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 ULID's funding determination.

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: SC-503 - Sumter City & County CoC

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

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

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

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1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

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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	Nonexistent	No	No
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	Yes	No	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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35.				

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).

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The CoC holds a membership drive annually and has bimonthly general CoC membership meetings throughout the year. The CoC posts its meeting schedules on the website, email and listserv.. 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 and community events. Board and members are encouraged to recruit and solicit new participants. Four 4 board members are formerly homeless individuals, two of which fit the HUD criteria of experiencing homelessness within the last five (5) years. 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. As a part of incorporating Youth Homelessness as a part of the TCHC governance structure, a minimum of one (1) member must be a youth representative on the board.

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.

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TCHC ensures effective communication with people with disabilities through our website contact forms or telephone. All meeting agendas are sent in advance in PDF format. CoC members attend other community coalitions such as SC Inter-agency Council on the Homeless, 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. This allows the CoC to garner feedback from an array of organizations and develop strategic partnerships to prevent and end homelessness. This included changes to the TCHC Bylaws to be more inclusive.

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.

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On June 20,2023 TCHC membership meeting included information to members on CoC Funding. During this event, we reviewed the local competition and application process for new and existing grantees. On July 17, 2023 it was publicly announced on the website and emailed to the listsery that the HUD CoC NOFO was published by HUD and that the local CoC was open to new and renewal applicants on July 26, 2023. The notice included an invitation to 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. 2) On August 1stthe CoC conducted workshops on the 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. 3) On August 9,2023, TCHC provided a mandatory e-snaps training. 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. 4) All documents and materials needed to complete the application for the local competition process is posted online in PDF format.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.
	In the chart below:
1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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1C-2	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
,	. 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.

TCHC works with the State of South Carolina and 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.

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

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	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
	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.	No

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
1	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- 4 a.	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.

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The CoC established a Youth Action Board as a part of its governance structure. The Youth Action Board coordinates outreach among youth, provides guidance on CoC policies and procedures that impact how youth are served throughout the CoC. In 2023, the YAB crafted a plan to end youth homelessness – The Coordinated Community Plan. In developing this plan, the CoC has strengthened its partnership with local McKinney-Vento Liaisons, School Superintendents, and Youth Education Providers.

Additionally, 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 State Education Agencies (SEA) and CoC Representatives. Local Education Agencies (LEA) 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. On May 16, 2023, the State of South Carolina amended its code to include a definition for unaccompanied homeless youth, homeless child or youth, and youth at risk of being homeless which creates standards state-wide enabling a state-wide youth homeless count. Moreover, Horry Georgetown Technical College has provided additional funding and access to education for low/very low income individuals to access associate/ certificate courses at no cost, removing a considerable barrier clients face

C-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)

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.

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

1C-5. Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.

NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	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.

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1) The CoC conducts a collaborative meeting with domestic violence service providers (VSP's), housing providers, and supportive service providers that target survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This group meets regularly to discuss best practices including but not limited to trauma-informed care, current programming within the CoC, CoC-wide policies and procedures, and CES policies and procedures. The group is currently reviewing the CoC's Emergency Transfer Plan and will make edits as needed for the CoC board to review. 2) This group in partnership with South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault ensures that training is available to the CoC and its member organizations on victim centered trauma-informed care, confidentiality requirements, and person-centered approaches. Other trainings developed or sponsored by the CoC are motivational interviewing, mental health first aid, safety protocols, cultural competency, and Certified Peer Support training.

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:
	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
	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) Training on victim centered services, trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, mental health first aid, safety protocols, cultural competency, human trafficking and Certified Peer Support are provided by CoC member organizations that at a minimum of once a year at CoC Member Meetings and special training events. The CoC collaborated with Victim Service Providers to develop the CoC Protocols for serving survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. These same victim service agencies provide training on these topics on a regular on-going basis to member organizations when requested. The Office of the Attorney General provides a one-day training on domestic violence and sexual assault and related topics in the CoC coverage area. These trainings are geared towards law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, health care providers, victim advocates, and other victim service providers. All member organizations are invited to attend these trainings. 2) CoC area project staff and staff of Coordinated Entry access points are required to attend these trainings annually.

