

Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application, and
2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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

1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application 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 the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. 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: SC-503 - Sumter City & County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, Inc.

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, Inc.

1A-5.	New Projects	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside	Yes
2.	Rural Homelessness Set Aside	Yes

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	08/17/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition:	
	1. Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
	2. At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
	3. At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
	3. If you selected yes, for element 1 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, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/06/2022

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/06/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/17/2022

2A. System Performance

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;	
	2. how your CoC addresses 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC identifies specific risk factors/reasons leading to first time homelessness including limited amounts of shelter beds in community, significant loss of income (employment or cash benefits), low to zero income, disabilities (specifically severe mental illness), imminent loss of housing within 14 days, major change in household composition (birth, death, divorce), high number of evictions in prior 7 years, at-risk of losing housing subsidies, previous history of homeless service utilization in past 2 years, registered sex offenders, housing needs requiring 3 or more bedrooms. These were identified through analysis of HMIS data from service & prevention providers, housing barriers assessments, discussions at monthly meetings, committee meetings, agency outreach & events. 2) TCHC coordinates with hospitals, prisons, mental health, VA clinics, discharge planners and our landlord network to coordinate housing to the imminently at risk. All persons presenting to CES or being outreached to are assessed for diversion/ prevention assistance in CES. In coordination with the SSVF grantee the CoC has adopted a Rapid Resolution approach that focuses first on reuniting with family or other support networks and promote/ supporting doubled up living situations. TCHC and HP providers developed an HP screening tool to prioritize prevention assistance according to CoC priorities including prioritizing households for funding without two parents/adults. The CoC has also initiated conversations with hospitals, hospital associations, and FQHC's to discuss practices of discharging patients into homelessness. The CoC will also begin to enforce these moratoriums on hospital discharges to homelessness. 3) TCHC partners with CDBG, HOME, VA-SSVF, ESG, private & faith based shelters & housing assistance programs to address risk factors of first time homelessness. 3) ECHO staff and the CoC partner with ESG/SSVF prevention providers to oversee the strategy to reduce first time homelessness.

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
	2. how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC's strategy to reduce the length-of-time persons remain homeless is to be more diligent with HMIS data quality to make sure our system performance measures are more accurate, secure and obtain new access points for CES, secure additional funding for and train additional outreach workers in the CoC, and provide additional training and technical assistance to the CoC's emergency shelters and transitional housing providers on the best practices to connect participants to housing and lowering barriers. The CoC, in partnership with its grantees and programs funded by ESG and SSVF are working with an established network of landlords to develop new affordable housing and recruit new landlords willing to work with these programs. 2) CES is designed to identify and prioritize persons with the longest histories of homelessness through our CES Access Points. CoC members and other stakeholders in the community are made aware and/ or trained on this process. The CoC houses these persons and families by incorporating HUD's Prioritization Notice into our prioritization process as well as dedicating and prioritizing non-dedicated PSH beds to persons experiencing Chronic Homelessness. All PSH projects have switched to Dedicated Plus in an effort to quickly house those with long histories of homelessness that don't meet the current definition of chronic. The CoC encourages all RRH providers to serve individuals and families with the longest histories of homelessness through the CES process. 3) Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization is the organization responsible for overseeing the strategy.

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:	
	1. emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
	2. permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in ES, SH, TH, and RRH exit to permanent destinations is to provide TA on best practice models like housing first, low barrier shelter, minimizing rules that cause negative exits, approaches that encourage conflict resolution other than exit, and how to partner with workforce boards to provide employment training and job opportunities. Planning and working with these programs to develop strategies to refer clients that “break rules” to other programs that can house and/or shelter the individual or family. The CoC is continuing to bring these organizations onboard as CES Access Points or set up appointments with mobile CES workers, allowing quicker access to housing programs. The CoC continues to work with ESG and CoC recipients to create CoC wide policies that discourage negative program exits as well as formalizing strategies. 2) The strategy to increase the rate at which persons in permanent housing retain or exit to permanent housing is to further implement the “Move On” strategy which coordinates with PHA’s and other housing programs and enforce CoC policies that limit clients losing their housing or being exited from a program that provides housing into a negative destination. Examples of CoC policies are: Minimum number of months’ for non-payment of rent before exit/eviction, more stringent documentation stds. to support a negative exit, reviewing these cases during monitoring and conducting exit interviews with participants to better understand the gaps in services. TCHC SOAR specialists and S.C. Thrive Hub trained staff work diligently to connect clients to all eligible benefits. Partnerships with Goodwill Joblink, S.C. Works and private employers help to increase/obtain income for the households.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness by reviewing project level HMIS data (ES, TH, RRH and PSH) and comparing it to outreach and CES data collected through the CES housing assessment process. By comparing this data, the CoC has been able to determine common factors and barriers that lead to these persons returning to homelessness. A few common factors identified are significant loss of cash benefits, poor financial management, history/current criminal activity, fleeing domestic violence, untreated mental illness and substance abuse. 2) The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness is to coordinate with current programs like rapid resolution, ESG and SSVF homeless prevention funds as well as identify partners and funding to expand and/or create new programs that focus on the at-risk population. The CoC is able to better identify these households through the CES housing assessment process and refer them to programs that can better meet their needs and provide long term housing interventions like HOME tenant based rental assistance, Permanent Supportive Housing, PHS's, and other faith based rental assistance programs. The Collaborative Applicant employs a PhD and Clinical Social Worker as the director of supportive services. This position is to develop and implement a more effective and comprehensive supportive service plan, conduct and facilitate trainings for CoC members, and better coordinate other systems of care that intersect with homelessness (mental health, substance abuse, hospitals, public health centers, etc.). The CoC provided training on motivational interviewing, mental health first aid, cultural competency, a poverty simulation, and a Certified Peer Support Training. 3) Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization is the organization responsible for overseeing the strategy described above.

