

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It  
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

### Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Housing First, Inc.

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Housing First, Inc.

## 1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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<b>1B-1.</b>	<b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b>	
	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)	No	No	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	No	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The CoC holds two well-advertised public meetings, annually. The spring meeting provides the public with information about the CoC and its mission to end homelessness and to solicit new members. The fall meeting is open to the public to present and explain the CoC NOFO Competition process and encourage new CoC memberships and project proposals. Invitations and agendas for both meetings are distributed in a community-wide email that includes hundreds of individuals from area agencies, local businesses, and faith-based organizations. In addition to the solicitation of new memberships at the public and annual meetings, CoC membership information remains posted on the CoC's website throughout the year. Additionally, CoC Board members regularly attend public events hosted by local government, institutions, businesses and industries, and workforce development organizations to inform the public and potential new members about the CoC's work and to invite potential members to attend CoC meetings. The CoC also has a Board Development Committee whose primary function is to solicit new members from the community.

(2) The CoC Communicates with persons with disabilities via the internet, electronic mail, or the disabled person's personal communication device. The CoC also partners with agencies that specialize in providing resources for persons with disabilities who can assist with effective communication for these individuals (i.e.: interpreters, sign language, assistance with language proficiency).

(3) The CoC Board and general membership are made up of a diverse population. The CoC's Outreach routinely engages with culturally diverse organizations/populations through collaborative outreach. Outreach efforts include providing presentations to members and staff of culturally specific communities and participating as partners in their community events. The CoC's Outreach team participates in a variety of activities in the community to assist persons experiencing homelessness and maintains a heavy presence on social media to extend outreach to as many people as possible. Also, Outreach publishes a weekly newsletter detailing weekly events and event locations targeting diverse populations.

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) Annually, the CoC holds two well-advertised public meetings and routine committee/subcommittee meetings where member agencies are encouraged to attend to share new information and discuss current issues, goals, or needs within the CoC's geographic area. CoC Board Members and representatives from member organizations and partner agencies are encouraged to serve on CoC committees. The committees actively engage with community stakeholders seeking input for the CoC's strategies for preventing and ending homelessness. Two CoC Board Members sit on a planning committee for the City of Mobile's Homeless Summit, which is utilized as an educational opportunity to build community awareness concerning homelessness and the roles of the CoC, local government, and local homeless providers in preventing and ending homelessness. New members are solicited twice annually, but the CoC Board members leverage their influence in their respective spheres to solicit new members throughout the year. CoC membership information is posted year-round on the CoC's website. The CoC's Executive Board and Membership are comprised of a broad array of stakeholders such as youth service providers, victim service providers, culturally specific populations, persons with lived experience, women and family service providers, in addition to organizations/agencies that are paramount to serving homeless housing and service providers such as food banks, faith-based organizations, and healthcare organizations.

(2) The CA's CEO and Director of Outreach vigilantly promote the mission to the community, agencies, local government, and the CoC's general population. Collectively, they attend dozens of events, together and separately, to convey the hard facts of the homeless crisis in our community. These public events/outreach opportunities are used as a platform for educating the public on the severity of homelessness and to continue the efforts of preventing and ending homelessness in our service area. (3) The CoC Communicates with persons with disabilities via internet, email, or personal communication devices. The CoC also partners with agencies that provide resources for persons with disabilities and assist with effective communication (ie: interpreters, sign language). (4) The CoC is currently partnered/collaborating with approximately 30 agencies that provide homeless services to individuals and families on strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

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 Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted on the CoC and CA websites on 27 July 2023, with the local competition deadline posted on the NOFO landing page. Additionally, a community notice regarding the NOFO competition public meeting and the RFP was sent out via mass Email to over 400 community members representing various partner agencies, businesses, and organizations and posted to the CA's social media platforms on July 27, 2023. Further, An announcement for RFP and its submission deadline was published in an ad for two consecutive publications in the service area's local community news publication, the Lagniappe, which is widely/conveniently available to the public for free. (2) The blast email with the community notice and RFP, newspaper ad, and social media posts directed potential applicants to the CoC's website where detailed instructions and an application were posted with the RFP and deadline on the NOFO landing page. The CA's Grant Administrator also gave a live presentation on the NOFO competition at a public venue that was open to the general public on 24 August 2023, which outlined the process for submitting proposals, the deadline for submissions, and included a question/answer forum following the presentation. Further, The NOFO rules and CoC Competition schedule (deadline for project application submission) were posted on the CA's and CoC's websites on 27 July 2023. The RFP also outlined the deadline for project proposal submission which was posted to the CoC and CA's websites on 27 July 2023. (3) Project ranking/scoring methodology was posted to the CoC's website on 27 July 2023, along with the FY23 NOFO Competition rules and threshold requirements. This information was also covered during the live presentation at the public meeting. (4) The CoC Communicates with persons with disabilities via the Internet, email, or personal communication device(s). The CoC also partners with agencies that specialize in providing resources for persons with disabilities who can assist with effective communication with these individuals (ie: interpreters, sign language, assistance with language proficiency).

## 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	No
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)	No
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)	No
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)	No
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) The CoC coordinates with three ESG recipients: the City of Mobile, the Mobile County Commission, and the State of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). The City and County have representatives on the CoC Board. In 2014 the CoC met with the ESG recipients to coordinate the allocation process for ESG funding from each jurisdiction to ensure funding is equitably allocated. The CoC then designated the CA to meet annually with the jurisdictions to discuss funding allocations. The CA annually participates in each jurisdiction's Consolidation Plan. ESG-CV allocations were coordinated with the state's assistance and guidelines. The program activities were allotted to best fit the geographical need. The HMIS Lead provides aggregate data to funders and stakeholders to promote a data-driven understanding of the community's needs and inform planning efforts. The CoC adopted updated prioritization and referral practices in the local CE to ensure new (ex. ESG-CV) and existing homelessness prevention funding is allocated to households most vulnerable to the adverse effects of COVID-19.

(2) The HMIS lead provides PIT and HIC data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions and HMIS partner agencies, annually, to complete CAPERs and meet reporting requirements for ESG-funded projects. A representative from the city jurisdiction chairs the CoC's Project Monitoring Committee to ensure collaboration between the monitoring of ESG and CoC-funded projects. The Grants Administrator and CFO provide the required expenditure, activity detail, and match reports due annually on 15 April. The HMIS Lead works with ESG recipients to support accurate and timely reporting. The HMIS Lead additionally generates and submits required quarterly reporting bundles on behalf of ESG-CV sub-recipients in the CoC.

(3) The HMIS lead provides PIT and HIC data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions on an annual basis for use in their jurisdictions and HMIS partner agencies to complete CAPERs and meet other reporting requirements as requested for ESG-funded projects.

(4) The data obtained and compiled from the PIT and HIC by the HMIS Lead is provided to the Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions on an annual basis to meet reporting requirements for ESG-funded projects and for use in their jurisdiction and for completion of CAPERs by HMIS partner agencies.

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)**

The CoC coordinates with the Mobile County Public School System to ensure stakeholders serving youth provide regular input. Individual CoC-funded projects maintain relationships with Head Start Programs, GED, after-school programs, and licensed pre-k programs to provide education support for program participants with children. McKinney-Vento education liaisons serve on the CoC Board of Directors and CoC committees and provide vital information for the CoC youth within the geographical area. The Liason for the Mobile County Public School System recently renewed its written commitment to CoC programs serving families with children & unaccompanied youth, and service to the homeless and at-risk youth in Mobile County/geographic area for the upcoming fiscal year. The commitment acknowledges the long-standing partnership with the CoC's Coordinated Entry system to coordinate referrals for housing and supportive services and ensures that the school system's Lead District Social Worker and Homeless Liason and her team will continue to provide case management, counseling, education, and supportive services for the homeless youth.

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)**

Section 4.8 of the CoC's Policies and Procedures Manual states, "The CoC requires its recipients and sub-recipients to designate a staff person to be responsible for ensuring that children being served in CoC-funded programs are enrolled in school and 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 programs authorized under subtitle B of title VII of the HEARTH Act." It is important to the CoC that this action is carried out to eliminate disruption of a child's education and livelihood.

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	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program--(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No

6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.	Gulf Coast Family Center	Yes	No

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) Local Domestic Violence outreach specialists educate service providers about the dynamics of domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and the best practices and considerations that should be given to program policies and procedures applicable to projects that provide housing and services to DV clients. Policies and Procedures for these programs are tailored to account for the best practices and considerations for serving DV clients and are updated as advised by the outreach specialists who provide DV training. The CoC Executive Board consists of three members who currently serve in leadership positions for victim service providers with whom the CoC collaborates.

(2) Specialized training in trauma-informed care is provided to intake specialists and case managers who provide housing and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to ensure the needs of survivors can be met. Training on trauma-informed housing first is an element of the training provided by an outreach specialist from the lead domestic violence provider and partner agency, Penelope House. Housing and supportive services are provided using a trauma-informed housing-first approach. The CoC's emergency transfer plan is implemented in accordance with VAWA's Model Emergency Transfer Plan established by HUD.

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) Case Managers undergo specialized training in Trauma-Informed Care and Victim DV training. Training occurs on an annual basis. Mandatory annual training for the upcoming fiscal year for project staff was recently held on September 22, 2023, and project staff from other CoC-funded projects were also in attendance. The training was provided by the lead DV provider in the community and its outreach specialists. The CoC collaborates with the lead local DV provider outreach specialists on training to address best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking including trauma-informed care and safety planning and prevention. Training materials on updated practices and considerations were provided at this session. The Program Director and staff also recently completed the VAWA training series through the HUD Exchange. A trauma-informed specialist in the field of behavioral health also sits on the CoC Board.

(2) Coordinated Entry intake specialists and case managers undergo Trauma-Informed Care and DV training on an annual basis. The lead local domestic violence provider employs community outreach specialists to provide education and training services on Domestic Violence and bring awareness to the community, annually. Training for the upcoming fiscal year was provided on September 22, 2023, and training materials on updated practices and considerations were provided at this session. Training included trauma-informed care and safety planning and prevention. The Coordinated Entry staff is also trained in Domestic Violence Housing Technical Assistance Consortium: Coordinated Entry Decision Tree (one-time training). A trauma-informed specialist in the field of behavioral health also sits on the CoC Board.

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) DV survivors are provided access to CE services through alternate locations, such as area DV shelters, and services to DV survivors are consistently provided by the same case manager in isolated areas of the facility to promote continuity in services and to prevent compromised safety. Coordinated Entry and staff from CoC-funded projects are provided training on the best practices and special considerations when serving persons fleeing DV which are also incorporated into program policies and procedures. Safety planning is a component of service delivery for DV clients. Upon program entry, DV clients enter into a Domestic Violence Safety Agreement. Additionally, the CoC Executive Board consists of three members who currently serve in leadership positions for victim service providers with whom the CoC collaborates. Further, The CoC utilizes HMIS & Coordinated Entry protocols which prioritize safety for survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. Training is provided on the development and implementation of service practices, interview methods, and language competencies that support a trauma-informed approach in all aspects of service delivery. CE also has a DV crisis line through which victims/survivors can communicate and make arrangements. Safety planning protocols are regularly reviewed and updated in accordance with relevant and appropriate authorities regarding best DV practices.

(2) Utilizing the HMIS and Coordinated Entry confidentiality protocols which prioritize safety for DV survivors seeking services through CoC-funded projects, client data records entered in HMIS can be locked at the request of the client and are only accessible by the provider assigned to the client. Additionally, the client can prohibit the entry of confidential DV information into the client's case notes adding an additional layer of confidentiality and enhanced privacy and security. Confidentiality protocols are regularly reviewed and updated in accordance with relevant and appropriate authorities regarding best DV practices.

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) Coordinated Entry and project data regarding the community's DV services and the population receiving such services is recorded and maintained in the Homeless Information Management System comparable database. DV victim service providers and partner agencies Penelope House and the Lighthouse use O-Soft software by Osnum, a comparable database.

(2) De-identified aggregate data is utilized to track the number of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking receiving services or who have been provided services within the CoC and shared with funders as required. Victim service providers and DV partner agencies Lighthouse and Penelope House provide the CoC with de-identified surveys for the clients in emergency shelters and transitional housing for PIT and HIC.

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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) The CoC implements the policies and procedures of the Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act. The plan identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by HUD. If a client is subject to an incident and meets the requirements for a transfer as defined in the Model Emergency Transfer Plan, the client is informed of this option and the process for initiating same. The CoC has a set-aside of five (5) Emergency Housing Vouchers for emergency transfers as described in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

(2) The DV client is informed of this option by the program director or case manager if a client is subject to an incident and meets the requirements for a transfer as defined in the Model Emergency Transfer Plan. Case managers routinely check in with DV clients to ensure their health and safety.