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 co	pordinated entry includes:	
safety planning protocols; and		
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	Survivors. NOFO Section V.B.1.e. Describe in the field below how your CoC's cosafety planning protocols; and	Survivors. NOFO Section V.B.1.e. Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes: safety planning protocols; and

2. confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

 The CoC's Written Standards established protocols for working with survivors of domestic violence, including emergency transfer plans to provide protections for those who make requests and believe there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the same dwelling unit or geographic area. The Standards incorporate the requirements of VAWA Act of 2022 including compliance with 24CFR, part 5, subpart L. The CoC's protocol is outlined in the CES policies/procedures. When presenting to a non-victim service provider the access point, at a minimum, must provide safe and confidential access to CES and immediate access to emergency services such as the DV hotline, safe shelter, and specific counseling services using trauma informed care. When an individual or family presents to an access point that is fleeing domestic violence, special considerations are taken to ensure their safety during the housing process. A victim centered, trauma informed approach is taken with all participants. If the participant is not in a domestic violence shelter/ safe house and is not presenting with a victim's advocate, proper measures must be taken to connect them with a safe place and resources, if the participant chooses. All housing programs in the CoC use a Client Choice philosophy. Domestic Violence Orgs are referenced in the CES Manual by county. These organizations are funded by DOJ, ESG, CoC and HHS for housing and other victim services. Training is provided on this policy and population by the CES Lead Agency regularly and when new access points are created in the community. Additional training on victim centered services and trauma-informed care are provided by CoC member orgs that provide victim services. 2) The CoC has specific confidentiality protocols that are put into action when a individual or family fleeing DV presents at an access point. The access point will enter their information into the CoCs HMIS without any personally identifying information. The HMIS client ID # created for CES will then be shared with the CoCs CES lead who keeps a key of all DV clients separate out of HMIS. This information is only shared with permission to VSPs or when the housing referral is made.

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.	

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 The CoC uses HMIS and local victim service provider agencies de-identified aggregate data as well as data/statistics from comparable databases provided by the Department of Justice, S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women, South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and SC Department of Public Safety OHSJP Statistical Analysis Center to assess the specialized needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. 2) This gaps analysis led to the identification of the need for more immediate shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing options in our CoC. As a result, the CoC now has 4 Joint TH/RRH projects awarded for this population in our CoC under the DV Bonus. The CoC has implemented a comparable database specifically for victim service providers that is managed separately by the HMIS Lead. The CoC works with multiple victim service providers to onboard and use this single database. This makes the process of collecting and analyzing the de-identified aggregate data an easier process. Analysis of the data has also led the CoC to identify a need for additional transitional housing, permanent housing, and coordination between qualified victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing providers that are not victim service providers.

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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.

The CoC's Written Standards established protocols for working with survivors of domestic violence, including emergency transfer plans to provide protections for those who make requests and believe there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the same dwelling unit or geographic area. The Standards incorporate the requirements of VAWA Act of 2013 including compliance with 24CFR, part 5, subpart L. The CoC's protocol is outlined in the CES policies/procedures. The specific policies/procedures relate to individuals and families who are fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. When presenting to a non-victim service provider they must, at a minimum provide safe and confidential access CES and immediate access to emergency services such as DV hotline, shelter, specific counseling services using trauma informed care. When an individual or family presents to an access point that is fleeing domestic violence, special considerations are taken to ensure their safety during the emergency transfer plan. A victim centered, trauma informed approach is taken with all participants. If the participant is not in a domestic violence shelter/ safe house and is not presenting with a victim's advocate, proper measures must be taken to connect them with a safe place and resources, if the participant chooses. All housing programs in the CoC use a Client Choice philosophy. Domestic Violence orgs are referenced in the CES Manual by county. These organizations are funded by DOJ, ESG and HHS for housing and other victim services. Training is provided on this policy and population by the CES Lead Agency regularly and when new access points are created in the community. Additional training on victim centered services and trauma-informed care are provided by CoC member orgs that provide victim services. All these policies and actions of the CoC ensure the confidentiality of all those and all information.

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	
	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.	

