing data – 5 points
	Broad and full HMIS participation and coverage (5 points)	Enters quality and timely data for all housing and services for persons experiencing homelessness served and contributes quality data for all required reports including HIC, PIT, AHAR, and APR's.

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SCORING FOR NEW PSH PROJECTS FOR FY2023 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION		
<p>PROGRAM DESIGN 35 points <i>Source:</i> Project Application</p> <p>Eligible projects must be scattered- site and serve all areas of the CoC. These projects should all be low barrier to entry and utilize Housing First.</p>	Does the project align with CoC needs and enhance system wide performance? (up to 10 points)	<p>Project describes specific strategies to reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness, to reduce length of time homeless, and increase housing placement and retention rates (if strategies for these 3 outcomes are specified and accurate-10 points)</p> <p>If project describes partial strategies but meets community needs- 5 points</p> <p>If project does not meet community needs and does not describe ways to enhance system wide performance-0 points</p>
	Project describes how participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in housing (5 points)	Project describes in detail how participants will be assisted to stay in housing using evidence-based approaches including recovery, increasing income, and improve overall well-being? -5 points
	Housing First/low-barrier + rapid placement in PH (up to 5 points)	Project describes Housing First model; is low-barrier + prioritizes most vulnerable, rapid placement in PH—5 points
	<p>Cost efficient (up to 10 points)</p> <p>Over 10,000- 0 points</p> <p>Less than 10,000 (10 points)</p> <p>10-12,000 (5 points)</p> <p>Over 12,000 (0 points)</p> <p>NEW PSH PROECTS ONLY</p>	<p>Is the projected cost per project participant less than the National Average \$10,000 per participant/unit?</p> <p>Total Budget divided by projected number to be served=</p>
	Project description/scope uses evidence-based approaches and describes severity of needs(up to 5 points)	Adequately describes project and is consistent with population served and expected performance outcomes using evidence-based approaches – up to 5 points
<p>AGENCY EXPERIENCE and HISTORY OF PARTICIPATION 25 points <i>Source:</i> Application; HHA verification of active members, CES MOU</p>	Agency experience up to 5 points	<p>5 or more years serving population or performing the proposed activities – 5 points</p> <p>3 or more years serving population or performing the proposed activities – 3 points</p>
	Experience with federal funds (up to 5 points)	Prior use of federal funds to operate 1 or more program(s) – 5 points
	Participates in One Way Home, HMIS, and understands the CoC (3 points)	Describes participation in the CoC and components of the CoC and has signed MOUS and agreements for participation: Yes – 3 points
	Organization and management structure (up to 10 points)	Description demonstrates strong internal coordination & financial accounting – 10 points

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	Participation in CoC (up to 2 points)	Is an active member of the CoC, and participates in activities- 2 points
FINANCIAL 22 points <i>Source:</i> Budget submittal, leverage letters/written agreements,	Budget submission (up to 7 points)	Budget is accurate and complies with CoC Interim Rule, and cost effective –7 points Budget is accurate but not specific and cost effective- 4 points Budget does not align with project -0 points
	Match letter for 25%. Deduct leasing from the total proposed budget and agency must match 25% of that amount. (5 points)	Match letter included for eligible activities- 5 points No letter-0 points
	Ability to maximize resources by having a plan to integrate and coordinate with other programs. (10 points).	Agency demonstrates the ability to link clients with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs they may be eligible for. (10 points) The narrative should include any written agreements with other programs or letters from other agencies should be attached. If narrative describes plan but does not include written agreements or leverage letters-5 points If agency doesn't demonstrate this ability-0 points
PROGRAM & DATA MANAGEMENT 18 points <i>Source:</i> Application, agency policies and procedures	HMIS experience (up to 5 points)	Agency provides HMIS data on existing program(s) with 90% or higher data accuracy rate to HHA – 5 points
	Schedule & management plan (5 points)	Full points where there is a plan for timely and rapid start up (no later than 7/1/2024) and strong management
	Complete and compliant policies & procedures (up to 5 points)	Full points where all required policies and procedures are submitted and comply with HUD requirements
	Projects includes the following activities: Transportation Follow-ups SSI/SSDI	Full points for all 3. (1 point each)