(3) Requests for emergency transfer plans are responded to and carried out in accordance with the CoC's policies and procedures. Further, This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by HUD. If a client is subject to an incident and meets the requirements for a transfer as defined in the Model Emergency Transfer Plan, the client is informed of this option and the process for initiating same. The CoC has a set-aside of five (5) Emergency Housing Vouchers for emergency transfers as described in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

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) All CoC grant recipients are required to adopt the CoC's anti-discrimination policy and incorporate it into their agency policies and procedures. The CoC's Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination Policy ensures housing is available to all otherwise eligible individuals. Access and services are provided by CE without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability, and there are specific instructions applicable to providing services for veterans, domestic violence situations, and minors or youth. Safety, planning, and confidentiality considerations are implemented for DV clients. Housing and services are provided to DV clients with special considerations prioritizing safety and using a trauma-informed housing first approach.

(2) The CoC collaborates with the area's lead victim service provider on best practices for providing DV housing assistance and services and how to identify and overcome systemic barriers within the homeless response system. The DV case manager is able to conduct intake at the location of the survivor or via teleconference. Client paperwork can be received/exchanged in person to avoid electronic breach of security. DV client-level data remains locked in HMIS and inaccessible to other agencies or program staff members. DV providers work with landlords/property managers to secure safe, affordable housing that is far removed from the survivor's abuser.

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. Victim service providers in the CoC membership ensure the involvement of persons with lived expertise/survivors of domestic in CoC membership programs by electing them as organization board members or offering them employment opportunities within the VSP's organization. Considerations given to the input from these individuals/survivors on day-to-day operations and policies and procedures are weighted and invaluable since survivors bring personal knowledge from experience to programs and organizations in the CoC.
2. DV survivors who serve on boards or who are employed with area VSP agencies have the expertise and knowledge from their own experiences to advise and account for the unique and complex needs of survivors entering into DV projects and the manner in which those needs can or should be addressed.

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) Agencies of the CoC general membership in addition to the CoC host various training events/opportunities. For example, the CA and representatives of the CoC recently attended a workshop on Diversity Training on 16 June 2023. The CoC completed its CoC-wide training on 31 August 2023.

(2) The CoC implements and adheres to an Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination Policy in accordance with federal and local non-discrimination and equal opportunity provisions as codified in the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Titles II & III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, HUD's Equal Access to Housing Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule, 24 CFR 5.100, 5.105 (a)(2) and 5.106(b). CoC-funded projects and partner agencies/members of the CoC are to comply with this policy. The CoC just completed its annual training for the upcoming fiscal year on 31 August 2023. The CoC membership is diverse and is representative of the LGBTQ+ population (a LGBTQ+ non-profit organization in our community).

(3) Data maintained in the HMIS database is regularly monitored by the CA's HMIS Lead and Coordinated Entry Director of Information and Analysis. Further, projects are subject to monitoring and reviewed for compliance with CoC and project-specific policies and procedures by the CoC monitoring committee. Additionally, annual performance evaluations are submitted to HUD and reviewed by the monitoring committee and the project ranking committee. The Director of Information and Analysis further analyzes systems performance measures, applicable metrics, and data sets for populations served and provision and outcomes.

(4) All CoC grant recipients are required to adopt the CoC's anti-discrimination policy and incorporate it into their agency policies and procedures. CoC grantees are monitored for compliance annually by the CoC's monitoring committee and by representatives from the CoC's collaborative applicant. Between annual monitoring, reports of noncompliance are promptly investigated by the CoC's collaborative applicant and reported to the CoC Board of Directors.

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

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Mobile Housing Authority	58%	Yes-Public Housing	Yes

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<b>1C-7a.</b>	<b>Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.</b>	
	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 Collaborative Applicant's CEO regularly communicates with the executive director of the Mobile Housing Authority. The Mobile Housing Authority has included a preference for housing the homeless in their program. In Collaboration with the Mobile Housing Authority, the CoC developed a Coordinated Entry prioritization and referral process for emergency housing vouchers and housing choice vouchers as part of its Moving On Strategy. The CoC's collaborative applicant and the Mobile Housing Authority have a memorandum of understanding to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program and the CoC coordinated with the Mobile Housing Authority to implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) dedicated to homelessness. The Mobile Housing Authority (MHA) entered into a formal agreement (MOU) which includes an admission preference for the homeless. This partnership seeks to house twenty percent (20%) of MHA's new admissions with families who are homeless through the use of MHA's Non-Elderly Disabled and Mainstream Special Purpose Vouchers in addition to its regular Housing Choice Vouchers. The MOU establishes the referral process through CE by which MHA will dedicate NED and MS vouchers for families who meet the Special Purpose Voucher eligibility requirements. Additionally, MHA will collaborate with the CA to expand opportunities for affordable housing by seeking to secure agreements with property owners/managers to make units available for the families they serve.

(2) Not Applicable.

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

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

	1. Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
	2. PHA	Yes
	3. Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
	4. Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		<b>Program Funding Source</b>
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Not Applicable.

<b>1C-7e.</b>	<b>Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).</b>	
	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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<b>1C-7e.1.</b>	<b>List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.</b>	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
	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.	
<b>PHA</b>		
Mobile Housing Au...		

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

**Name of PHA:** Mobile 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.	9
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.	9
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) All CoC-funded projects are required to use a Housing First approach in addition to receiving 100% of their program participants through the CoC's Coordinated Entry system. The Housing First approach is an element of the Threshold Criteria in order for projects to be considered for CoC funding. As the administrator of the Coordinated Entry system and HMIS, the CA's Director of Information and Analysis (HMIS & Coordinated Entry is charged with regular monitoring of referrals for acceptance or rejection based on preconditions or service barriers. Data from the HMIS database is frequently pulled and analyzed to ensure adherence to the Housing First model. A Housing First Evaluation Tool is also used as part of the CoC's project monitoring process conducted by the CoC's monitoring committee and the CA's Director of Compliance in addition to further evaluation during the local competition's project ranking and scoring process. Considerations are also given to feedback from program participants/persons with lived experience.

(2) The CoC utilizes a Housing First Evaluation & Scoring Tool. Projects are evaluated for compliance with the Housing First Model by ensuring access to housing and services is not contingent upon elements such as sobriety, income, criminal background, credit history, disability, or participation in services. This can be achieved through regular analysis of data entered into HMIS and project monitoring which is conducted by the CoC's monitoring committee.

(3) The CoC has a monitoring committee made up of CoC board members and members of the CoC general membership who conduct on-site project monitoring. Project monitoring is attended by the project's Program Director, the CA's Director of Compliance and General Counsel and Grants Administrator, and the CoC's Monitoring Committee Members who conduct a comprehensive review of the program policies and procedures, CoC/APR data pulled from HMIS for relevant reporting periods, and randomly selected program participants (client) files using a random number generator application with an audit checklist applicable to program and threshold requirements, and HUD guidelines. Also, feedback from program participants in the lived experience work group is taken into consideration.

1D-3.	<b>Street Outreach—Scope.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

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



**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The CoC's Community Outreach Department engages in a variety of outreach activities in the community to assist persons experiencing homelessness. These include Street Outreach, Responsive Outreach, and Collaborative Outreach. Street Outreach is the process of meeting individuals and families at their locations. This may include visiting a homeless encampment, bridge underpass, abandoned building, vehicle, or emergency shelter. Responsive Outreach is the process of responding to calls from partner agencies, law enforcement, or concerned citizens regarding a homeless individual or family who is in need of assistance. A member of the department will respond as quickly as possible and, in many cases, immediately. This may be in person or by speaking directly to them via teleconference. Collaborative Outreach is a partnership with a variety of partner agencies, municipalities, churches, schools, and law enforcement in the community to educate, advocate, and develop resources for those experiencing homelessness. Outreach is also conducted at events targeting the homeless such as food pantries and meal service centers, shelters, local churches, known encampments, and city recreational centers. The CoC's Planning Project and Outreach Department are purchasing the Outreach Grid Software and planning for the implementation of the use of the tracking software within the CoC's geographic area.

(2) The CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the geographic area.

(3) Street outreach is conducted, daily.

(4) Clients aren't required to enter a central site to gain access to our services. Coordination with partner agencies who often interact with persons experiencing homelessness ensures information concerning services is readily available. Regular outreach to areas with a high concentration of persons experiencing homelessness cultivates relationships and builds trust. These are two critical components of engaging homeless persons who are reluctant to request assistance. Outreach utilizes its relationships with school systems and McKinney-Vento liaisons seek to connect homeless families who are reluctant to access the system. The purchase and implementation of the Outreach Grid tracking software will further enhance and expand the CoC's Outreach Department's efforts.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes

4. Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5. Other:(limit 500 characters)		
Community Homeless Task Force and the CA's Gen. Counsel regularly monitors applicable laws/regulation to ensure compliance with same.	Yes	Yes

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.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	67	71

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)	
	The CA has Soar Certified Case Managers who are Soar-Certified	Yes

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 maintains cooperative relationships with mainstream resources in the community and SOAR-trained case managers assist program participants with applying for and obtaining mainstream benefits such as SSI/SSDI, food stamps, WIC, and other relevant government-funded resources. In addition to maintaining these relationships, the CoC project staff are provided with an updated list of these resources, annually. The list provides detailed descriptions of each benefit and a navigational guide to understanding and applying for benefits.

(2) The CoC works with partner agency Franklin Primary Care Healthcare for Homeless and other health organizations to provide health screenings and medical referrals for program participants. Participants are provided assistance with navigating healthcare options as needed. The director of Franklin Primary Care's Healthcare for Homeless is a CoC Board member. Additionally, another member of the CoC's Board of Directors is the director of intensive services for Alabama's largest behavioral health provider and partner agency, AltaPointe Health System, with whom the CoC also collaborates. Project staff also assist clients with applying for and obtaining healthcare benefits such as Medicaid/Medicare and coordinate with healthcare agencies who provide services not covered under one of these policies such as dental care.

(3) Coordinated Entry's case managers are SOAR-certified and provide program participants with technical assistance with applying for and obtaining mainstream benefits. SOAR certification is encouraged by the CoC.

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)**

As a result of the pandemic, program directors have fostered fruitful relationships with management companies who operate housing and shelter options which the CoC has utilized in emergent situations. As such, program directors have continued to nurture these relationships to initiate efforts for additional housing/shelter options with management companies who may give consideration to other properties under their management. Program housing coordinators also "cold call" properties/hotels/motels. Further, the CoC is regularly in pursuit of additional funding to leverage/increase its means for securing and providing housing and shelter options. Additionally, the CoC collaborates with its community stakeholders and partner agencies to address this issue.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:

1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The CoC collaborates with the Mobile County Health Department to develop protocols and strategies to address the changing needs of the CoC and its program participants. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the CoC remained in close contact with the MCHD's Epidemiologist who oversees the county's Bureau of Disease Surveillance and Control and partner agency Franklin Primary Care's Healthcare for Homeless, whose director is a CoC Board member, to ensure appropriate measures were considered and implemented. The CoC is currently in contact with the Alabama Department of Public Health regarding the planning process for the distribution of COVID-19 care kits to homeless service sites for persons experiencing homelessness.

(2) As a result of the pandemic, methodologies have been developed in close collaboration with the Mobile County Health Department to address infectious disease outbreaks within the CoC's homeless community and its housing assistance and service providers. The CoC has implemented systems of care designed to meet the unique needs of families and individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability during public health emergencies (ie: the Pandemic). During the pandemic, the CoC adapted to necessary changes while continuing to provide services to its clients. With the guidance of the Mobile County Health Department, the CoC has established a baseline for operating during public health emergencies which will improve readiness for future public health emergencies/infectious disease outbreaks. Some of these measures included training on best practices and safety, limiting face-to-face contact, the installation of a direct connect telecommunication line through which case managers and clients could communicate and intake could be conducted, and providing staff and clients with PPE. Further, persons experiencing homelessness were temporarily housed in non-congregate shelters during the pandemic in an effort to mitigate the spread of Covid, and currently, the CoC has such measures in place for future public health emergencies. The most recent is with the ADPH on the distribution of COVID-19 care kits to homeless service sites for persons experiencing homelessness.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1)The CoC provides its partner agencies with pertinent information regarding public health measures and considerations appropriate for homeless service providers during public health emergencies/infectious disease outbreaks. Such information is obtained through collaboration with the Mobile County Health Department and partner agency Franklin Primary Care Healthcare for Homeless. Current guidelines and educational information related to public health measures and homelessness are shared with partner agencies and the CoC has established a baseline for operating during public health emergencies and/or infectious disease outbreaks.

(2) The CoC's Outreach department currently collaborates with the Mobile County Health Department on addressing the healthcare needs of unsheltered individuals. The MCHD accompanies outreach to onsite locations/encampments for assessment and service provision. The MCHD also brings its mobile unit bus to the CoC's Outreach events and the CA's annual homeless service fair, Project Homeless Connect. As a result of the pandemic, the CoC currently collaborates with the MCHD's Epidemiologist who oversees the county's Bureau of Disease Surveillance and Control and provides guidance on the best practices and considerations for shelter and housing providers during public health emergencies/infectious disease outbreaks. Safety plans have been devised and implemented to ensure the safety of the CoC's outreach team. For example, providing PPE to staff and training on best practices and considerations for mitigating the spread of infectious diseases.