 The CoC along with the providers that serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking advertise and conduct community outreach on a regular basis. The Coordinated Entry System access points for domestic violence victims are advertised within the community and service providers know to make referrals to the appropriate person/ organization to be assessed and entered into the CoC's CES. The CoC ensures that outreach providers are up to date on the services and housing programs available to this population and they understand how to make referrals to the most appropriate resource. There aren't any CoC or ESG grantees in the service area that will deny a household entry into the program based on the fact that they are survivors of DV or are actively fleeing. The CoC has strategically requested and was awarded CoC funding from HUD for DV programs that serve survivors across the entire CoC region and to have transitional/ bridge housing locations that are accessible to survivors located anywhere within the CoC. 2. The CoC has conducted gaps analysis in the past that identified there was a need for additional safe shelter and housing for survivors of DV. Due to the lack of availability of these programs and shelter beds it created a systematic barrier for DV survivors to access the homeless response system. One of the CoC funded agencies applied for multiple TH/ RRH joint component programs using the DV Bonus funding available to the CoC in several competitions. The CoC now has 4 TH/ RRH programs across the CoC service areas that specifically serves survivors of DV.

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.

Our CoC has 3 DV Bonus Joint TH/RRH Programs administered by ECHO, the Collaborative Applicant and CoCs largest housing and services provider. Over 55% of ECHO's staff, including Leadership have lived experience. The CoC policies and procedures that guide these DV programs was a collaborative effort along with the VSPs in our CoC and directly involving individuals with lived experience in homelessness, specifically a history of fleeing DV, assault, stalking, etc. The Joint TH/RRH was determined to be the most effective and needed model to serve this vulnerable population, due to the lack of safe, emergency shelter/housing in our CoC. The programs were designed, implemented and now administered as a result of this experience and expertise. The programs also have these experienced people actually providing the services to the program participants.

The CoC, through the Collaborative Applicant and Grantee ECHO, engaged, recruited, and trained these individuals and now employs them as ECHO staff members working in these and all programs.

All the feedback and experience greatly influenced the program design, especially the TH/Crisis Housing component, the biggest GAP in services for this vulnerable population. These programs have had tremendous success in participants becoming safely housed and then permanently housed. The CoC established a working DV Group that consists of the DV/VSP in our CoC including the State of SC DV Coalition. This group worked with the CoC Board on addressing the needs of these survivors and to implement these practices in the CES Process, program and CoC-Wide policies and procedures. The biggest need was safe, immediate and emergency housing. This established the TH/RRH Project type as the preferred Project type. All processes including CES are administered using a non-invasive, client centered and trauma informed approach. All potential participants in CoC DV programs are identified as they self-identify their name, gender, language preference, race, etc. Options for communication are offered keeping in mind the safety and the fear that may be experienced when communicating with the CoC Programs. whether that is in person with an outreach worker, by phone, email or whatever form of communication the survivor feels safe using. Their information is deidentified and only assigned a DV number in CES, as opposed to full HMIS numbers and info.

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+ individual families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	als and	Yes
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Eq to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final	ual Access l Rule)?	Yes
		Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs Identity Final Rule)?	Access in (Gender	Yes

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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.

1. The CoC collaborates with LGBTQ+ persons and other organizations when reviewing and updating its own anti-discrimination policies. These policies are reviewed on an annual basis and updated, if needed, per community input and local, state, and federal requirements. 2. CoC assisted housing and service providers are encouraged to adopt the CoCs anti-discrimination policy. If a CoC funded agency needs assistance with ensuring that their anti-discrimination policies are consistent with the CoC-wide policies Collaborative Applicant staff will work with them to ensure the policies comply with CoC standards. 3. The CoC conducts monitoring annually where organizational and program policies are reviewed. The CoC monitoring checklist specifically requires the monitor to review the programs anti-discrimination policy. 4. Agency policies that are not in compliance with the CoCs anti-discrimination policy receive a finding and a corrective action to update the respective policy. The CoC and HMIS staff are then available to assist the organization with technical assistance.