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SCORING FOR NEW RRH PROJECTS FOR FY2023 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION		
<p>PROGRAM DESIGN 30 points <i>Source:</i> Project Application</p> <p>Must serve all areas of the CoC. These projects should all be low barrier to entry and utilize Housing First.</p>	Does the project align with CoC needs and enhance system wide performance? (up to 10 points)	Project describes specific strategies to reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness, to reduce length of time homeless, and increase housing placement and retention rates (if strategies for these 3 outcomes are specified and accurate-10 points)
		If project describes partial strategies but meets community needs- 5 points
		If project does not meet community needs and does not describe ways to enhance system wide performance-0 points
	Project describes how participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in housing (5 points)	Project describes in detail how participants will be assisted to stay in housing using evidence-based approaches including recovery, increasing income, and improve overall well-being? -5 points
	Housing First/low-barrier + rapid placement in PH (up to 5 points)	Project describes Housing First model; is low-barrier + prioritizes most vulnerable, rapid placement in PH—5 points
Project description/scope includes severity of needs and evidence-based approaches (up to 10 points)	Adequately describes project and is consistent with population served and expected performance outcomes – up to 10 points	
<p>AGENCY EXPERIENCE and HISTORY OF PARTICIPATION 22 points <i>Source:</i> Application; HHA verification of active members and CES MOU</p>	Agency experience up to 10 points	5 or more years serving population or performing the proposed activities – 10 points 3 or more years serving population or performing the proposed activities – 6 points
	Experience with federal funds (up to 5 points)	Prior use of federal funds to operate 1 or more program(s) – 5 points
	Project participates in CoC and CES (2 points)	Project is an active member of the CoC and participates in CES. 1 point for each verified by HHA
	Organization and management structure (up to 5 points)	Description demonstrates strong internal coordination & financial accounting – 10 points

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	Match letter for 25%. (5 points)	Match letter included for eligible activities- 5 points No letter-0 points
	Ability to maximize resources by having a plan to integrate and coordinate with other programs (10 points)	Agency demonstrates the ability to link clients with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs they may be eligible for. The narrative should include any written agreements with other programs or letters from other agencies should be attached. If narrative describes plan but does not include written agreements or leverage letters-5 points If agency doesn't demonstrate this ability-0 points
PROGRAM & DATA MANAGEMENT 23 points <i>Source:</i> Application, agency policies and procedures	HMIS experience (up to 5 points)	Agency provides HMIS data on existing program(s) with 90% or higher data accuracy rate to HHA – 5 points (DV Projects exempt but will be scored on providing CoC with data through other ways)
	Schedule & management plan (5 points)	Full points where there is a plan for timely and rapid start up (no later than 7/1/2024) and strong management
	Complete and compliant policies & procedures (up to 5 points)	Full points where all required policies and procedures are submitted and comply with HUD requirements
	Project includes the following activities: Transportation Follow-ups SSI/SSDI	Full points for all 3. (1 point each)
	Performance measures (up to 5 points)	Proposed performance measure(s) are consistent with population served and CoC performance goals – 5 points

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Rank and Review Procedures & Reallocation Policies

FL-505 developed, adopted, and implemented the following in June 2017 at a membership meeting:

Rank and Review Procedures are found in Section 1-4 of this document.

Reallocation Procedures are found in Section 5- 8 of this document.

Scoring Processes are described in detail in a separate document, Scoring Processes for FL-505, and change annually depending upon the NOFO and requirements contained within the NOFO.

These processes, policies, and procedures were developed and implemented based on the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Notice of Funding Opportunity for the CoC Program, input from Stakeholders, and 24 CFR 578. This document was voted on and approved by the CoC. Minor changes may occur in formatting, dates specific to the funding year, and additional requirements may be added if the NOFO requires it. Changes to the procedures do not change without Stakeholder approval.