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 CE system conducts outreach across the CoC's entire geographic area and is well-advertised at events targeting homeless persons. The CE partners with social service agencies, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, and public services (e.g., libraries) that regularly encounter persons experiencing homelessness. These partners have been provided information about the system & are asked to assist in connecting with homeless persons. Street outreach coupled with such partnerships ensures adequate coverage of the entire area and is well-represented by members of the protective class.

(2) All intake is performed using a standardized assessment tool/intake form for all participants.

(3) The Coordinated Entry System policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and evaluated based on feedback received from participating projects and households who have participated in the CE system. The sessions/meetings comprised of the lived experience work group provide feedback on system performance which is transcribed and given consideration by the CoC, its Board members, and projects who participate in the CE System.

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) Clients aren't required to enter a central site for services. Coordination with agencies that often interact with persons experiencing homelessness ensures information concerning services is readily available. Regular outreach to areas with high concentrations of persons experiencing homelessness builds relationships & trust which is critical for engaging those reluctant to assistance. Relationships with school systems & McKinney Vento Liaisons seek to connect with homeless families or UAYs who are afraid or reluctant to access the system. Partnership with the PATH outreach team, staffed by mental health professionals specialized in serving persons with Severe Mental Illness, leads to greater results in reaching & serving persons experiencing homelessness who suffer from mental illness & otherwise may not seek assistance.

(2) Prioritization assessments conducted by CE staff include the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) clients are referred and ranked based on the most vulnerable population/those in the highest need in the following order: chronically homeless, UAY, children and/ or pregnancy, disabling condition, fleeing DV, literally homeless with no other given criteria, & imminent risk. These assessments focus on information pertinent to needs, barriers, and eligibility and seek to promote low-barrier access to the assistance system.

(3) The Referral Rank is a locally developed tool, designed and implemented by the CoC, for the purpose of ensuring households most in need of assistance (most vulnerable) receive the highest priority for referral for services. Participants can make informed decisions regarding where they live under the Participant Choice Policy implemented by the CoC.

(4) Intake can be conducted through various methods not requiring entry onsite to receive services. Outreach can conduct intake in the field or it can occur over the phone.

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) Intake can be conducted through various methods not requiring entry onsite to receive services. Outreach can conduct CE intake while in the field or it can occur over the phone. CE strictly adheres to the CoC-Wide Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination Policy (Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Titles II & III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, HUD's Equal Access to Housing Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule, 24 CFR 5.100, 5.105(a)(2) and 5.106(b) in addition to any other applicable authorities and as outlined in the FY2023 NOFO. Contact information for Fair Housing is provided and CE proactively and strongly encourages contact any time a client expresses a need or describes a situation that sounds remotely like a violation of Fair Housing. CE also maintains a handout on the Center for Fair Housing in the lobby of CE along with pamphlets and other resources and information readily available to anyone.

(2) Program participants are informed of their rights at intake and given the appropriate direction should a participant feel their rights under federal, state, and local fair housing or civil rights laws have been violated. CE has a Grievance Policy and the Public Notice is posted in the intake rooms and throughout the facility. The Privacy Notice document is in each of the intake rooms. Clients may receive a copy by request. There's also a Veteran's Rights policy posted in the intake rooms, required by the VA for SSVF.

(3) Should any condition or action occur that could be interpreted as an impediment to fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants, the issue would be reported to the CoC's board which consists of representatives of the City of Mobile and Mobile County who have standing memberships on the CoC's board of directors.

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.	08/10/2023

1D-10a.	<b>Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identified Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.</b>  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) As the CoC's Coordinated Entry administrator and HMIS lead, the CA's Director of Information and Analysis regularly monitors projects using system performance measures and applicable metrics and data to ensure adherence to the CoC's Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination Policy and equity in the provision of outcomes of homeless assistance provided. The most recent assessment included the analysis of data from ACS and FY22 LSA (Stella P). Populations of less than 5% of the total were excluded from the findings, but reviewed at the client level to ensure disparities (if present) were identified. Data that reveals a variance of higher than 5% warrants further analysis to determine the appropriate strategies to be implemented to reduce or eliminate any disparities identified. Various levels of program monitoring of CoC projects occur throughout the grants' POP. The process for analyzing the presence of racial disparities in the provision of outcomes of homeless assistance is subject to change on an annual basis based on recommendations by HUD and/or new or more effective tools.

(2) The assessment and analysis performed on August 10, 2023, comparing ACS Total Population v. ACS Experiencing Poverty v. FY22 Stella P System Engagement on populations experiencing poverty and engaging in the homeless system suggests the presence of income inequality between the inclusive populations (ACS) while average days in the homeless system revealed neither group varied +/-5% from the average using Stella P data. Further analysis of Stella P data on RRH Move-in and LOT in RRH Post Move-in, and Exits to PHH and Returns to Homelessness after Exit to PH, demonstrated a slight variance (3% or less) between the inclusive populations. Overall, slight variations of less than 5% conclude the CoC implements strategies to reduce or eliminate disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

1D-10b.	<b>Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.</b>  NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to address any racial disparities.		



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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC will continue to conduct an annual assessment and analysis using tools and data as recommended by HUD such as ACS and Stella P and other resources as recommended by HUD. System performance measures and data analysis pulled from the HMIS database in addition to providing annual training on the CoC's Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination Policy to ensure disparities are eliminated in addition to various levels of monitoring throughout the year. Involving the CoC's working group comprised of individuals with lived experience is a great resource for developing strategies to address known disparities (when applicable) in the CoC.

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) Annually, the CoC conducts a racial disparities assessment through analysis of data sets obtained from APRs, HMIS, and overall system performance measures. Further, The CoC holds "Listening Sessions" with a group comprised of diverse populations (race/ethnicity/orientation/identity) who are experiencing homelessness and persons with lived experience who deliver information based on personal experiences. The listening sessions are a "safe place" led by a moderator (A CoC Board Member specializing in behavioral health). Additionally, the CA's Director of Compliance provides training for the CoC along with the implementation of a CoC-wide Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination policy which is regularly reviewed and updated by the CoC Board of Directors. A year-over-year analysis of previous assessments is conducted in order to track the progress of the CoC and its efforts to ensure no racial disparities exist and to maintain that objective.

(2) Use of formal tools such as Stella P Module and HMIS data and applicable objective system performance measures in addition to ACS data as recommended by HUD.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC's Board of Directors and committees include individuals with lived experience. Currently, a CoC Board member with lived experience was an outreach director for a CoC and brings invaluable leadership and experience to the CoC. Also, The CA currently hosts "listening sessions" with a working group comprised of persons from diverse populations with lived experience who represent currently homeless individuals. In addition to the members of the workgroup, these sessions are attended by the CA's CEO, Director of Outreach, CoC program directors, and they are led/moderated by a CoC Board Member who holds a Ph.D. in Behavioral Health and serves as the group's designated representative. The work groups are intended to solicit information and feedback on the challenges they encounter to determine best practices for addressing same and improving the overall quality and effectiveness of the homeless service system and its providers in the CoC's geographic area. The CoC considers the expertise of persons with lived experience in its planning efforts, policy considerations, and system performance. The listening sessions of the working group(s) are recorded and transcribed for further review and consideration. The CoC's outreach team also encourages the involvement of persons with lived experiences in homeless community events. Outreach has a presence on social media and prepares a weekly newsletter detailing events where outreach services will be provided.

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

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

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

The CoC Board and its committees are comprised of a diverse group of community stakeholders representing various organizations, local government, small businesses, etc., and are inclusive of persons with lived experience. Serving on the CoC Executive Board and its committees posture persons with lived experience for professional development and employment opportunities.. Further, persons with lived experience who are invited to attend and participate in the CoC's quarterly "Listening Sessions" are compensated for their time as their expertise and knowledge on homelessness and homeless assistance and services are invaluable to the CoC and its housing and service providers in addition to overall system performance.

Further, several CoC Board members' organizations provide training for professional development opportunities for program participants who advance to employment within their respective organizations with the potential for promotion to leadership positions.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The CA currently hosts "listening sessions" with a working group comprised of persons from diverse populations with lived experience who represent currently homeless individuals. In addition to the members of the workgroup, these sessions are attended by the CA's CEO, Director of Outreach, CoC program directors, and they are led/moderated by a CoC Board Member who holds a Ph.D. in Behavioral Health and serves as the group's designated representative. The work groups are intended to solicit information and feedback on the challenges they encounter to determine best practices for addressing same.

(2) The CA currently hosts "listening sessions" with a working group comprised of persons from diverse populations with lived experience who represent currently homeless individuals and program participants who have received assistance and services through CoC or ESG programs. In addition to the members of the workgroup, these sessions are attended by the CA's CEO, Director of Outreach, CoC and ESG-funded program directors, and they are led/moderated by a CoC Board Member who holds a Ph.D. in Behavioral Health and is a trauma-informed specialist. The work groups are intended to solicit information from the participants on service provision and outcome. The sessions serve as a platform for the group to speak freely on behalf of the homeless community regarding topics such as barriers/accessibility to assistance and services, equity, discrimination, gender diversity, and positive and negative experiences with both gaining access to and/or receiving housing assistance and services through CoC and ESG programs. The CA's Outreach team has daily interaction with persons experiencing homelessness who also provide invaluable feedback on what homelessness looks and feels like in our community/geographical service area.

(3) Feedback obtained from workgroup sessions comprised of individuals with lived experience proves to be paramount to facilitating change to improve our CoC's overall system performance. Minutes from the workgroup sessions are recorded and reviewed, and weighted considerations are given to their feedback and explored by the appropriate authority or focus group (ie: program director of a specific project, CoC Board/Committee Members, and/or Partner agencies ) in an effort to devise a plan to address the concerns, challenges, or suggestions presented by the workgroup.

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)The CA's CEO collaborates with the executive director of the Mobile Housing Authority on the development of affordable housing which includes an MOU for homeless preference and affordable housing plans. Additionally, the CA's CEO has met with the City of Mobile's Department of External Affairs to address homelessness in our area and strategies for addressing same. The CA's CEO and Director of Outreach participate in public events hosted by City and county officials in addition to the city's Homeless Task Force and the CEO attends one one-on-one scheduled meetings with members of the City of Mobile's Mayoral staff, City Council members, and County Commissioners to address strategies for addressing homelessness in our community. In October, the CEO will be attending The Landlord Conference hosted by the Mobile Housing Authority with whom the CA has partnered in its CoC-funded housing programs.

(2) The CoC's Board currently has members who are employed by the City and County of Mobile in the Department of Community and Housing Development who can provide insight and guidance on these issues. The CA's CEO regularly attends and collaborates with local government, city officials, and planning and development committees as well as attending related events held to address planning and development in the community as it relates to progress towards increasing affordable housing inventory.

## 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.	<b>Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.</b> 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.	07/27/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/27/2023

1E-2.	<b>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.</b> 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:	
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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)?	170
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	9
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The CoC Board analyzed the data contained in the Annual Performance Report submitted to and accepted by HUD and considerations were given to the applicable performance measures on the scoring sheets adhering to project performance regarding the minimum percentages/goals met by the project for each applicable performance measure.

(2) An analysis of the applicable data contained in the annual performance report submitted to HUD was conducted by the CoC as well as the data imported into the project scoring tool from the applicable data sets contained in the project's APR. The applications were scored on a maximum points available system if the factor/goal was met.

(3) The CoC considers the following needs and vulnerabilities when ranking and selecting projects: Chronic homelessness, unaccompanied youth, and families, physical and mental disabilities, fleeing domestic violence, history of substance abuse, criminal history, and recent jail exit, as well as both sheltered and unsheltered homeless status. The CoC's prioritization is analyzed and part of the project ranking/scoring tool and methodology.

(4) Individual project ratings are reviewed by the CoC within the context of how the project's efforts are uniquely serving a vulnerable population. New projects must meet a threshold requirement of filling an existing service gap or area of need. Renewal projects are scored based on the continued need for the project type in the CoC, taking into account the project's service to participants with barriers such as substance abuse, history of domestic violence, disabilities, mental illness, criminal histories, etc. Finally, the CoC reserves the right to remove a project from Tier 2, Regardless of performance-based score, if the project serves a vulnerable and under-served population. If a lower-performing project serves a higher-priority population or fills a service gap/need, weighted consideration is given to the project.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



(1)The CoC Executive Board is representative of a diverse population (of race, ethnicity, and lived experience) and is responsible for the local competition review and ranking process. The process of project review and ranking is based on overall project performance as exhibited in the annual performance reports submitted to HUD, compliance with CoC policies and procedures, threshold criteria, and in accordance with the NOFO Competition guidelines and analyzed by the CoC Executive Board.