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants) Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;	
2.	how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their 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 advertises and facilitates training for CoC member organizations to be trained in programs and systems that help participants obtain or increase employment income. CoC member organizations develop relationships and advocate for persons experiencing homelessness with local business throughout the CoC. Some CoC member organizations provide access to computers and internet for participants to use for job search. 2) The CoC partners with the VA employment specialists, Vocational Rehab, Goodwill, SC Works, Temp/personnel agencies and private business owners to increase access to job training, resume building, interviewing skills, computer training and employment opportunities. ECHO employs a PhD and Clinical Social Worker as a director of supportive services to continue developing relationships to new mainstream and private employment providers. 3) Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization and Sea Haven are responsible for overseeing the strategy described above.

2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income-Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
	2. your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
	3. 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)

The CoC partners with Goodwill Job Link services, the VA, Vocational Rehabilitation, SC Works, Trojan Labor Services and local businesses and contractors to promote partnerships and increase access to employment training and opportunities to the homeless in our CoC. CoC program staff, outreach workers, program management and Board members reach out to private, non-profit and public employment companies and organizations to better provide access to employment opportunities, trainings, education and resume services. Program staff notify and assist in connections and/or attendance at local job fairs, recruiting events, interviews or with day/temporary labor service organizations/companies. ECHO, one of the CoC grantees has weekly regularly scheduled in office mini-job fairs with the VA Employment specialist and monthly with a temp/day labor provider. All of the CoCs permanent supportive housing projects serve only chronically homeless families/individuals. Most of these participants are on disability and their disability is debilitating to the point that they cannot work. Some are able to work limited hours, due to their disability income, either SSDI or VA disability. The PSH participants that are physically and/or mentally able to work are connected to and assisted with opportunities for direct employment, education, job training and/or volunteer opportunities. These opportunities and services definitely promote and further their recovery or well-being. S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation, SC Works, and Goodwill Job Link are the 3 main providers of these services and are focused on people with disabilities of all types.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:

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 of CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	No	Yes
4.	CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	CoC-Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
12.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
13.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	No	Yes
17.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	Yes
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.				
34.				

