FY26 CHALLENGE FUNDING RFP
FL-505
OKALOOSA WALTON HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE

AGENDA

I. **Overview of Challenge Grant**

   o General overview

   o Eligible applicants

   o Eligible expenses

   o Application Process

   o Post Award

II. **Scoring Rubric**

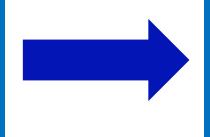   o Tiered Priorities

III. **Questions**

CHALLENGE GRANT GENERAL INFORMATION

- Funded through DCF Office on Homelessness
- Challenge Unsheltered not likely to be renewed BUT unused FY25 Challenge and Challenge Unsheltered funds will roll over to FY26

<u>Last FY</u>
$634,375 subcontracted in the community

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<u>This FY</u>
Anticipated $600,000 in subcontracts

CHALLENGE GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements:

- Non-profit organizations serving Okaloosa/Walton Counties
- Priority given to agencies that will demonstrate capacity building
  - SAM.gov registration
  - Sunbiz.org registration
  - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services: Solicitation of Contributions (fdacs.gov)
- Utilize HMIS
- Participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry Program
- Grant-funding member in good standing of the Okaloosa Walton Homeless CoC
- Follow all CoC Written Standards
- **Note: This is not an exhaustive list of requirements**

CHALLENGE GRANT ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Challenge - approx. $600,000

Housing Services
- RRH, Prevention, Non-congregate vouchers

Support Services
- Vital documents, Transportation, Outreach

Program Services
- HMIS, Case Management

Admin
- Up to 10% of total award

NOTE: Match requirement of 25%

Agencies should demonstrate how these funds will build capacity to address gaps in current services or expand services to support a greater number of clients.

CHALLENGE GRANT RFP SUBMISSION

Deadline: July 11, 2025

Email to: admin@hhalliance.org

Required documents:

- Section 1: General – Agency info, eligibility acknowledgements, programmatic narratives

- Section 2: Challenge Funds – Proposed budget, budget narrative

  - Match MOU only if proposing in-kind match

CHALLENGE GRANT RANK/REVIEW

- **Tiered application system**
  - *Amended to add:* A tiered system will be utilized to rank project applications. This tiered prioritization system is implemented in alignment with the CoC Strategic Plan, mission, vision and Board directives. Projects in higher tiers will be prioritized for overall funding allocation. Applications may be funded in whole or in part.
  - **Scoring Rubric Available on funding website**
    - Tier 1 – Capacity Building – Case Management
    - Tier 2: Capacity Building – Shelter capacity (ES, TH, PSH)
    - Tier 3: Maintenance of current projects
    - Tier 4: Establishment of new projects

CHALLENGE GRANT AWARDS/POST-AWARD

- Rank and Review Committee – July 18

- Award notification and contracts – week of July 21 (pending DCF approval)

- MANDATORY invoicing training for all award recipients

- NOTE: recipients must meet all eligibility requirements prior to execution of contracts

- Monthly cost reimbursement invoices due 15th of each month via Airtable

- New additions to reporting include TANF eligibility and a success story

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