(2)The CoC Executive Board conducts the competition review and ranking process and is representative of a diverse population of race and ethnicity and persons with lived experience.

(3) Project review and ranking were based on overall project performance as exhibited in the annual performance reports submitted to HUD, performance measures and whether the factor/goal was met, project monitoring and reporting on same, compliance with CoC policies and procedures, threshold criteria, and in accordance with the NOFO Competition guidelines. The scoring and ranking tool/methodology is in accordance with HUD's NOFO Competition guidelines.

<b>1E-4.</b>	<b>Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.</b>	
	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 considers projects for reallocation based on performance, financial management/recaptured funds, to fill a service gap/need for a higher-priority project type and/or the need for increased funding in a higher-priority project type. Projects scoring more than 20% below higher-performing projects are automatically considered for reallocation during the CoC's project ranking meeting held by the full CoC Board of Directors.

(2) Yes

(3) Yes

(4) Not Applicable. Funding for three projects was reallocated based on need and performance.

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?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/12/2023

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.	09/26/2023
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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.	09/26/2023
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- 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.	Well Sky
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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.	04/28/2023
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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 utilizes the HMIS database where all client data is recorded and maintained. The CoC's HMIS lead receives de-identified data surveys for clients in emergency shelters and transitional housing for reporting purposes during the PIT/HIC submission period from local victim service providers (DV housing and service providers and local partner agencies) using an approved HMIS/HUD comparable database consistent with HMIS Data and Technical Standards meeting HPRP reporting requirements and requirements as outlined in HUD's Comparable Database Manual and through ongoing support for ESG reporting, specifically through partnership with the City of Mobile.

(2) Yes. DV housing and service providers in the CoC use O-Soft by Osnium, a comparable database compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Standards.

(3) Yes, the CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

<b>2A-5.</b>	<b>Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.</b>	
	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	252	51	201	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	142	20	122	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	173	0	173	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	241	0	241	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	9	0	9	100.00%

<b>2A-5a.</b>	<b>Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.</b>	
	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:

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| <b>1.</b> | 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 |
| <b>2.</b> | how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.                                     |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) Not Applicable. Bed coverage was 100%

(2) Not Applicable. Bed coverage was 100%

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

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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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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- 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.	01/23/2023
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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.	04/28/2023
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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 and its members solicit volunteers from the community who provide services to all homeless populations to participate in the PIT count each year. The McKinney-Vento liaisons with whom the CoC partners participated in the 2023 PIT count.

(2) The CoC works closely with law enforcement, community homeless shelters, school district liaisons/social workers, public recreation facilities, and organizations such as faith-based organizations that have knowledge of known locations where homeless youth are likely to congregate and can be identified. The Mobile County Police Department provides escort services each year for the PIT count and they serve as an excellent resource for locating and identifying homeless youth. Additionally, persons with lived experience serve as a resource for locating homeless youth as well as the persons experiencing homelessness on the night the PIT count is conducted.

(3) The 2023 PIT count did not involve homeless youth in the actual count.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

- (1) Not Applicable.
- (2) Not Applicable.
- (3) Not Applicable.
- (4) Not Applicable.



## 2C. System Performance

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>2C-1.</b>	<b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The Coordinated Entry (CE) System maintains client-level data concerning those who become homeless for the first time. The use of client-level data contains information pertinent to episodes of homelessness and aids in identifying risk factors for first-time homeless.

(2) The CoC has a crisis response system for persons who are at imminent risk of experiencing literal homelessness. Currently, homeless prevention supports and diversion strategies are built into the CE system, including collaborative efforts with programs offering prevention services (e.g., ESG, SSVF, non-traditional community support, etc.). Community resource packets and rapid linkage with prevention programs are available for individuals or families presenting as at risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, clients may be referred to Legal Services for eviction prevention assistance. The CE staff also assists clients with problem-solving/diversion strategies to prevent loss of housing when possible. Further analysis of client-level data to determine the effectiveness of prevention strategies. A year-over-year analysis of relevant metrics is also taken into account to identify and implement strategies for overall system performance and improvement.

(3) The Collaborative Applicant, Housing First, Inc., the administrator of the CE system, is charged with overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the LOT individuals and families who remain homeless.

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)**

The CoC's Director of Information and Analysis reviews project-level data to ensure both a reduction in LOT homeless and a reduction in the LOT between project entry and permanent housing move-in. The CoC also utilizes EHV's as a move-on strategy in order to free up PSH beds to facilitate rapid housing of chronically homeless persons still on the street. These metrics are integrated with the CoC's routine review of APR data as well as the annual project review and ranking for the local CoC competition. The CoC is continuously collaborating with partner agencies that provide housing services to homeless individuals and families to identify and address potential barriers and implement new reduction strategies. A year-over-year analysis of relevant metrics is also taken into account to identify and implement strategies for overall system performance and improvement.

(2) CE assessments seek to better understand the LOT persons who have experienced homelessness and subsequently provide rapid linkages with appropriate services in addition to identifying and utilizing additional resources that seek to reduce LOT of homeless. Further, those experiencing Chronic Homelessness receive top priority for project referral.

(3) The Collaborative Applicant Housing First, Inc., the administrator of the CE system, is charged with overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the LOT individuals and families who remain homeless.

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

In the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The CoC continues to encourage a Housing First approach and subsequent exits to PH destinations. Effectiveness, in terms of PH exits, is regularly reviewed by the Director of Information and Analysis, the CoC Project Monitoring Committee, and during the annual ranking process for CoC-funded projects. The CE maintains relationships with area emergency shelters, TH projects, and RRH projects to connect participants with the most appropriate providers to facilitate successful exit to PH destinations. CE provides information concerning affordable housing, income-based housing, and senior housing to participants through Case Management while working to facilitate entry to PH and RRH projects. The CoC is continuing to work with local PHA's to secure more options for PH upon exit from ES, TH, and RRH. A year-over-year analysis of relevant metrics is also taken into account to identify and implement strategies for overall system performance and improvement.

(2) Regular review of PH projects includes the rate at which participants retain PH or exit to other PH destinations. Effectiveness in this area is part of the annual ranking process for the CoC competition. PH projects are encouraged to only terminate services in the most severe cases and to facilitate community linkages and access to mainstream benefits/employment through Case Management during project enrollment. A year-over-year analysis of relevant metrics is also taken into account to identify and implement strategies for overall system performance and improvement.

(3) The Collaborative Applicant Housing First, Inc., the administrator of the CE system, is charged with overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelters, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations and increase the rate at which individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

<b>2C-4.</b>	<b>Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.</b>	
	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) Common factors for those who return to homelessness are identified through the CE assessment process and inform the linkages and community supports fostered through CE case management and subsequent project referral. The use of HUD’s StellaP module in HDX 2.0 is another strategy for gaining additional insight into the households returning to homelessness and identifying trends in returns based on household type, length of program enrollment, race/ demographics, etc.

(2) Coordinated Entry and CoC-funded projects seek to connect participants with community support networks, mainstream resources, and employment, as desired, to supplement access to PH and prevent further returns to homelessness. A year-over-year analysis of the applicable metrics is also taken into account to identify and implement strategies for overall system performance and improvement.

(3) The Collaborative Applicant, Housing First, Inc. oversees the CoC's strategy for reducing the rate of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness. The Director of Information and Analysis oversees data review and collection.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The CoC currently has an MOU with Gulf Coast Family Center which provides assistance with education and career training. The CoC also partners with SWAPTE and other workforce-development and training programs that collaborate with CoC-funded project participants to facilitate more rapid access to employment income. CoC-funded projects regularly provide information for gaining access to mainstream resources available in this community for increased unemployment cash sources. A regular review of CoC-funded projects includes measures concerning participants who increase earned income from employment and non-employment income.

(2) In addition to the MOU, CoC-funded projects maintain relationships with workforce development programs such as AlabamaWorks! and local agencies and employers who participate in the CoC's annual event, Project Homeless Connect, where clients have access to employment opportunities and a multitude of area staffing/employment agencies. Access to employment resources is an integral component of client-centered case plans.

(3) The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for increasing and monitoring job and income growth from employment for project participants.

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)**

CoC-funded projects are regularly provided with information and technical assistance for accessing mainstream resources available within the community for increased unemployment cash sources. CE employs SOAR-certified case managers to assist clients with applying for and obtaining benefits such as SSI/SSDI, TANF, and assistance with applying for child support (when applicable). A Regular review of CoC-funded projects includes measures to assist participants in increasing employment and non-employment income. Access to mainstream benefits/income sources is an integral component of client-centered case plans.

(2) The Collaborative Applicant, Housing First, Inc. is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income. The Director of Information and Analysis regularly reviews applicable data.

### 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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- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>3A-1.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.</b>	
	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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<b>3A-2.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.</b>	
	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?	Yes
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<b>3A-3.</b>	<b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>	
	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
Youth and Family ...	PH-RRH	7	Healthcare

### **3A-3. List of Projects.**

**1. What is the name of the new project?** Youth and Family Focus

**2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** JCXAMFNDD683

**3. Select the new project type:** PH-RRH

**4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing:** 7

**5. Select the type of leverage:** Healthcare

### 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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<b>3B-1.</b>	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.</b>	
	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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<b>3B-2.</b>	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.</b>	
	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)**

1. Not Applicable
2. Not Applicable.



### 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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

1. Not Applicable
2. Not Applicable.

## 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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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?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2023 Priority Listing.
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	Project Type	
1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	No
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes

**You must click "Save" after selecting Yes for element 1 SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 4A-2, 4A-2a. and 4A-2b.**

4A-3.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	225
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	71
3.	Unmet Need:	154

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and	
	2. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or	
	3. if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

(1) The CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-2 elements 1 by obtaining data from the lead DV/VSP for Mobile County who provided data from a comparable database, Osnum by OSoft; and 2 by considering the following: The number of DV survivors as reported in the DV Survivors Status section(s) of the most recently submitted (2022) LSA and the number of DV survivors currently receiving services is as reported in section 14a of a CoC APR in HMIS run on the following parameters: all ES, TH, RRH, HP and PSH providers plus the CA/PATH or providers and CCN.

(2) The CoC utilized data sources for number 1 above from HMIS and data reported in HDX and data collected from local VSPs from a comparable database, Osnum.

(3) If the CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors, the unmet need exceeds the amount and availability of funding in the program.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)	
	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

<b>Applicant Name</b>
Housing First, In...

## Project Applicants Applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus Projects

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2023 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	Housing First, Inc./Subrecipient Penelope House, Inc.
2.	Project Name	Penelope House RRH DV Project
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	10
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	JCXAMFNDD683
5.	Amount Requested	\$221,788
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	

**You must enter a response for elements 1 through 7 in question 4A-3b.**

4A-3b.1.	Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in question 4B-3b., describe in the field below:

1.	how the project applicant calculated both rates;
2.	whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and
3.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

**(limit 1,500 characters)**

- (1) CoC APR Run on the following parameters: 10/1/2021-9/30/2022; All HFI RRH and PSH Projects (ESG ADECA RRH, ESG ADECA CV RRH, SSVF RRH, FYS RRH, CHP PSH, DHP PSH)  
 -Pulled list of persons reporting status of DV Survivor in section 14a of APR; - Reviewed HMIS record to confirm whether HH was in PH during the above reporting period;  
 -If in PH during the given reporting period, reviewed HMIS record for indications client returned to homelessness post-housing attainment;  
 -Counted two persons who were in PH during period, but became deceased, as retaining housing.  
 -Counted two persons who were in PH during period, one who left project to enter substance abuse treatment and another who became incarcerated, as not retaining housing.  
 (2) Yes.  
 (3) Data Source is HMIS.