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?
Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach	62%	Yes-Both	No
Housing Authority of Florence			No

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1C-7a. Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
	Describe in the field below:
1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

1) The CoC meets with and continues to engage with the Housing Authorities of Myrtle Beach, Sumter, Florence, Georgetown, and Conway about preferences for homeless individuals/families in their policies for the HCV, Mainstream Vouchers Program and Public Housing. These PHA's currently refer to the CoC's Coordinated Entry System directly when homeless clients present for housing. The two we work with mostly (Myrtle Beach/ Florence) housing authorities are now CES access points. The CoC is working with ECHO, a CoC grantee and the collaborative applicant, to use their Tenant Based Rental Assistance program funded through the HOME program through Horry County in an effort to help alleviate the waiting list of homeless applicants from the Myrtle Beach and Conway Housing Authorities. This is a collaborative and coordinated effort between the CoC and PHA's aimed at encouraging the PHA's to adopt homeless preferences in all programs. The CoC has consulted with a local, private HUD Technical Assistance provider to assist in the collaboration and coordination between the CoC and the PHA's. Ultimately the goal is to have all PHA's adopt a homeless preference and PSH Move On Strategy for their housing programs to help create more openings in CoC funded Permanent Supportive Housing projects. The CoC also consults with the State HUD Field Office Public Housing Department in this coordinated effort. 2) N/A

1C-7b. Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.		
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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	
2. PHA		Yes
Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments		Yes
4. Local low-income housing programs		Yes
Other (limit 150 characters)		
5.		

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	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.		
	In the chart below, indicate if your CoC inclu CoC's coordinated entry process:	des units from the following PHA progra	ams in your
	. Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)		Yes
	. Family Unification Program (FUP) . Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)		Yes Yes
	. HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (H	ID //ASH/	Yes
		0D-VA011)	Yes
	. Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers		Yes
	Public Housing		Yes
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	. Other Office Hoffi Fries.		
1C-7	d. Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	for Funding for People Experiencing Ho	omelessness.
	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to so or jointly implement a competitive project se homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstr (FUP), other programs)?	rving individuals or families experiencin	g ⁻
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	2. Enter the type of competitive project your Co	oC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit	a joint
	application for or jointly implement.		
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Housing Authority	

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Name of PHA: SC State Housing Authority

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Name of PHA: Housing Authority of Florence

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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

- 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

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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 n discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance program	ot
1. Foster Care	Y	'es
2. Health Care	Y	es
3. Mental Health Care	Y	es
4. Correctional Facilities	Y	es
1D-2	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	
1D-2	. Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	
en	ter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinate try, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC ogram Competition.	9
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.		od 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.		ated 100% g in
1D-2a	. Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

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	Describe in the field below:
	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
	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

 The CoC utilizes CES referral acceptance percentages to determine if the project is accepting referrals at a rate of 90% or higher. Each project is required to provide a reason for denials of any referrals to CES which are reviewed if the project has a low acceptance rate. The CoC reviews the project applicant/ recipients policies and procedures to determine if it supports the Housing First approach that was checked in the project application. The CoC utilizes HUD's Housing First Evaluation Assessment during the Annual CoC monitoring to ensure that projects are using a Housing First Approach in practice. 2) The Housing First Evaluation uses factors like project eligibility, project denials, case management practices, positive housing exits, etc to determine if a project is practicing a Housing First approach. The rating and ranking tool uses the following factors and performance indicators during the evaluation: Review of the agencies policies and procedures, CES acceptance referral rate, percentage of participants that enter the program with zero income, more than one disability, and have a prior living situation of place not meant for human habitation. 3) The CoC conducts an annual monitoring that assess all areas of CoC funded projects including fidelity to the Housing First approach. During the monitoring the monitor reviews the program policies and procedures to ensure the program is prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and are not requiring service participation or any preconditions of program participants. The monitor reviews a percentage of the program's participant files, client case notes, and other relevant documentation to ensure staff are following the program's policies and procedures. Involuntary exits from the program are reviewed to determine that the project followed a Housing First philosophy and attempted to remedy the issue in other ways than discharge from the program. The CoC continuously monitors the number of CES referral rejects and the reason for those rejections to ensure that projects remain as low barrier as possible.