Section 1. Eligibility

Active members of the CoC are eligible to submit proposals for the HUD NOFA through the Collaborative Applicant (Homelessness & Housing Alliance). Active membership is described in Governance Charter, Annual Membership Campaign, and Written Standards.

Only eligible proposals will be ranked for inclusion in the CoC's consolidated application by the Grant Review Committee. Applications that do not meet the scoring threshold will not be reviewed. Low scoring proposals not scoring high enough will not be ranked on the Priority Listing. Eligibility is determined in federal regulation and the annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

All items regarding eligibility for applicants, including being an active member of the CoC will be included in the local Request for Proposals (RFP) that is publicly noticed, according to the timeline and requirements of the NOFO.

Section 2. Grant Review Committee (GRC)

The CoC Board of Directors recruits between 3 and 5 members, without a conflict of interest for the Grant Review Committee, prioritizing members who have served as GRC members in the past or who have other relevant experience. The Committee will be composed of representatives from a cross-section of groups that have knowledge of federal/state contracts, homeless assistance system, and grant writing.

- Grant Review Committee members must sign a statement declaring that they have no conflict of interest.
- Members must be appointed every year and their eligibility verified.
- Members must be able to dedicate time for application review and committee meetings.
- Grant Review Committee members (3-5) are trained. The Grant Review Committee Training includes:
 - Information regarding homeless activities, needs, services, definitions and other issues that are pertinent to Okaloosa and Walton County residents
 - A background of HEARTH and the local process
 - The role of the Grant Review Committee Review of the scoring tools, applications, and resources

Section 3. Process for Rank and Review

Grant Review Committee members receive eligible application proposals and scoring materials.

Prior to the Review meeting, all Committee members review all applications over a one-week period for HUD CoC funds. Members read projects, preliminarily score them, and note any questions/comments to discuss with applicants.

If the CoC staff have any knowledge that could lead HUD to deny granting funds to a project, they will share that information with the Review Committee. Applicants will be made aware of this rule at the Technical Assistance meeting.

The Review Committee meets to review and discuss each application together and to individually score them. CoC staff is present at the Committee meeting to record decisions of the Committee and any comments/ recommendations they have for applicants. ****This year the meeting may take place via Zoom.***

The Review and Rank Committee meeting can include a 15-minute question and answer session with each project applicant if needed.

Each applicant may receive the opportunity to make technical edits.

Applicants are asked to correct their applications before final submission to HUD.

The Committee discusses the merits of each proposal, scores the applications, and turns in score sheets to staff.

Overall raw scores are calculated by the Committee.

- The Committee considers adjustments for such issues as HUD incentives or requirements.
- The Committee considers proposal changes or project budget adjustments that may be required to meet community needs.
- The Review Committee determines the rank and funding levels of all projects.
- During deliberation, CoC staff will provide technical assistance by responding to questions of the Committee members, correcting technical inaccuracies if they arise in conversation, and reminding the Committee members of their responsibilities if they step outside their purview.
- Scoring results are delivered to applicants in writing with a reminder about the process.
- Applications which do not meet the threshold requirements will not be included in the Priority list, and therefore will not be forwarded to HUD for consideration.

If more applications are submitted than the CoC has money to fund, the lowest-scoring applications will be ranked the lowest and rejected in the Priority List, and therefore will not be forwarded to HUD for consideration.

Section 4. Policies for Appeals

Reasons for appeals:

- Applicants may appeal through the process below if they can:
- Prove their score is not reflective of the application information provided; or
- Describe bias or unfairness in the process, which warrants the appeal
- The application of any applicant agency which a) is unranked for submission to HUD, or b) receives decreased funding (i.e. projects receiving reallocated renewal funds) may appeal if justified.
- Based upon committee review, applicants that do not meet the threshold requirements are ineligible for an appeal.