4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:	
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan, etc.;
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

- (1) The project applicant receives 100% of its project referrals from Coordinated Entry. Most DV survivors in need of housing assistance are already receiving emergency services and shelter at Penelope House in Mobile, or the Lighthouse in Baldwin Counties. The project applicant coordinates with these two domestic violence service agencies to rapidly transition the participant to safe affordable housing assistance.
- (2) All project participants are referred through Coordinated Entry through the CoC's rank and referral process based on prioritization using the VI-SPDAT Assessment Tool. Participants who request an emergency transfer are provided this service in accordance with the emergency transfer plan as outlined in the Violence Against Women Act and not through CE.
- (3) Through Intake and Case Management Assessment.
- (4) Survivors receive emergency services through local domestic violence service agencies and are connected to more traditional supportive services through Housing First, Inc. case management, including housing search and counseling services, education services, employment assistance, job training, legal services (including protection from abuse orders), mental health services, outreach, and transportation.
- (5) Because project participants were assisted using a rapid-rehousing method of assistance, participants were able to renew the leases with their landlords, which were already in the participant's name. Case management continued for a short time until the housing subsidy ended to help with the transition.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;	
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- (1) Private rooms are provided for all intakes, or the participant may choose intake via teleconference. DV clients also enter into a Domestic Violence Safety Agreement at enrollment. Subrecipient applicant is the area's lead VSP and is experienced with ensuring the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors.
- (2) A housing coordinator works with program participants to provide meaningful housing choices through scattered site units using a trauma-informed housing first approach.
- (3) The project applicant does not operate congregate living spaces or dedicated units for rapid re-housing projects.
- (4) All staff dedicated primarily to serving DV survivors will be provided with safety training through Penelope House. The staff recently completed its annual training on trauma-informed care and safety, confidentiality policies, and best practices with an outreach specialist from the local DV partner agency.
- (5) The project applicant does not operate congregate living spaces or dedicated units for rapid re-housing projects. The project will implement Model Emergency Transfer Plan (when applicable) in accordance with VAWA.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The project applicant and subrecipient applicant currently partner on a joint TH/RRH project operated by the collaborative applicant. The subrecipient applicant runs a domestic violence shelter and service agency in Mobile County for intakes, referrals, counseling, limited case management, and safety training and uses a comparable database, Osnium by Osoft. The project applicant has a long history of operating PSH, RRH, Coordinated Entry, and HMIS on behalf of the AL-501 CoC. The subrecipient applicant will solely serve DV survivors, who will strictly maintain client confidentiality. DV clients will also enter into a Domestic Violence Safety Agreement at enrollment.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:

1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;

4.	emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6.	providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

**(limit 5,000 characters)**

The primary and subrecipient applicant operate DV projects solely dedicated to survivors of domestic violence.

- (1) The project applicant provides participants with a housing coordinator who begins working with the participant immediately upon project entry. The housing coordinator provides the participant with a choice of suitable housing units (usually three) - use of a trauma-informed housing approach is implemented.
- (2) The project staff are trained annually on client rights and trauma-informed care. Punitive interventions are not allowed. Client interactions are based on clear communication and mutual respect.
- (3) Staff are trained annually on trauma-informed care. Additionally, Penelope House (subrecipient) trains staff dedicated to primarily serving DV survivors.
- (4) Individualized case plans are reviewed monthly by case managers and include participant strengths and goals.
- (5) Project applicant/subrecipient staff are trained annually regarding client rights, equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, and harassment.
- (6) Program participants are offered group support through DV provider and subrecipient applicant, Penelope House's resources.
- (7) Parenting support is offered through partner agency Gulf Coast Family Center with whom the CoC has a written MOU.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

**(limit 5,000 characters)**

The primary applicant and subrecipient applicant both operate DV programs. Penelope House, the lead area VSP will provide initial guidance, counseling, and supportive services. The project applicant will transition into a more traditional supportive services and case management, including housing search and counseling services, education services, employment assistance, job training, legal services (including protection from abuse orders), mental health services, outreach, and transportation. Clients enter into a Domestic Violence Safety Agreement at enrollment.



4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Practices for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(e)		
Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:		
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;	
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;	
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
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(limit 5,000 characters)

- (1) Upon project entry, the participant will be placed with a housing coordinator who will help the participant secure a scattered site unit of the participant's choice using a trauma-informed housing approach.
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4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(f)		
Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:		
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and	
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The project intends to establish a work-group comprised of persons with lived experience. Work-group members will be asked to assist in developing the project's design and to participate in planning/ listening sessions to evaluate and inform ongoing operations. The project will seek guidance and assistance from the work-group in order to ensure the process is trauma-informed and respects the unique needs and experiences of survivors.

The subrecipient, the area's lead VSP, employs DV survivors and DV survivors sit on Penelope House's corporate board and provide knowledge and expertise on all aspects of domestic violence from personal experience. Such knowledge is invaluable to these programs.

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. Homeless Pr...	09/26/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Moving ...	09/26/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	1D-11a. Letter S...	09/26/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes		
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1. Web Posting...	09/26/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Comp...	09/26/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored Fo...	09/26/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	09/26/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	09/26/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b Local Compe...	09/26/2023
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	2A-6. HUD's Data...	09/26/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2a. Healthcar...	09/26/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** 1C-7. Homeless Preference

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## Submission Summary

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1E. Project Review/Ranking	09/25/2023
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2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	09/26/2023
2C. System Performance	09/26/2023
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3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	09/25/2023

**4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants**

Please Complete

**4B. Attachments Screen**

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**Submission Summary**

No Input Required

**Notes:**

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants list contains 1 incomplete item.

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Emergency Housing Voucher Program (EHV)**

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Housing First, Inc.  
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- c. Identification of staff position at the PHA and CoC who will serve as the lead EHV liaisons.

Lead PHA EHV Liaison:   Name: Magdalene Skretta  
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  Mobile Housing Authority

Lead CoC Liaison:         Name: Derek Boulware  
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7. Partnering service providers will assess and refer individuals and families to benefits and supportive services, where applicable.

### **IV. PHA Roles and Responsibilities**

1. Coordinate and consult with the CoC in developing the services and assistance to be offered under the EHV services fee.
2. Accept direct referrals for eligible individuals and families through the CoC Coordinated Entry System.
3. Commit a sufficient number of staff and necessary resources to ensure that the application, certification, and voucher issuance processes are completed in a timely manner.
4. Commit a sufficient number of staff and resources to ensure that inspections of units are completed within 14 business days of receipt of a complete Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA) packet from the landlord and participant.
5. Designate a member of staff to serve as the lead EHV liaison.
6. Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

### **V. CoC Roles and Responsibilities**

1. Designate and maintain a lead EHV liaison to communicate with the PHA.
2. Refer eligible individuals and families to the PHA using the community's coordinated entry system.

3. 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.).
4. Attend EHV participant briefings when needed.
5. Assess all households referred for EHV for mainstream benefits and supportive services available to support eligible individuals and families through their transition.
6. Identify and offer connections to supportive services to EHV families.
7. Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

## **VI. Third Party Entity Roles Responsibilities**

### **Lifelines Counseling, Rape Crisis Center:**

This MOU stands as evidence of the commitment of the Rape Crisis Center to provide immediate care for all victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking. The Rape Crisis Center provides direct services including but not limited to crisis counseling and intervention; court, hospital and law enforcement accompaniment and advocacy; and case management, including supportive services such as hotel vouchers, housing search and location, utility assistance, furniture donations, etc.

The Rape Crisis Center will provide guidance and training to all MHA staff engaged in the EHV program implementation and deliver pertaining to trauma informed case management; privacy protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking. The Rape Crisis Center will provide directly or provide input on the selection of a consultant or training firm, to provide training on PHA implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

*Notice Regarding Confidentiality for all VAWA Referrals:* All information provided to the victim service provider concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or human trafficking shall be kept confidential and such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of the MHA will not have access to these details, and such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is:

- (i) consented to by the victim in writing in a time-limited release;
- (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or
- (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

## **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:

*Michael E. Pierce*

*9/25/23*

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Mobile Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer

Date



*9-26-23*

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Housing First, Inc. Chief Executive Officer

Date

*Chandra Brown*

*9/25/23*

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Lifelines Counseling Services, Rape Crisis Center

Date

**Effective date and term:**

This MOU is effective from September 25, 2023, and renews automatically for a period of two years, unless otherwise modified or updated at the request of the MHA or CoC.

## Attachment 1

### I. Homeless:

1. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
  - a. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.
  - b. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
  - c. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
2. An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
  - a. The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance.
  - b. No subsequent residence has been identified; and
  - c. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing.
3. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
  - a. Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
  - b. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance.
  - c. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance:  
and
  - d. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities; chronic physical health or mental health conditions; substance

addiction; histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect); the presence of a child or youth with a disability; or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment.

## **II. At-risk of homelessness**

1. An individual or family who:
  - a. Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;
  - b. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition above; and
  - c. Meets one of the following conditions:
    - i. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance.
    - ii. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
    - iii. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days of the date of application for assistance;
    - iv. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
    - v. Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons, or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
    - vi. Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
    - vii. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.
2. A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or



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**III. Individuals or families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.**

Any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This includes cases where a HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain within the same dwelling unit, or in the case of sexual assault, the HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain within the same dwelling unit that they are currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premise during the 90- day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.

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  - b. a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
  - c. a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
  - d. a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or
  - e. any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
2. **Dating violence** means violence committed by a person:
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  - b. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
    - i. 1. The length of the relationship;
    - ii. The type of relationship; and
    - iii. The frequency of interaction between the people involved in the relationship.
3. **Sexual assault** means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

4. **Stalking** means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:
  - a. Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others; or
  - b. Suffer substantial emotional distress.
  
5. **Human trafficking** (includes both sex and labor trafficking)
  - a. **Sex trafficking**  
The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age;
  
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The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, using force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subsection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

**IV. Individuals or families who are recently homeless** This category is composed of individuals and families determined by the CoC or its designee to meet the following definition.

**1. Recently homeless**

Individuals and families who have previously been classified by a member agency of the CoC as homeless but are not currently homeless because of homeless assistance (financial assistance or services), temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance, and where the CoC or its designee determines that the loss of such assistance would result in a return to homelessness or the family having a high risk of housing instability. Examples of households that may be defined as recently homeless by the CoC include, but are not limited to, participants in rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Individuals and families classified as recently homeless must be referred by the CoC or its designee.

## Attachment 2

### **Fiscal Year 2023 Income Limits Summary – Mobile, AL HUD FMR Area**

**Mobile County** is part of the **Mobile, AL HUD Metro Fair Market Rent Area**, so all information presented here applies to all the Mobile, AL HUD Metro FMR Area. HUD uses the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions in the calculation of income limit program parameters. However, to ensure that program parameters do not vary significantly due to area definition changes, HUD has used custom geographic definitions for the Mobile, AL HUD Metro FMR Area.

Income Limit areas are based on FY 2023 Fair Market Rent (FMR) areas. For information on FMRs, please see our associated FY 2023 [Fair Market Rent documentation system](#).

Eligibility for a housing voucher is determined by MHA based on the total annual gross income and family size, for legal citizens of the United States and specified categories of non-citizens who have eligible immigration status. In general, the family's income may not exceed 50% of the area median income for Mobile County. Federal regulations require that 75% of the families served in our program not exceed 30% of the area median income for Mobile County.

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7. Partnering service providers will assess and refer individuals and families to benefits and supportive services, where applicable.

### **IV. PHA Roles and Responsibilities**

1. Coordinate and consult with the CoC in developing the services and assistance to be offered under the EHV services fee.
2. Accept direct referrals for eligible individuals and families through the CoC Coordinated Entry System.
3. Commit a sufficient number of staff and necessary resources to ensure that the application, certification, and voucher issuance processes are completed in a timely manner.
4. Commit a sufficient number of staff and resources to ensure that inspections of units are completed within 14 business days of receipt of a complete Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA) packet from the landlord and participant.
5. Designate a member of staff to serve as the lead EHV liaison.
6. Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

### **V. CoC Roles and Responsibilities**

1. Designate and maintain a lead EHV liaison to communicate with the PHA.
2. Refer eligible individuals and families to the PHA using the community's coordinated entry system.

3. 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.).
4. Attend EHV participant briefings when needed.
5. Assess all households referred for EHV for mainstream benefits and supportive services available to support eligible individuals and families through their transition.
6. Identify and offer connections to supportive services to EHV families.
7. Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

## **VI. Third Party Entity Roles Responsibilities**

### **Lifelines Counseling, Rape Crisis Center:**

This MOU stands as evidence of the commitment of the Rape Crisis Center to provide immediate care for all victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking. The Rape Crisis Center provides direct services including but not limited to crisis counseling and intervention; court, hospital and law enforcement accompaniment and advocacy; and case management, including supportive services such as hotel vouchers, housing search and location, utility assistance, furniture donations, etc.

The Rape Crisis Center will provide guidance and training to all MHA staff engaged in the EHV program implementation and deliver pertaining to trauma informed case management; privacy protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking. The Rape Crisis Center will provide directly or provide input on the selection of a consultant or training firm, to provide training on PHA implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

*Notice Regarding Confidentiality for all VAWA Referrals:* All information provided to the victim service provider concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or human trafficking shall be kept confidential and such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of the MHA will not have access to these details, and such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is:

- (i) consented to by the victim in writing in a time-limited release;
- (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or
- (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

## **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:

*Michael E. Pierce*

*9/25/23*

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Mobile Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer

Date



*9-26-23*

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Housing First, Inc. Chief Executive Officer

Date

*Chandra Brown*

*9/25/23*

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Lifelines Counseling Services, Rape Crisis Center

Date

**Effective date and term:**

This MOU is effective from September 25, 2023, and renews automatically for a period of two years, unless otherwise modified or updated at the request of the MHA or CoC.