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

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The CoC street outreach efforts cover all 13 counties (100% coverage rate). Homeless outreach is conducted by 22 dedicated staff outreach workers that engage the homeless on a daily basis, including weekends, special events, and disasters in an effort to identify all who are currently homeless During natural disasters (like floods, hurricanes or winter storms) outreach workers make special efforts to connect people to available Red Cross, FEMA and local storm shelters and resources. All CoC outreach workers are in regular contact with existing homeless shelters working with families/individuals that have been displaced as the result of any disasters. The outreach workers conduct CES screenings or contact a CES access point. SSVF outreach, ESG outreach, PATH outreach and RHY funded street outreach workers all conduct daily outreach and are funded by grant programs. Outreach is also performed by many partnering agencies that provide basic services and connect the individuals/families to CES access points within the CoC. The CoC collaborates regularly with city and county depts., police departments, hospitals, community health organizations, community kitchens, 12 step fellowships, 211 call centers, and many churches and faith based organizations to coordinate targeted outreach efforts. Outreach workers engage persons less likely to request assistance by going to their location (ie: tent encampments, woods, abandoned buildings, housing not meant for human habitation, bus stations, etc.). These persons are engaged in a manner to develop a trusting relationship using motivational interviewing & trauma informed care techniques and giving out hygiene, clothing, and food items. The CoC participates in the City of Myrtle Beach Homeless Court. The CoC also coordinates with the Myrtle Beach Homeless Coalition to conduct a monthly street outreach event. An effective approach has been to work with homeless clients that have received services to help conduct outreach to others that they know about that otherwise may never be contacted or found.

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	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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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 report in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g APR.		164	293

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits-CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m.	

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

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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. Monthly staff in-service trainings provide current information on how to access and utilize mainstream benefits. 2) 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, Wellvista. employment, non-cash benefits including Family Independence (FI), Food Stamps and SSI/SSDI benefits. 3) The SOAR effort in South Carolina is an initiative designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. The CoC works with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health to promote, train, and certify CoC member program staff on SOAR. Currently two (2) CoC case managers are

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)

Non-congregate sheltering is provided as an alternative to congregate emergency shelter when there are no beds available in the community that an individual or family experiencing unsheltered homelessness is identified. Non-congregate sheltering in hotel/ motels is also offered, when available, to persons that have tested positive or have come in contact with infectious diseases or when someone has increased risk factors for a particular infectious disease.

The CoC consulted with the State of South Carolina and Horry County ESG programs to dedicate additional ESG and ESG-CV funding to non-congregate hotel/ motel sheltering. This past year the subrecipients within in the CoC region were funded with more non-congregate shelter funding then ever before due to the COVID waiver allowing grantees to fund more emergency shelter and street outreach. The CoC utilizes the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP), where there are active local boards, to fund non-congregate hotel/ motel shelter beds. According to the 2023 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) the CoC had 34 hotel/ motel non-congregate shelter beds on the night of the count. This is an increase of 14 beds from the 2022 HIC. The CoC has two emergency shelter programs that are single site non-congregate shelters with 69 beds serving families, individual women, and individual men. In calendar year 2022 37,731 non-congregate emergency housing bed nights that were provided to 421 households.

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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.

 The CoC worked with the South Carolina Department of Health and Education (SCDHEC) to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that can be utilized in a response to infection disease outbreaks. These policies include congregate shelter social distancing measures, PPE requirements, and Coordinated Entry prioritization standards that can be activated in the event of a infectious disease outbreak. The CoC also coordinated with ECHO, the CoC Collaborative Applicant, to develop a homeless guarantine shelter program across the CoC. This direct partnership allowed for CoC members and DHEC to refer clients and identified unsheltered homeless that experienced symptoms of COVID to get tested and be quarantined in non-congregate hotel sheltering while getting better. 2. The CoC worked diligently to provide education to providers, (private, government, faith-based and non-profit) about the increased risks associated with those experiencing homelessness and in congregate living situations. The CoC followed CDC and SCDHEC protocols and policies when providing education to providers, as well as the guidance sent regularly from HUD. These meetings and calls, sometimes daily, were geared and kept up to date on guidelines and resources available for housing, PPE, emergency food, disinfecting and sanitizing supplies, etc. Street Outreach efforts were ongoing and frequent in an attempt to provide information, education, resources, and supplies to those on the streets and in other homeless or potential homeless situations. There was a hotline number set up with SCDHEC for when instances occurred for all providers to get connected and be directed on what, where and how to take the next necessary steps to ensure safety and further spread. The CoC and SCDHEC coordinated free Hepatitis A vaccination clinics for the homeless. SCDHEC leadership provided a formal learning session on HEP A and COVID to the CoC members.