All notices of appeal must be based on the information submitted by the application due date. No new or additional information will be considered. Omissions to the application cannot be appealed.

1. Appeals shall be filed in writing within 2 business days of notification of the CoC Grant Review Committee (GRC) decision.
2. The GRC shall within 1 business day review the appeal and uphold or deny the appeal in writing.
3. If the appeal is denied, the applicant may file the written appeal within 1 business day with the Coe Board of Directors Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall within 1 business day review the appeal and uphold or deny the appeal in writing.
5. If the appeal is again denied, the applicant may file the written appeal within 1 business day with the Board of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors shall within 1 business day review the appeal and make a final decision on the appeal in writing

Section 5. Reallocation Policy

The purpose of the Grant Committee is to review and rank project applicants for CoC funding and other funding opportunities, evaluate project performance, decide scoring and prioritization criteria, the CoC application and other funding, and rank and tier projects for the Co application.

The CoC Grant Committee will consider partial or full reallocation of projects on at least an annual basis as part of the CoC application process. In addition, the committee shall determine when projects should be reallocated outside the CoC application process such as when new projects are required due to performance issues. The reallocation of lower performing projects, those that do not meet community needs, serve priority population, and those that do not have a significant impact on improving system-wide performance and do not play a critical role in crisis response.

Decisions regarding full or partial reallocation will be made based on:

- Project role in system performance such as successful exits to housing and housing retention, etc.
- Compliance issues (CoC and HUD), including whether the project is actually operating as housing first, low-barrier, and using coordinated entry
- Priorities of the CoC including the goal of ending and maintaining an end to veteran, chronic, family and youth homelessness
- Cost-effectiveness
- Utilization Rate
- Project Performance Data
- Historical spending balances in the past grant terms

Reallocation may be voluntary, involuntary, partial, or full. The different types of reallocation are summarized in the next section.

Section 6. Voluntary/Involuntary Reallocation

A recipient defined in 24 CFR 578.3, may voluntarily reallocate its existing project by reducing its projects annual renewal amount, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3, in whole or in part. If a project funded in the prior year does not submit an application by the deadline or chooses to no longer participate in the Coe program either as an agency or program type it will be considered a voluntary reallocation.

If a recipient chooses to voluntarily reallocate all or part of its renewal project the recipient should notify the CoC Collaborative Applicant 60 days prior to the end of the current grant term, if the annual Request for Proposals is posted the recipient should notify the Collaborative Applicant in writing within 15 business days of the release of the RFP.

Section 7. Involuntary Reallocation

Each year, the CoC will review each renewal applicant's performance against the priorities of the CoC and HUD. The CoC Grant Committee will evaluate all projects requesting funding under the CoC Program Competition and determine if any projects eligible for renewal should be reduced or eliminated to develop projects outlined in the annual Request for Applications .

A determination for involuntary reallocation will be based on evaluation of performance which is summarized below:

- Project performance, which takes into consideration the type of project and its performance relative to that type;
- Utilization and effectiveness, which factors bed/unit operating capacity and cost effectiveness relative to project type and population served; and
- Extent of participation in HMIS, including but not limited to, bed coverage and data quality.
- Project role in system performance such as successful exits to housing and housing retention, etc.
- Compliance issues (CoC and HUD), including whether the project is actually operating as housing first, low-barrier, and using coordinated entry
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Section 8. Voluntary Reallocation:

CoC Program funds made available through involuntary reallocation may be used to develop one or more eligible new projects.

- Full reallocation if projects do not meet threshold review
- A threshold review will determine whether a project is subject to full reallocation in order to improve system-wide performance. The threshold review will include:
 - Meets or threshold levels for outcome performance
 - Supports system performance
 - Operates as housing first , low -barrier
 - Uses Coordinated Entry
 - Complies with HUD and CoC Standards
 - Meets threshold standards for cost effectiveness and utilization

Projects not meeting the above requirements will be subject to full reallocation

Partial Reallocation is warranted when

- Projects may be recommended for partial reallocation based on review regarding
- Cost-effectiveness in ending homelessness or maintaining permanent supportive housing is poorer than other projects serving clients presenting a similar degree of challenges, even though the project meets threshold standards
- Utilization rate is poorer than other projects, even though the project meets threshold standards.