## Attachment 1

### I. Homeless:

1. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
  - a. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.
  - b. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
  - c. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
2. An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
  - a. The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance.
  - b. No subsequent residence has been identified; and
  - c. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing.
3. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
  - a. Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
  - b. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance.
  - c. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance:  
and
  - d. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities; chronic physical health or mental health conditions; substance



addiction; histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect); the presence of a child or youth with a disability; or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment.

## **II. At-risk of homelessness**

1. An individual or family who:
  - a. Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;
  - b. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition above; and
  - c. Meets one of the following conditions:
    - i. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance.
    - ii. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
    - iii. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days of the date of application for assistance;
    - iv. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
    - v. Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons, or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
    - vi. Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
    - vii. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.
2. A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or

3. A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a (2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

**III. Individuals or families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.**

Any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This includes cases where a HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain within the same dwelling unit, or in the case of sexual assault, the HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain within the same dwelling unit that they are currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premise during the 90- day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.

1. **Domestic violence** includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:
  - a. a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term “spouse or intimate partner of the victim” includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship),
  - b. a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
  - c. a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
  - d. a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or
  - e. any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
2. **Dating violence** means violence committed by a person:
  - a. Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
  - b. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
    - i. 1. The length of the relationship;
    - ii. The type of relationship; and
    - iii. The frequency of interaction between the people involved in the relationship.
3. **Sexual assault** means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

4. **Stalking** means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:
  - a. Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others; or
  - b. Suffer substantial emotional distress.
  
5. **Human trafficking** (includes both sex and labor trafficking)
  - a. **Sex trafficking**  
The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age;
  
  - b. **Labor trafficking**  
The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, using force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subsection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

**IV. Individuals or families who are recently homeless** This category is composed of individuals and families determined by the CoC or its designee to meet the following definition.

1. **Recently homeless**

Individuals and families who have previously been classified by a member agency of the CoC as homeless but are not currently homeless because of homeless assistance (financial assistance or services), temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance, and where the CoC or its designee determines that the loss of such assistance would result in a return to homelessness or the family having a high risk of housing instability. Examples of households that may be defined as recently homeless by the CoC include, but are not limited to, participants in rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Individuals and families classified as recently homeless must be referred by the CoC or its designee.

## Attachment 2

### **Fiscal Year 2023 Income Limits Summary – Mobile, AL HUD FMR Area**

**Mobile County** is part of the **Mobile, AL HUD Metro Fair Market Rent Area**, so all information presented here applies to all the Mobile, AL HUD Metro FMR Area. HUD uses the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions in the calculation of income limit program parameters. However, to ensure that program parameters do not vary significantly due to area definition changes, HUD has used custom geographic definitions for the Mobile, AL HUD Metro FMR Area.

Income Limit areas are based on FY 2023 Fair Market Rent (FMR) areas. For information on FMRs, please see our associated FY 2023 [Fair Market Rent documentation system](#).

Eligibility for a housing voucher is determined by MHA based on the total annual gross income and family size, for legal citizens of the United States and specified categories of non-citizens who have eligible immigration status. In general, the family's income may not exceed 50% of the area median income for Mobile County. Federal regulations require that 75% of the families served in our program not exceed 30% of the area median income for Mobile County.



**September 20, 2023**

Mrs. Beverly Reed, Chairperson  
AL-501 Continuum of Care  
279 N. Washington Avenue  
Mobile, Alabama 36603

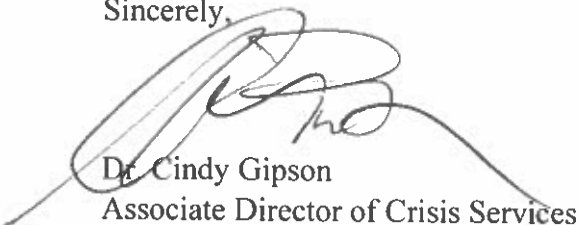
**RE: Lived Experience Workgroup**

Dear Beverly,

In addition to serving on the CoC Board of Directors, I have also lead several lived-experience workgroups focusing on insights and feedback from persons actively experiencing homelessness as well as those who are currently housed in CoC funded programs. These workgroups have been essential in providing perspective and guidance from the persons most in need of services.

On behalf of the workgroup, I'd like to thank the CoC for considering the workgroup's input and incorporating it into the CoC's decision making process. The CoC's prioritization of the individuals and families experiencing homeless who have the most severe service needs is vital to ending homelessness for those most in need. I look forward to future workgroup sessions which will only further strengthen our CoC's response to homelessness.

Sincerely,



Dr. Cindy Gipson  
Associate Director of Crisis Services  
AltaPointe Health

# HUD 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

## 2023 Project Proposal Deadline: August 29, 2023 by 4:00PM

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### About Us

A Continuum of Care CoC is a group of representatives from local organizations, assembled to plan for and provide a system of outreach, engagement, and assessment; emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, transitional housing.

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## FY2023 CoC Program NOFO

### RENEWAL Project Ranking Criteria and Methodology

#### **Renewal Project Eligibility and Threshold Requirements:**

Renewal projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in the NOFO or they will be rejected from consideration for funding. When considering renewal projects for award, the CoC Board will review information in HUD's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS), Annual Performance Reports (APR), information provided from the local HUD/CPD Field Office, including monitoring reports and A-133 audit reports as applicable, performance standards on prior grants, and CoC monitoring reports.

All projects must meet basic eligibility requirements as outlined in *24 CFR 578*.

All projects must also meet all eligibility and threshold requirements as outlined in the 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO. (See page 3, threshold requirement checklist.)

#### **Reallocation Process:**

Renewal projects may voluntarily reallocate a portion of their funds by reducing the amount in their renewal project application. Renewal projects may be reallocated in part or in whole during the review and ranking process because of poor performance, unused budget amounts from previous years, or need for increased funding in a higher priority project type according to the CoC's local priorities. Lower performing projects that score more than 20% below higher performing projects will be automatically considered for reallocation by the CoC.

#### **Ranking Process:**

Project applications submitted to the CoC must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order. Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2.

Tier 1 is equal to **93%** of the combined Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for all projects eligible for renewal. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for, but does not include CoC planning projects or projects selected with DV Bonus funds.

**Any CoC Board Member associated with an agency that is applying for funding will not be a part of the ranking process.**

The CoC's ranking process is intended to be a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for the objective ranking and selection of project applications. Renewal projects will be evaluated and ranked as follows:

- 1. New and Renewal/Expansion projects will be accepted and ranked, or rejected, based on the project meeting all threshold criteria as well as serving a prioritized population or population in need.**
- 2. Renewal and Expansion projects will be scored and ranked according to the attached "Renewal Project Scoring" point system:**
  - Renewal/Expansion Projects will be evaluated based on system performance measures/metrics. The data will come from submitted HUD APRs, eLOCCS, CoC monitoring reports, and HMIS.
  - Data for projects serving victims of domestic violence will be generated from a comparable database
  - First-time renewal projects with less than six months of data and no APR will be scored according to the New Project Scoring Criteria.
  - Performance measures meeting or exceeding the outlined goals will result in maximum points. Measures lower than the goal will be scored proportionally.
- 3. In the event two or more projects' scores result in an identical rating, the tie will be broken according to any locally established priorities outlined in the "2023 CoC Priorities" document. Should the tying projects be of identical project type or if the CoC has established no local priorities, then the tie will be broken according to the requested amount of grant funding - with larger grants being rated above grants with less funding.**
- 4. CoC infrastructure projects - HMIS and Coordinated Entry - will automatically be ranked in Tier 1.**
- 5. The CoC reserves the right to adjust a project's ranking and remove a project from Tier 2 - regardless of score - if the Tier 2 project fills a critical service gap and/or community need or serves any established priority populations.**
- 6. The CoC reserves the right to adjust a project's ranking and place a project into Tier 2 - regardless of score - if the Tier 1 project is deemed noncompliant with CoC Policies & Procedures, noncompliant with HUD regulations, fails to adhere to the Housing First Model of assistance, no longer fills a critical service gap or no longer serves an established priority population.**





## FY2023 CoC Program Application

### Renewal Project Thresholds

The CoC Board will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If the CoC Board determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project, the project will be rejected.

- Coordinated Entry Participation - Project must receive 100% of program participants through the Coordinated Entry Process or an approved alternative system for projects serving victims of domestic violence.
- Housing First Model/Low-Barrier Implementation - Project must follow the Housing First Model and certify as such in the eSnaps project application form.
- Documented, secured minimum match - All matching funds must be identified, and the commitment must be documented.
- Applicant is active CoC participant – Sub-recipient agencies must be current members of the CoC General Membership.
- Application is complete and data are consistent - All sections of the project application must be complete and agree in numbers and activities in all sections.
- Data quality (for renewal projects only) must be at or above 90%.
- Acceptable organizational audit/financial review (Independent Audit).
- Documented organizational financial stability - financial structure, policies & procedures, and general ledger must demonstrate appropriate capacity for managing federal funds.
- Project meets the Threshold Requirements as outlined in sections III. *Eligibility* and V. *Application Review* of HUD's FY2023 NOFO provided herewith for project review and ranking.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**RENEWAL PROJECT SCORING – FY2023 COC NOFO**

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FACTOR/ GOAL	DATA SOURCE	ACTIVE VALUE / %	MAX SCORE	PROJECT SCORE
RRH (DV) – Minimum percentage of participants obtain Protection from Abuse Order relief	50 %	X		10	
RRH – On Average, participants spend 15 days from project entry to residential move-in.	15 days	Q22c		20	
RRH – Minimum percentage move to permanent housing.	90 %	Q22e (Q7a as applicable)		25	
PSH - On average, participants spend 15 days from project entry to residential move-in.	15 days	Q22c		20	
PSH – Minimum percent remaining in or move to permanent housing.	90 %	Q22e; Q23c		25	
Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing.	15 %	2021-2022 SyPM Metric 2		15	
Minimum new or increased earned income for project stayers.	8 %	Q19a1		2.5	
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project stayers.	10 %	Q19a1		2.5	
Minimum new or increased earned income for project leavers.	8 %	Q19a2		2.5	
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project leavers.	10 %	Q19a2		2.5	
Minimum percent of participant entries from CE referral	100 %			10	
Project has performed an analysis to identify any barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, and has taken, or will take steps to eliminate identified barriers.	YES			10	
Monitoring report results – Are there any unresolved Final Monitoring Reports? (YES/NO)	NO			20	
Percent of project leavers exiting to permanent housing.	100 %	Q23c		10	
Evaluate the experience of the applicant in working with the proposed population, in providing the proposed housing, and in effectively managing federal or other public funds				25	
Evaluate the continued need for the project type in the CoC, taking into account the project's service to participants with barriers such as substance abuse, history of domestic violence, disabilities, mental illness, criminal histories, etc.				25	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT SCORE:</b>					


**TOTAL AVAILABLE POINTS: RRH – 170 PSH – 170 RRH-DV - 180**


## 2023 CoC Priorities


The AL-501 CoC requires participating projects to utilize Coordinated Entry for 100% of their program participant referrals. Using the VI-SPDAT, Coordinated Entry evaluates and refers participants according to the highest vulnerability and need. The CoC currently funds programs serving chronically homeless, homeless with disabilities including serious mental illness, families and youth, and those exiting institutions and incarceration.


Following a review of community data and examination of the local homeless assistance system's currently funded programs, the CoC Board of Directors for the Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast voted not to prioritize any project type or subpopulation over others for the 2023 NOFO Application process.


In conjunction with the VI-SPDAT, the CoC refers program participants based on the following referral priority listing (top is highest priority):


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Chronically Homeless Households  
(Head of household has been homeless 12 mo. or more AND has a documented disability)
- 

Literally Homeless Unaccompanied Youth  
(Head of household is between 18 - 24 years of age and there is no adult older than 24 years in the household)
- 

Literally Homeless Households with Children
- 

Literally Homeless Households with an Adult member who has a Disabling or Serious Medical Condition Worsened by Living Outdoors
- 

Households Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence
- 

Unsheltered, Literally Homeless Adults  
(Sleeping outside, in a vehicle, or in another location not ordinarily designed for human habitation)
- 

Sheltered, Literally Homeless Adults  
(Sleeping in an Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing)



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## FY2023 CoC Program NOFO

### NEW Project Ranking Criteria and Methodology

#### **New Project Eligibility and Threshold Requirements:**

New projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in the NOFO or they will be rejected from consideration for funding. Project applicants must demonstrate the financial management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.