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.

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 The CoC worked diligently to provide education to providers, (private, government, faith-based and non-profit) about the increased risks associated with those experiencing homelessness and in congregate living situations. The CoC followed CDC and SCDHEC protocols and policies when providing education to providers, as well as the guidance sent regularly from HUD. 2. The CoC sent out updated information from trusted sources like the CDC. SCDHEC. and other local resources in relation to public health measures as they were evolving. These meetings and calls, sometimes daily, were geared and kept up to date on guidelines and resources available for housing, PPE, emergency food, disinfecting and sanitizing supplies, etc. Street Outreach efforts were ongoing and frequent in an attempt to provide information, education, resources, and supplies to those on the streets and in other homeless or potential homeless situations. There was a hotline number set up with SCDHEC for when instances occurred for all providers to get connected and be directed on what, where and how to take the next necessary steps to ensure safety and further spread.

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 CoCs Coordinated Entry System-Assessment Process covers 100% of the CoC's 13 county service area. 2. Our CoC uses a standardized vulnerability tool for its assessments and the process is standard over the entire 13-county area. 3. The CoC is constantly monitoring and evaluating the assessment tool and CES process for GAPS and pertinent issues that need to be addressed. These are then presented by the CoC CES Committee to the full Board of Directors for consideration of edits and updates. Stakeholder and participant surveys play a huge role in determining these GAPS and needed edits and updates.

1D-9a.	Program Participan Centralized or Coo	t-Centered Approach to rdinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B	.1.p.	
	Describe in the field coordinated entry s	d below how your CoC's ystem:	
1.		o are least likely to apply for ce in the absence of special	
2.	prioritizes people m	nost in need of assistance;	
3.		st in need of assistance receive in a timely manner, consistent es; and	
4.	takes steps to redu coordinated entry.	ce burdens on people using	
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 The CoC has multiple access point locations for the Coordinated Assessment System (CES) and uses a mixed approach of physical locations and an Assessment Hotline for locations that have no access or limited access to a physical access point. The CoC currently has 10 physical access point locations in the CoC service area. The CES Coordinator conducts outreach to organizations that come into contact with the homeless population. All access point locations are detailed in the CES Policies and Procedures and discussed with CoC members and other organizations that come in contact with the homeless population. The CoC SSVF, ESG, CoC, RHY and PATH outreach workers all provide CES housing assessments themselves or have one performed by an access point in their area. These outreach teams are designed and dedicated to reach people who are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance programs and housing. The CoC advertises CES to all CoC members and other perspective individuals and organizations that are in contact with the homeless at CoC events and meetings with local stakeholders (including local and county governments). 2. & 3. The Assessment process prioritizes people most in need by following a standardized housing assessment, using the HUD Prioritization Notice, and communicating with local stakeholders about potential other needs that are not identified in the assessment as potential factors to be prioritized when making a housing referral. The assessment tool and procedures explain what to do and how to refer to these organizations, taking safety and confidentiality into consideration. The CoC prioritization process provides timely referrals as openings become available in housing programs. The CoCs CES will ask RRH housing providers to accept referrals for chronically homeless households that score in the PSH range when there are limited PSH units available. This allows for the PSH household to obtain permanent housing quickly while waiting for a PSH opening to become available. All access points are required to provide this information and allow the applicant the choice to pursue these services. 4. CES has taken steps to reduce the burdens on people using coordinated entry by allowing access to CES through an online self service assessment form and training street outreach workers how to conduct a CES assessment in the field where a person is identified.

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.

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1. The CoC Coordinated Entry System markets housing and services provided within the CoC's region without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. This is done through member organizations, street outreach teams, and grassroots marketing. 2. The CES policy and procedures requires access points to inform applicants and program participants of their rights and remedies that are available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. This is done through either direct notification, by the CES intake worker, to the participant or by posting fair housing posters in conspicuous locations where program participants will see it. 3. Any notification or complaint of a fair housing violation by a program participant or homeless service provide will be investigated by the CoC. The CoC reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice to HUD and the jurisdiction responsible for certifying consistency with the consolidated plan.