Should no applicant request CoC Program funds to develop an eligible project, CoC funds made available through voluntary or involuntary reallocation will be available to the CoC Collaborative Applicant. The Collaborative Applicant will apply to HUD as the project applicant. If this occurs under involuntary reallocation the Collaborative Applicant will subcontract CoC program funds to the affected applicant(s) provided that the affected applicant make changes necessary to address project performance, improve utilization and/or effectiveness, and/or enhance participation in HMIS. If changes are not addressed and project performance does not improve the Collaborative Applicant will notify the sub recipient in writing that their contract is being terminated. The Collaborative Applicant will then have the responsibility to carry out the project or subcontract the funds to another agency.

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****Catholic Charities- CoC RRH FY23 FWB****

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September 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The FL 505 Continuum of Care did not reject or reduce any projects for the HUD
FY 2023 CoC Local Program Competition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne McManus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dianne McManus

Interim Executive Director

Dianne@hhaliance.org

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September 12, 2023

To: CoC

Re: **Notification of Projects Accepted**

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Okaloosa and Walton Counties is pleased to announce that the project applications for the FY 2023 HUD NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) have been reviewed and ranked. This information is also posted on the Homelessness and Housing Alliance webpage: www.hhalliance.org.

No applications were rejected or reduced.

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Okaloosa and Walton Counties	
Project Name	HMIS
Project Ranking	1 out of 4
Project Score	N/A
Funding Amount	\$52,552.00

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Okaloosa and Walton Counties	
Project Name	SSO CE Renewal 2023
Project Ranking	2 out of 4
Project Score	N/A
Funding Amount	\$49,084.00

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida	
Project Name	CoC RRH FY 2023 Fort Walton Beach
Project Ranking	3 out of 4
Project Score	95 out of 100
Funding Amount	\$171,582.00

Bridgeway, Inc.	
Project Name	Independent Living 2023
Project Ranking	4 out of 4
Project Score	94 out of 100
Funding Amount	\$418,179.00

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PIT Count Data for FL-505 - Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	351	328	403	395
Emergency Shelter Total	96	73	169	138
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	0	0	0	0
Total Sheltered Count	96	73	169	138
Total Unsheltered Count	255	255	234	257

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	183	183	85	92
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	18	18	31	28
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	165	165	54	64

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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	20	14	28	23
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	18	12	22	14
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	2	2	6	9

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	246	31	28	30	24
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	124	6	3	13	10
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	122	25	25	17	14

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

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HIC Data for FL-505 - Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	139	123	123	100.00%	0	16	0.00%	123	88.49%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
RRH Beds	36	36	36	100.00%	0	0	NA	36	100.00%
PSH Beds	149	149	149	100.00%	0	0	NA	149	100.00%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	324	308	308	100.00%	0	16	0.00%	308	95.06%

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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	209	37	0	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	18	5	4	4

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	80	28	42	36

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for FL-505 - Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

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

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

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

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	369	572	79	96	17	52	59	7
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	369	572	90	96	6	54	59	5

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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1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	580	821	342	300	-42	206	183	-23
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	637	821	342	300	-42	213	183	-30

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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	27	3	11%	4	15%	1	4%	8	30%
Exit was from ES	91	4	4%	4	4%	10	11%	18	20%
Exit was from TH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	139	7	5%	0	0%	12	9%	19	14%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	257	14	5%	8	3%	23	9%	45	18%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons		403	
Emergency Shelter Total	73	169	96
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	0	0	0
Total Sheltered Count	73	169	96
Unsheltered Count		234	

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	369	591	222
Emergency Shelter Total	369	591	222
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	0	0	0