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  - New Projects will be evaluated based on capacity, need, and demonstrated ability to successfully operate programs to reduce and end homelessness
  - Data will be pulled from HMIS where applicable, or for from a comparable database for domestic violence service providers
- 3. In the event two or more projects' scores result in an identical rating, the tie will be broken according to any locally established priorities outlined in the "2023 CoC Priorities" document. Should the tying projects be of identical project type or if the CoC has established no local priorities, then the tie will be broken according to the requested amount of grant funding - with larger grants being rated above grants with less funding.**
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## FY2023 CoC Program Application

### New Project Thresholds

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- Housing First Model/Low-Barrier Implementation - Project must follow the Housing First Model and certify as such in the eSnaps project application form.
- Documented, secured minimum match - All matching funds must be identified, and the commitment must be documented.
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- Application is complete and data are consistent - All sections of the project application must be complete and agree in numbers and activities in all sections.
- Acceptable organizational audit/financial review (Ex. Independent Audit).
- Documented organizational financial stability - financial structure, policies & procedures, and general ledger must demonstrate appropriate capacity for managing federal funds.
- Project meets the Threshold Requirements as outlined in sections III. *Eligibility* and V. *Application Review* of HUD's FY2023 NOFO provided herewith for project review and ranking.
- Project meets a current CoC service gap or area of need.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW PROJECT SCORING**

QUESTION	CLARIFICATION/ BREAKDOWN	MAX SCORE	ACTUAL SCORE
[Q1] Evaluate the experience of the applicant and subrecipients (if any) in working with the proposed housing.	8 points for experience with population / subpopulation to be served; 7 points for experience working with proposed housing type.	15	
[Q2] Evaluate experience with utilizing a “housing first” approach, include (1) Eligibility criteria, (2) process for accepting new clients, and (3) process and criteria for exiting clients. - - Must demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry, allowing entry regardless of current or past substance abuse, income, criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance), marital status, familial status, actual or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Must demonstrate the project has a process to address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases.	If proposed project demonstrates utilization of a housing first model in these three areas, then they will receive the maximum of 5 points. If they are deficient in any of these areas, they shall receive no points - - since they either are or are not practicing a housing first model.	5	
[Q3] Evaluate experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.	Max. points awarded if project shows satisfactory experience utilizing federal funds though any of the listed and applicable areas. No points if deemed unsatisfactory or inefficient.	5	
[Q4] Extent to which the applicant: (1) Demonstrates understanding of the needs of the clients to be served. (2) Demonstrates that type, scale, and location of the housing fits the needs of the clients to be served. (3) Demonstrates that type and scale of all	Project shall be awarded 3 points for each of these five areas which are satisfiably demonstrated.	15	

supportive services, regardless of funding sources, meets the needs of the clients to be served. (4) Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining mainstream benefits. (5) Established performance measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable, and meet or exceed any established HUD or CoC benchmarks.			
[Q5] Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.	Max. points awarded if such a reasonable plan exists. No points if the plan is nonexistent or unreasonable.	5	
[Q6] Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.	Max. points awarded if such a reasonable plan exists. No points if the plan is nonexistent or unreasonable.	5	
[Q7] Describe plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant award.	Max. points awarded if such a reasonable plan exists. No points if the plan is nonexistent or unreasonable.	10	
[Q8] Project is cost-effective when projected cost per person served is compared to CoC average within project type.	Max. points awarded if projected cost does not exceed type average. No points if cost exceeds project type average.	5	
[Q9] Organization's most recent audit: Found no exceptions to standard practices.	Max. points for question being satisfied. No points if unsatisfied.	5	
[Q10] Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.	Max. points for question being satisfied. No points if budgeted costs are unreasonable, unallocable, or unallowable	20	
[Q11] Project has identified any barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, and has taken, or will take steps to eliminate identified barriers.	Max. 5 points for performing analysis to identify barriers, and Max. 5 points for taking steps to eliminate barriers, if identified	10	
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>			

**Total Available Points: 100**



## 2023 CoC Priorities

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-  Chronically Homeless Households  
(Head of household has been homeless 12 mo. or more AND has a documented disability)
-  Literally Homeless Unaccompanied Youth  
(Head of household is between 18 - 24 years of age and there is no adult older than 24 years in the household)
-  Literally Homeless Households with Children
-  Literally Homeless Households with an Adult member who has a Disabling or Serious Medical Condition Worsened by Living Outdoors
-  Households Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence
-  Unsheltered, Literally Homeless Adults  
(Sleeping outside, in a vehicle, or in another location not ordinarily designed for human habitation)
-  Sheltered, Literally Homeless Adults  
(Sleeping in an Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing)

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162.5/170 = 96%

Project Name: Disabled Homeless Program (AL0037)

RENEWAL PROJECT SCORING – FY2023 COC NOFO

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FACTOR/ GOAL	DATA SOURCE	ACTIVE VALUE / %	MAX SCORE	PROJECT SCORE
RRH (DV) – Minimum percentage of participants obtain Protection from Abuse Order relief	50 %	X		10	—
RRH – On Average, participants spend 15 days from project entry to residential move-in.	15 days	Q22c		20	—
RRH – Minimum percentage move to permanent housing.	90 %	Q7a/ Q5a		25	—
PSH - On average, participants spend 15 days from project entry to residential move-in.	15 days	Q22c	22 days	20	17
PSH – Minimum percentage move to permanent housing.	90 %	Q7a/ Q5a	90%	25	25
Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing.	15 %	2021-2022 SyPM Metric 2	0%	15	<del>15</del>
Minimum new or increased earned income for project stayers.	8 %	Q19a1	9%	2.5	2.5
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project stayers.	10 %	Q19a1	64%	2.5	2.5
Minimum new or increased earned income for project leavers.	8 %	Q19a2	0%	2.5	0
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project leavers.	10 %	Q19a2	69%	2.5	2.5
Minimum percent of participant entries from CE referral	100 %		100%	10	10
Project has performed an analysis to identify any barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, and has taken, or will take steps to eliminate identified barriers.	YES			10	10
Monitoring report results – Are there any unresolved Final Monitoring Reports? (YES/NO)	NO			20	20
Percent of project leavers exiting to permanent housing.	100 %	Q23c	80%	10	8
Evaluate the experience of the applicant in working with the proposed population, in providing the proposed housing, and in effectively managing federal or other public funds				25	25
Evaluate the continued need for the project type in the CoC, taking into account the project’s service to participants with barriers such as substance abuse, history of domestic violence, disabilities, mental illness, criminal histories, etc.				25	25
<b>TOTAL PROJECT SCORE:</b>					<del>147.5</del>

TOTAL AVAILABLE POINTS: RRH – 170 PSH – 170 RRH-DV - 180

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## FY2023 CoC Program Application

### Renewal Project Thresholds

The CoC Board will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If the CoC Board determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project, the project will be rejected.

- Coordinated Entry Participation - Project must receive 100% of program participants through the Coordinated Entry Process or an approved alternative system for projects serving victims of domestic violence.
- Housing First Model/Low-Barrier Implementation - Project must follow the Housing First Model and certify as such in the eSnaps project application form.
- Documented, secured minimum match - All matching funds must be identified, and the commitment must be documented.
- Applicant is active CoC participant – Sub-recipient agencies must be current members of the CoC General Membership.
- Application is complete and data are consistent - All sections of the project application must be complete and agree in numbers and activities in all sections.
- Data quality (for renewal projects only) must be at or above 90%.
- Acceptable organizational audit/financial review (Independent Audit).
- Documented organizational financial stability - financial structure, policies & procedures, and general ledger must demonstrate appropriate capacity for managing federal funds.
- Project meets the Threshold Requirements as outlined in sections III. *Eligibility* and V. *Application Review* of HUD's FY2023 NOFO provided herewith for project review and ranking.



# Homeless Coalition of The Alabama Gulf Coast

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## FY2023 CoC Program NOFO

### RENEWAL Project Ranking Criteria and Methodology

#### **Renewal Project Eligibility and Threshold Requirements:**

Renewal projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in the NOFO or they will be rejected from consideration for funding. When considering renewal projects for award, the CoC Board will review information in HUD's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS), Annual Performance Reports (APR), information provided from the local HUD/CPD Field Office, including monitoring reports and A-133 audit reports as applicable, performance standards on prior grants, and CoC monitoring reports.

All projects must meet basic eligibility requirements as outlined in *24 CFR 578*.

All projects must also meet all eligibility and threshold requirements as outlined in the 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO. (See page 3, threshold requirement checklist.)

#### **Reallocation Process:**

Renewal projects may voluntarily reallocate a portion of their funds by reducing the amount in their renewal project application. Renewal projects may be reallocated in part or in whole during the review and ranking process because of poor performance, unused budget amounts from previous years, or need for increased funding in a higher priority project type according to the CoC's local priorities. Lower performing projects that score more than 20% below higher performing projects will be automatically considered for reallocation by the CoC.

#### **Ranking Process:**

Project applications submitted to the CoC must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order. Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2.

Tier 1 is equal to **93%** of the combined Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for all projects eligible for renewal. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for, but does not include CoC planning projects or projects selected with DV Bonus funds.

**Any CoC Board Member associated with an agency that is applying for funding will not be a part of the ranking process.**

The CoC's ranking process is intended to be a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for the objective ranking and selection of project applications. Renewal projects will be evaluated and ranked as follows:

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  - Data for projects serving victims of domestic violence will be generated from a comparable database
  - First-time renewal projects with less than six months of data and no APR will be scored according to the New Project Scoring Criteria.
  - Performance measures meeting or exceeding the outlined goals will result in maximum points. Measures lower than the goal will be scored proportionally.
- 3. In the event two or more projects' scores result in an identical rating, the tie will be broken according to any locally established priorities outlined in the "2023 CoC Priorities" document. Should the tying projects be of identical project type or if the CoC has established no local priorities, then the tie will be broken according to the requested amount of grant funding - with larger grants being rated above grants with less funding.**
- 4. CoC infrastructure projects - HMIS and Coordinated Entry - will automatically be ranked in Tier 1.**
- 5. The CoC reserves the right to adjust a project's ranking and remove a project from Tier 2 - regardless of score - if the Tier 2 project fills a critical service gap and/or community need or serves any established priority populations.**
- 6. The CoC reserves the right to adjust a project's ranking and place a project into Tier 2 - regardless of score - if the Tier 1 project is deemed noncompliant with CoC Policies & Procedures, noncompliant with HUD regulations, fails to adhere to the Housing First Model of assistance, no longer fills a critical service gap or no longer serves an established priority population.**



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### Sheltered, Literally Homeless Adults

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## Program Approval (Reduced) and Ranking

1 message

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**Address, Ron** <r.andress@hfal.org>

Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 3:27 PM

To: adavis@mobileareainterfaith.org

Cc: "Reed, Beverly" &lt;beverly.reed@cityofmobile.org&gt;, Christy Reese &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

Please see the following message from Beverly Reed, CoC Chairperson:

Dear Mrs. Davis,

On Thursday September 7th, the AL-501 Continuum of Care Board of Directors met to review and rank projects submitted under the FY2023 NOFO Competition. A full listing of projects ranking and funding amounts is attached to this email. You may also find this information on the CoC's website, at AL501CoC.org. MAIC's project was reduced and ranked as follows:

**Returning Neighbors Housing Program (MAIC)** was accepted and reduced to the funding amount of **\$86,622** and ranked **8th** locally. The funding amount was reduced due to MAIC's continued difficulty in spending its entire grant award, despite receiving a 4 month grant extension by HUD.

Your project will be included in our CoC's funding request to HUD under the FY2023 NOFO Competition.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Reed, Chair  
AL-501 Continuum of Care

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# FY2023 NOFO LOCAL COMPETITION – PRIORITY LISTING

## Continuum of Care AL-501

### New and Renewal Projects

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Homeless Management Information System	HMIS	Accepted	1	Projects Reviewed	\$173,723	
Community Connections Network (Coordinated Entry)	CE	Accepted	2		\$752,973	
Community Housing Program	PSH	Accepted	3	86	\$1,087,064	
Disabled Homeless Program	PSH	Accepted	4	96	\$605,427	
ADMH MI Rental Assistance (Shelter + Care)	PSH	Accepted	5	93	\$266,796	
Permanent Housing Chronic Homeless (AltaPointe PHCH)	PSH	Accepted	6	89	\$493,477	(\$60,000)
RRH Family and Youth Services	RRH	Eliminated	N/A	N/A	\$370,706	(\$370,706)
Youth and Family Focus – NEW PROJECT	RRH	Accepted	7	98	\$370,706	\$370,706
Returning Neighbors Housing Program (MAIC)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	8	76	\$186,622	(\$100,000)
Lighthouse (DV Project)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	9	95	\$158,588.75	\$160,000
Penelope House (DV Bonus Project)	RRH	Accepted	10	100	\$221,778.61	
Domestic Violence Services	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	11	92	\$200,000	
CoC Planning		N/A			\$225,304	
<b>TOTAL HUD REQUEST :</b>					<b>\$4,582,459.36</b>	





Reese, Christy &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

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## Project Approval (Reduced) and Ranking

1 message

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**Address, Ron** <r.andress@hfal.org>

Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 3:38 PM

To: Pam Maumenee &lt;pmaumenee@altapointe.org&gt;

Cc: "Reed, Beverly" &lt;beverly.reed@cityofmobile.org&gt;, Christy Reese &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

Dear Mrs. Maumenee,

On Thursday September 7th, the AL-501 Continuum of Care Board of Directors met to review and rank projects submitted under the FY2023 NOFO Competition. A full listing of projects ranking and funding amounts is attached to this email. You may also find this information on the CoC's website, at AL501CoC.org. AltaPointe's project was reduced and ranked as follows:

**Permanent Housing Chronic Homeless (AltaPointe PHCH)** was accepted and reduced to the funding amount of **\$433,477** and ranked **6th** locally. The funding amount was reduced to make Tier 1 funding available for a new domestic violence project which is a high priority for the CoC.