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

2B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC holds a membership drive annually and has 4 quarterly general CoC membership meetings throughout the year. The CoC posts its meeting schedules on the website, email listserv & social media. All private, public, government, non-profit agencies, individuals and currently or formerly homeless persons, etc. that are interested in ending homelessness are invited to join the CoC. TCHC Membership Committee solicits members at other collaborative meetings. The CoC also solicits new members at training events. 2) We ensure effective communication with people with disabilities through our website contact forms or telephone. All meeting agendas are sent in advance in PDF format. Board and members are encouraged to recruit and solicit new attendees. 3) 3 board members are formerly homeless individuals. Current and formerly homeless individuals are encouraged to join and participate in the CoC during exit interviews by CoC grantees and outreach events. Fees are waived for any homeless or formerly homeless person seeking membership. Examples of special outreach events to ensure homeless or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC are monthly homeless connect events and Certified Peer Support Training where attendees must be homeless or formerly homeless. 4) CoC members attend other community coalitions such as SC Inter-agency Council on the Homeless, SC Alliance for Recovery Residences, etc. to invite their member organizations to join the CoC and attend the meetings. This is done to expand CoC membership to more than just homeless organizations and to engage organizations that serve culturally specific communities experiencing homeless. The CoC partners with CLAWS, an organization made up of members from the LGBTQIA+ community, to provide Christmas gifts for children of families served in rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. CLAWS fund-raises throughout the year to raise funding and awareness for the LGBTQIA+ experiencing homelessness. The CoC has invited this organization to become a formal member of the CoC and to encourage them to outreach to other LGBTQIA+ organizations and individuals to be involved. The CoC also works closely with the Low Country Veterans Group who works with homeless and disabled Veterans. The CoC has invited this organization to become a formal member.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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; and
3.	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.) We solicit and consider opinions at CoC meetings the CoC website and email listserv. The CoC has 2 full time staff members that develop community relationships that allow for the CoC to solicit and consider opinions from organizations that have an interest in preventing and ending homelessness. Some of the new organizations that the CoC has developed formal relationships with are South Carolina DAV, SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault, SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. The CoC is an active member of the Myrtle Beach Homeless Coalition organized by United Way, CoC and Myrtle Beach Police Dept, attended by all local agencies and govt groups addressing the homeless issue in Myrtle Beach and greater Horry County. The CoC was approved technical assistance through USICH and HUD technical assistance to develop a local homeless plan that address unsheltered homelessness in partnership with the Myrtle Beach Homeless Coalition. This past year the structure of the CoC was changed to encompass 3 regional chapters allowing for increased local coordination. 2) Regional CoC meetings are held every other month with the general membership meeting quarterly to solicit, consider and address new opinions in open forum format. We conduct exercises on topics such as CES, HMIS, Housing First, SPM, underserved populations, protected classes, fair & equal opportunity housing, disparities, GAPS, and COVID pandemic. At these meetings, TCHC and its members compile/consider all opinions to evaluate/develop new strategies/action plans to prevent & end homelessness. CoC staff attend meetings at for SCICH, SC DAV, the Myrtle Beach Homeless Coalition, and other forums to communicate information on homelessness, system analysis, collaboration, and best practices. CoC grantees conduct exit interviews soliciting ideas from clients. The Correspondence, Bylaws and Record-Keeping Committee solicits/considers feedback from agencies and individuals on CoC policies/procedures. The HMIS/CES Committee considers feedback on related policies/procedures at the locally and as a part of a State Committee. 3) The information gathered was used in strategic planning to prevent and end homelessness. Accordingly, these trainings were provided: LGBTQIA+ and Cultural/Linguistic Competency, Raising Diversity, Youth Specific, Rapid Resolution Training, SC Thrive Hub training on mainstream benefits, Best Practices for Hospital Patients Experiencing Homelessness, etc.

2B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) & 2) On June 21, 2022 TCHC conducted a Membership Drive/ Open House. During this event, we reviewed the local competition and application process for new and existing grantees. In August 2022 an announcement was publicly posted on the website and emailed to our listserv that the HUD CoC NOFO was published by HUD and that the local CoC was open to new and renewal application proposals including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. The local competition policies, procedures, estimated amount of funding available, a timeline of competition, and instructions on how to submit applications to the CoC were also made available publicly at this time. TCHC accepts and encourages proposals from previously non-funded organizations to help close gaps in housing and supportive services in the CoC coverage area. These announcements and events are designed to encourage previously funded and not previously funded organizations to apply. 3) On August 12th and 17th, the CoC conducted workshops on the Supplemental and Annual HUD NOFO, and the local competition policies and procedures. The workshop reviewed how project applicants must submit their project applications to the local CoC. 4) The TCHC Grant Selection Committee uses a CoC approved Rating and Ranking Tool, a weighted tool based on the rating and ranking tool developed by HUD to determine project acceptance and rankings. This tool along with the criteria that new and renewal applications would be rated against were posted on the CoC website. 5) All documents and materials needed to complete the application for the local competition process is posted online in PDF format.

2C. Coordination / Engagement—with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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 Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	No
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

2C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG 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 Consolidated Plan update.