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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)	18	31	13
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	0%	0%

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)	18	31	13
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	6	14	8
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	33%	45%	12%

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)	18	31	13
Number of adults with increased total income	6	14	8
Percentage of adults who increased total income	33%	45%	12%

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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)	51	20	-31
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	5	1	-4
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	10%	5%	-5%

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)	51	20	-31
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	3	8	5
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	6%	40%	34%

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)	51	20	-31
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	8	9	1
Percentage of adults who increased total income	16%	45%	29%

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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.	347	527	180
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.	34	44	10
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)	313	483	170

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.	667	992	325
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.	86	86	0
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.)	581	906	325

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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	231	525	294
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	91	136	45
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	57	133	76
% Successful exits	64%	51%	-13%

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	317	834	517
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	154	314	160
% Successful exits	49%	38%	-11%

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	175	162	-13
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	167	161	-6
% Successful exits/retention	95%	99%	4%

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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	88	74	162				216	216	149	80	28	42			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	64	62	162				79	216	149	80	28	42			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	72.73	83.78	100.00				36.57	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	251	382	570	0	0	0	51	213	197	200	378	492	243	473	687
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	212	295	468	0	0	0	12	40	37	163	107	449	167	234	537
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	16	24	39	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	12	53	45	16	26
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	7.55	8.14	8.33				8.33	0.00	0.00	13.50	11.21	11.80	26.95	6.84	4.84

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Submission and Count Dates for FL-505 - Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/26/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been created and entered on June 24, 2021.

WALTON COUNTY HOUSING AGENCY

OKALOOSA WALTON CONTINUUM OF CARE DBA HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING ALLIANCE

EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS GOAL:

- Prevent Homelessness
- Prevent at risk homelessness
- Assist fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Assist recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability

INTRODUCTION OF GOALS:

Commitment of the Walton County Housing Agency:

The Walton County Housing Agency (PHA) that administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, has accepted 15 new Emergency Housing Vouchers from HUD. The PHA commits to support the efforts of the Homelessness and Housing Alliance (CoC) with the implementation of Emergency Housing Vouchers. The EHV opportunity is a program designed to promote community wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for individuals and families, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals and families. This will be accomplished by making available personnel and Agency resources to respond to referrals made by the CoC until further notice. The PHA agrees to revise its Administrative Plan to include details of its response to the availability of Emergency Housing Vouchers. This Agency will strive to provide equity in fair housing opportunities.

PHA GOALS AND STANDARDS:

- The PHA will coordinate and consult with the CoC in developing the services and assistance to be offered under the EHV services fee.
- The PHA will accept referrals for eligible individuals and families through the CoC Coordinated Entry System.
- The PHA will commit a sufficient number of staff and necessary resources to ensure that the application certification, and voucher issuance are completed in a timely manner.
- The PHA will commit a sufficient number of staff and resources to ensure that inspections of units are completed in a timely and safe manner.
- The PHA will designate a staff to serve as the lead EHV Liaison.
- Ensure housing search assistance is made available to EHV households during their initial housing search.
- The PHA will maintain a separate waiting list of referred individuals or families to ensure that proper attention is given to needs and allow for immediate follow-up and accurate reporting of actions taken.

- The PHA will provide the CoC of Agency policy and procedures associated with EHV voucher administration and requirements.
- The PHA will actively seek and determine any new sources of affordable rental units.
- The PHA will abide and support all efforts of Fair Housing Guidelines.
- The PHA will comply with the provisions of this MOU.