Your project will be included in our CoC's funding request to HUD under the FY2023 NOFO Competition.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Reed, Chair  
AL-501 Continuum of Care

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## Continuum of Care AL-501

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Community Connections Network (Coordinated Entry)	CE	Accepted	2		\$752,973	
Community Housing Program	PSH	Accepted	3	86	\$1,087,064	
Disabled Homeless Program	PSH	Accepted	4	96	\$605,427	
ADMH MI Rental Assistance (Shelter + Care)	PSH	Accepted	5	93	\$266,796	
Permanent Housing Chronic Homeless (AltaPointe PHCH)	PSH	Accepted	6	89	\$493,477	(\$60,000)
RRH Family and Youth Services	RRH	Eliminated	N/A	N/A	\$370,706	(\$370,706)
Youth and Family Focus – NEW PROJECT	RRH	Accepted	7	98	\$370,706	\$370,706
Returning Neighbors Housing Program (MAIC)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	8	76	\$186,622	(\$100,000)
Lighthouse (DV Project)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	9	95	\$158,588.75	\$160,000
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CoC Planning		N/A			\$225,304	
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Reese, Christy &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

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## Notice of Project Acceptance and Ranking

1 message

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**Address, Ron** <r.andress@hfal.org>

Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 2:52 PM

To: Derek Boulware &lt;d.boulware@hfal.org&gt;

Cc: "Reed, Beverly" &lt;beverly.reed@cityofmobile.org&gt;, Christy Reese &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

Please see the following message from Beverly Reed, CoC Chairperson:

Dear Mr. Boulware,

On Thursday September 7th, the AL-501 Continuum of Care Board of Directors met to review and rank projects submitted under the FY2023 NOFO Competition. A full listing of projects ranking and funding amounts is attached to this email. You may also find this information on the CoC's website, at AL501CoC.org. Housing First, Inc.'s projects were ranked as follows:

**Homeless Management Information System** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$173,723** and ranked **1st** locally.

**Community Connections Network** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$752,973** and ranked **2nd** locally.

**Community Housing Program** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$1,087,064** and ranked **3rd** locally.

**Disabled Homeless Program** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$605,427** and ranked **4th** locally.

**RRH Family and Youth Services** was eliminated and its funding was reallocated to a new project with an updated budget placing a greater emphasis on homeless youth which is a high priority for our CoC.

**Youth and Family Focus** was accepted as a new project for the requested funding amount of **\$370,706** and ranked **7th** locally.

**Domestic Violence Services** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$200,000** and ranked **11th** locally.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Reed, Chair  
AL-501 Continuum of Care

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## Continuum of Care AL-501

### New and Renewal Projects

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Homeless Management Information System	HMIS	Accepted	1	Projects Reviewed	\$173,723	
Community Connections Network (Coordinated Entry)	CE	Accepted	2		\$752,973	
Community Housing Program	PSH	Accepted	3	86	\$1,087,064	
Disabled Homeless Program	PSH	Accepted	4	96	\$605,427	
ADMH MI Rental Assistance (Shelter + Care)	PSH	Accepted	5	93	\$266,796	
Permanent Housing Chronic Homeless (AltaPointe PHCH)	PSH	Accepted	6	89	\$493,477	(\$60,000)
RRH Family and Youth Services	RRH	Eliminated	N/A	N/A	\$370,706	(\$370,706)
Youth and Family Focus – NEW PROJECT	RRH	Accepted	7	98	\$370,706	\$370,706
Returning Neighbors Housing Program (MAIC)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	8	76	\$186,622	(\$100,000)
Lighthouse (DV Project)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	9	95	\$158,588.75	\$160,000
Penelope House (DV Bonus Project)	RRH	Accepted	10	100	\$221,778.61	
Domestic Violence Services	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	11	92	\$200,000	
CoC Planning		N/A			\$225,304	
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Reese, Christy &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

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## Project Acceptance and Ranking

1 message

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**Address, Ron** <r.andress@hfal.org>

Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 3:32 PM

To: "Hales, Jessica" &lt;Jessica.Hales@mh.alabama.gov&gt;, Pam Maumenee &lt;pmaumenee@altapointe.org&gt;

Cc: "Reed, Beverly" &lt;beverly.reed@cityofmobile.org&gt;, Christy Reese &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

Please see the following message from Beverly Reed, CoC Chairperson:

Dear Mrs. Hales,

On Thursday September 7th, the AL-501 Continuum of Care Board of Directors met to review and rank projects submitted under the FY2023 NOFO Competition. A full listing of projects ranking and funding amounts is attached to this email. You may also find this information on the CoC's website, at AL501CoC.org. ADMH's project was ranked as follows:

**ADMH MI Rental Assistance (Shelter + Care)** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$266,796** and ranked **5th** locally.

Your project will be included in our CoC's funding request to HUD under the FY2023 NOFO Competition.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Reed, Chair  
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## Project Approval and Ranking

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**Address, Ron** <r.andress@hfal.org>

Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 3:18 PM

To: bcfved@gulftel.com

Cc: "Reed, Beverly" &lt;beverly.reed@cityofmobile.org&gt;, Christy Reese &lt;c.reese@hfal.org&gt;

Please see the following message from Beverly Reed, CoC Chairperson:

Dear Mrs. Ervin,

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**Lighthouse (DV Project)** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$158,588.75** and ranked **9th** locally.

Your project will be included in our CoC's funding request to HUD under the FY2023 NOFO Competition.

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**Address, Ron** <r.address@hfal.org>

Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 3:03 PM

To: Tonie Ann Coumanis Torrans <tonieannt@penelopehouse.org>

Cc: Christy Reese <c.reese@hfal.org>, "Reed, Beverly" <beverly.reed@cityofmobile.org>

Please see the following message from Beverly Reed, CoC Chairperson:

Dear Mrs. Torrans,

On Thursday September 7th, the AL-501 Continuum of Care Board of Directors met to review and rank projects submitted under the FY2023 NOFO Competition. A full listing of projects ranking and funding amounts is attached to this email. You may also find this information on the CoC's website, at AL501CoC.org. Housing First, Inc.'s projects were ranked as follows:

**Penelope House (DV Bonus Project)** was accepted for the requested funding amount of **\$221,778.61** and ranked **10th** locally.

Your project will be included in our CoC's funding request to HUD under the FY2023 NOFO Competition.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Reed, Chair  
AL-501 Continuum of Care



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# FY2023 NOFO LOCAL COMPETITION – PRIORITY LISTING

## Continuum of Care AL-501

### New and Renewal Projects

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	ACCEPTED or REJECTED	RANK	SCORE	REQUESTED FUNDING AMOUNT	REALLOCATED FUNDS
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Community Connections Network (Coordinated Entry)	CE	Accepted	2		\$752,973	
Community Housing Program	PSH	Accepted	3	86	\$1,087,064	
Disabled Homeless Program	PSH	Accepted	4	96	\$605,427	
ADMH MI Rental Assistance (Shelter + Care)	PSH	Accepted	5	93	\$266,796	
Permanent Housing Chronic Homeless (AltaPointe PHCH)	PSH	Accepted	6	89	\$493,477	(\$60,000)
RRH Family and Youth Services	RRH	Eliminated	N/A	N/A	\$370,706	(\$370,706)
Youth and Family Focus – NEW PROJECT	RRH	Accepted	7	98	\$370,706	\$370,706
Returning Neighbors Housing Program (MAIC)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	8	76	\$186,622	(\$100,000)
Lighthouse (DV Project)	Joint TH PH-RRH	Accepted	9	95	\$158,588.75	\$160,000
Penelope House (DV Bonus Project)	RRH	Accepted	10	100	\$221,778.61	
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# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## PIT Count Data for AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County CoC

### Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	631	583	585	670
Emergency Shelter Total	165	137	250	192
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	102	82	138	121
Total Sheltered Count	267	219	388	313
Total Unsheltered Count	364	364	197	357

### Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	71	72	76	138
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	6	7	10	16
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	65	65	66	122

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## PIT Count Data for AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County CoC

### Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	50	46	65	52
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	40	36	62	45
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	10	10	3	7

### 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	60	66	75	75	77
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	19	42	51	59	49
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	41	24	24	16	28

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

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## HIC Data for AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County 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	252	201	201	100.00%	51	51	100.00%	252	100.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	142	122	122	100.00%	20	20	100.00%	142	100.00%
RRH Beds	173	173	173	100.00%	0	0	NA	173	100.00%
PSH Beds	241	241	241	100.00%	0	0	NA	241	100.00%
OPH Beds	9	9	9	100.00%	0	0	NA	9	100.00%
Total Beds	817	746	746	100.00%	71	71	100.00%	817	100.00%

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## HIC Data for AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County CoC

**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	102	94	94	91

### 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	28	24	53	35

### 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	114	100	197	173



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# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Summary Report for AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County 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	1344	1499	35	41	6	11	14	3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	1535	1728	58	68	10	17	21	4

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

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

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

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**FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)**

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1483	1694	390	354	-36	87	86	-1
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1912	1913	397	356	-41	118	111	-7

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	204	9	4%	2	1%	9	4%	20	10%
Exit was from TH	96	3	3%	4	4%	10	10%	17	18%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	89	5	6%	7	8%	3	3%	15	17%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	389	17	4%	13	3%	22	6%	52	13%

### 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		585	
Emergency Shelter Total	137	250	113
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	82	138	56
Total Sheltered Count	219	388	169
Unsheltered Count		197	

### 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	1503	1797	294
Emergency Shelter Total	1314	1564	250
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	230	262	32

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	145	133	-12
Number of adults with increased earned income	2	1	-1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	1%	1%	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)	145	133	-12
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	47	53	6
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	32%	40%	8%

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)	145	133	-12
Number of adults with increased total income	48	53	5
Percentage of adults who increased total income	33%	40%	7%

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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)	50	80	30
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	1	2	1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	2%	3%	1%

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)	50	80	30
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	19	43	24
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	38%	54%	16%

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)	50	80	30
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	20	45	25
Percentage of adults who increased total income	40%	56%	16%

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### 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.	1414	1639	225
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.	348	347	-1
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)	1066	1292	226

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.	1574	1785	211
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.	394	368	-26
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.)	1180	1417	237



## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### 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	4	5	1
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	1	0	-1
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1	0	-1
% Successful exits	50%	0%	-50%

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

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	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	1436	1569	133
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	394	478	84
% Successful exits	27%	30%	3%

### 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	235	227	-8
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	232	214	-18
% Successful exits/retention	99%	94%	-5%

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

### AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County CoC

	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	221	193	263	100	116	128	247	264	260	114	100	175			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	221	193	263	100	116	128	247	264	260	114	100	175			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1614	1356	1562	190	233	262	211	277	261	335	451	547	461	425	330
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1525	1237	1441	123	142	148	26	27	73	212	205	302	33	213	39
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	29	20	19	9	3	7	2	1	5	14	5	37	5	2	4
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	1.90	1.62	1.32	7.32	2.11	4.73	7.69	3.70	6.85	6.60	2.44	12.25	15.15	0.94	10.26

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**FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality**

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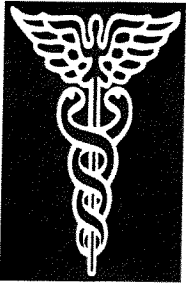
## Submission and Count Dates for AL-501 - Mobile City & County/Baldwin County CoC

### Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/23/2023	

### Report Submission Date in HDX

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



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September 18, 2023

Derek Boulware, CEO  
Housing First, Inc.  
107 St. Francis Street, Ste 1970  
Mobile, Alabama 36602

**RE: Grant Name: Youth and Family Focus**  
**Grant Term: August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025**

Dear Mr. Boulware,

Franklin Primary's Healthcare for the Homeless program is excited to commit \$107,500 of in-kind healthcare services for the above named grant during its one year term. This represents an average healthcare cost of \$2,500 per individual per year for the 43 anticipated individual who will be served by the grant.

Healthcare for the Homeless will provide regular check-ups and preventative care for each of these individuals. Furthermore, project eligibility for program participants in the new project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the Healthcare for the Homeless.

We are excited to partner with Housing First, Inc. for this new grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Sharon Brammer  
Program Manager, CRNP  
Healthcare for the Homeless