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1) TCHC works with the State of South Carolina & Horry County on a regular basis to discuss and coordinate funding component allocations, Coordinated Entry System, monitoring efforts and planning efforts through its Annual Action Plan process. The CoC was heavily involved in the planning, allocation and implementation of ESG-CV grant applications to effectively make sure that the COVID pandemic was addressed in the planning, prevention and mitigation of COVID in the state. The CoC endorses agencies for participation in the annual ESG competition based on CoC, HMIS and CES participation. TCHC, the State, and Horry County share and discuss best practice models in an effort to have a comprehensive and effective approach to RRH, HP, Shelter, Outreach and HMIS components. All ESG recipients, sub recipients and CoC's in South Carolina are receiving on-going HUD technical assistance from TAC to better incorporate ESG into the Coordinated Entry System. 2) TCHC works with the State & Horry County to evaluate sub recipient projects and monitor performance outcomes, develop system wide policies & procedures, incorporate the CoC Coordinated Entry System policies, and create comprehensive planning goals. The CoC uses HMIS data from the CAPER/ PIT and other local project performance measures from the previous funding year to inform planning and decision making on funding percentages for each component in our CoC for each program year. 3) The CoC provides local PIT, HIC, and other relevant data concerning homelessness in our CoC geographic area to contribute to and develop the Consolidated Plans for those jurisdictions that have Consolidated Plans. 4) The CoC helps to draft the homeless section language in the Horry County Consolidated Plan updates. The CoC works with the State and provides local information so it can be addressed in their Consolidated Plan update.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

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
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2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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

2C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has a Youth Subcommittee that coordinated with education providers during a “100 Day Youth Challenge”. The CoC has formal partnerships with Beach Reach Ministries, Horry Hope House, Lighthouse Ministries, DSS, Boys and Girls Club of Horry County and Pee Dee Community Action Partnership. TCHC has 4 members on The South Carolina Interagency Council on Homelessness (SCICH) Board, which along with the SC Dept. of Ed. State McKinney-Vento Rep (SEA) developed the State plan for the education concerns/needs of School children in the homeless families served by CoC Programs. These State Board bi-monthly mtgs are attended by SEAs and CoC Representatives. LEAs attend local CoC committee meetings, where both parties collaborate on addressing the problem of the educational needs of homeless school aged children. This allows the CoC to coordinate with SEA’s and LEA’s to identify families and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness or imminently at-risk of homelessness. The CoC, SCICH, LEA’s/SEA’s coordinate planning and strategies for proper safeguards against discrimination. The CoC develops and updates these strategies. ESG & CoC programs work with LEA’s, families and youth to identify appropriate housing. The CoC has a formal partnership with The S.C. Dept. of Ed. at the State level and partners with each local/county school district throughout the year and each is directly involved in the PIT Count. Eastern Carolina Homelessness Org (ECHO) and Sea Haven, two CoC Grantees participate in A Day of Hope, an outreach event for over 800 school kids & their families that live at/below the poverty level and possible homelessness, as well as all relevant outreach events related to education needs of homeless children. ECHO conducts CES assessments for housing and service needs at these events.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

All HUD CoC and ESG funded projects operating and serving participants inside the CoC’s geographic service area are required to have a dedicated staff person to ensure that children are enrolled in school and receive eligible and appropriate educational services. The name of the staff person is identified during the monitoring or for a new project during the CoC Technical Application Review. The CoC requires CoC and ESG funded projects to collaborate with local school district liason(s) when a new child or youth enters a homeless program that is not enrolled in school. The policies ensure that these children are immediately able to enroll in school regardless of the documentation required. These children must have equal access to education, just as all children that are not homeless are provided. It also requires that there can be no limitations or restrictions on the geographic location or a particular school itself and the LEA will coordinate transportation service to and from school.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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

	Mainstream Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other	

You must select a response for elements 1 through 6 in question 2C-5.

2C-5a.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

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1) The CoC updates members and staff regarding mainstream resources available and programs that facilitate connection to them through list serv emails and at all regular CoC membership mtgs and special events. All CoC program staff are S.C. Thrive Hub trained, using a single application for multiple benefits. This is accomplished through program highlights at CoC Member Meetings, monthly in-service trainings on benefits availability, connection and utilization, email blasts and facilitating SC Thrive Hub trainings, a partner with the CoC focused on easier access and quicker connection to mainstream benefits. 2) & 3) The CoC and CoC funded projects works with Community Health Orgs and FQHCs, like Little River Medical, Sumter Family Health, Hope Health and faith based Mercy Med to provide medical, dental, vision care and general health services to all participants providing free/sliding scale services. The CoC established partnerships with CareSouth Carolina, (5 counties, 11 facilities and 25 people CES trained), the South Carolina Hospital Association, The National Alliance for Healthcare for the Homeless and the South Carolina Primary Healthcare Assoc. to aid in connecting clients to accessible healthcare benefits. These partnerships have resulted in positive outcomes in obtaining and utilization of private health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, employment, non- cash benefits including Family Independence (FI), Food Stamps and SSI/SSDI benefits. 4) The CoC works with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health who is the SOAR lead for the State to promote, train, and certify CoC member program staff on SOAR.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only). Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.		
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?		No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only) Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
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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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3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only) Special NOFO Section VII.C. You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. If you answered yes to question 3B-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.	

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Submission Summary

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

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