FL-505 CoC GOALS AND STANDARDS:

- Ensure EHV's are deployed in a community-wide manner by publicizing availability and target populations in partnership with the PHA. To ensure that the EHV's assist households who are most in need the CoC will work with community partners to determine the best use and targeting for the vouchers along with other resources available in the community.
- Designate and maintain a lead EHV liaison to communicate with the PHA.
- Coordinate and consult with PHA in developing the services and assistance to be offered under the EHV's, including developing and implementing guidelines and procedures that both agencies would participate in according to PIH Notice 2021-15.
- Refer eligible individuals and families to PHA using the community's coordinated entry system to match and prioritize households that are most appropriate for the EHV's.
- Support eligible individuals and households in completing and applying for supportive documentation to accompany admissions application to the PHA (i.e. self-certifications, birth certificate, social security card, etc.).
- Attend EHV participant briefings when needed.
- Assess all households referred for EHV for mainstream benefits and supportive services available to support eligible individuals and families through their transition.
- Identify and provide supportive services to EHV families. (While EHV participants are not required to participate in services, the CoC should assure that services are available and accessible.)
- Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

PHA STAFF POSITIONS:

- Executive Director: Tom Baker
- Assistant Director: Kerri Aplin
- Receptionist:
- Case worker: Shannon Bexley

PHA LEAD HCV LIAISON:

- Kerri Aplin

CoC Staff Positions:

- Executive Director:
- Deputy Director: Maggie Tomecek
- CoC Interim Executive Director /Walton County Project Manager: Dianne McManus

CoC Lead EVH Liaison: Dianne McManus

II. Populations eligible for EHV assistance:

- Homeless
- At-risk of Homelessness
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking victims
- Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability, including clients in rapid-rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs

III. Services that may be provided by PHA:

- Reviewing applications for EHV, certify program eligibility and conducting annual recertifications for continued eligibility
- Certifying that the unit meets Housing Quality Standards and approving units for leasing and contracts
- Determining amounts and paying Housing Assistance Payments to the landlord on behalf of the participant
- Explaining and providing information about program policies and procedures to current and prospective landlords and participants
- Monitoring program performance and compliance of participants and owners
- The PHA will work with and coordinate with the CoC and their housing navigator to provide housing search services
- Work with the CoC to assess individuals and families who may require referrals for assistance on security deposits, utility hook-up and utility deposits, and other eligible services that may be provided under service fees
- The PHA agrees with the provisions of this MOU.

COMMITMENT OF Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care:

The Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care, DBA Homelessness & Housing Alliance will partner and support the Emergency Housing Vouchers accepted by the Walton County Housing Authority. 15 new Emergency Housing Vouchers from HUD were accepted by the PHA. The CoC commits to support the efforts of the PHA with the implementation of Emergency Housing Vouchers. The EHV opportunity is a program designed to promote community wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for individuals and families, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals and families.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY CoC:

- Administer the EHV's in partnership with the PHA.
- Provide supporting documentation to the PHA of the referring agency's verification that the family meets one of the four eligible categories for EHV assistance.

- Make direct referrals of qualifying individuals and families to the PHA from the CoC's coordinated entry system.
- The CoC will verify and certify that household's receiving referrals meet one of the four populations for EHV assistance.
- Offer or make connections to supportive services for families that are referred to the PHA, including, but not limited to, short- or long-term case management, collecting necessary verifications to support referrals, housing counseling, housing search assistance and utility deposit assistance.
- Determine and verify eligibility for households within the targeted populations for EHV's.
- Will ensure all parties are aware of the policies and guiding referrals, and roles and responsibilities of all parties
- Will assist in ensuring EHV's are deployed in a community-wide manner by publicizing availability and target populations in partnership with the PHA
- The CoC and their Housing Navigator will work with the PHA to provide a degree of housing search services
- Work with the PHA to assess individuals and families who may require referrals for assistance on security deposits, utility hook-up and utility deposits, and other eligible services that may be provided under service fees

VII. PROGRAM EVALUATION:

The PHA and CoC or designated CoC recipient agree to cooperate with HUD, provide requested data to HUD or HUD-approved contractor delegated the responsibility of program evaluation protocols established by HUD or HUD-approved contractor, including possible random assignment procedures.

Signed by

Heidi D. Apple

9-25-23

PHA Assistant Director

Date

Diana M. Man

9-25-23

CoC Interim Executive Director

Date