1D-	10. Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
1.	las your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC used HUD's CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool version 3.0 along with other data sources from the American Community Survey and local HMIS data to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. The CoC's Community Data Solutions Department used local HMIS data to analyze CES assessments, CES referrals, CES denials, enrollments into CoC funded programs, positive and negative housing outcomes, average length of time from project entry to housing move in, and average length of time enrolled in the program. Staff compared these metrics to each other and to ACS data to determine if there were any disparities that existed. 2) The CoC board reviewed HUD's CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool version 3.0 and determined that Black African Americans in Families with Children were experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a much higher rate than their White counterparts. This analysis also determined that Black African American Veterans are experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a greater rate than their White counterparts

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
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)	
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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.

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The CoC has had conversations to be more intentional when selecting board members to ensure that the makeup of the CoC Board of Directors is representative of the population being served in the CoC. This year on the Rating and Ranking Tool was approved to include points for factors that related to racial equity and project conducting their own racial disparity analysis on project outcomes. For example, the tool had points associated if the project applicant reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing policies that do not impose undue barriers. Another factor with points associated on the tool was that the recipient has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the dis-aggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age. The tool also gives points to projects with inclusive management and staff in the LGBTQUI+ and BIPOC communities.

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.

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1. The CoC reviews racial, ethnic, gender, and age data from HMIS for entries into programs and outcomes of those programs. The Community Data Solutions Department discusses their findings at CoC meetings and then raises questions using the data to inform conversations. 2. The CoC tracks the progress on eliminating or decreasing disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance using the reports from Stella P which are updated annually with the most recent data from the Longitudinal System Analysis. The CoC is provided with a performance report on reducing/ eliminating disparities.

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

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Outreach efforts are focused on people with lived experience at every level of CoC activities. Stakeholder surveys are sent out, as well as program participant surveys. The data and answers collected in these is used to influence service delivery and decision-making by the CoC and grantees. The CoC targeted new. Board Members that have been homeless within the past 7 years. This targeted outreach resulted in the addition of a new board member that has lived experience within the last 24 months and also was a program participant in the SSVF Program in the CoC service area administered by ECHO, the Collaborative Applicant. ECHO, employs over 50 people on its staff. Over 50% of the staff are formerly homeless, many coming through programs in the CoC and also people in recovery from substance use disorder and/or mental illness. Many of these staff members started as volunteers, interns, or access point staff. 3 of the 5 Chief Executive staff have lived experience, including the CEO Additionally, the HMIS Administrator, CES Director, HUD Programs Director, VA Programs Director, and the VA Contract Bed/GPD Bed facility are directed by persons with lived experience. The CoC's Youth Advisory Board also has persons with lived experience. The CoC and ECHO the Collaborative Applicant place a premium on lived experience and the invaluable difference it makes in leadership, planning, implementation, and decision-making in our 13 county service area.

1D-11a. Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience	e of Homelessness.
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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.	18	12
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	18	12
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	2
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	4	10

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.

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The CoC member agencies, especially ECHO and Sea Haven provide multiple and on-going professional development, in service trainings and employment opportunities within the CoC. ECHO employs over 50 people and over 50% of those are people with lived experience, many coming onboard initially as volunteers, interns and access point staff. Certified Peer Support training has resulted in 18 CPPSS staff members. WRAP program training resulted in 14 WRAP Certified Specialists, Trauma Informed Suicide Prevention Trainings has resulted in over 40 people certified and 2 that are now actually certified trainers. ECHO provided Property Management training to 4 formerly homeless staff members that are now licensed property managers and one of these is now a Property Manager in Charge, Internships have been in place for Masters of Social Work and Public Health. In-Service trainings have been provided on Cultural Competency, Case Note Documentation, LGTBQIA+ True Colors Initiative, Team/Capacity Building, etc ECHO regularly sends staff to relevant national conferences (e.g., NHSDC). Leadership emphasizes individual professional development during monthly meetings and annual reviews, including professional goal setting and tracking with all staff (knowledge/skills building). Sea Haven is regularly providing Safe Place Site trainings, human trafficking trainings and other trainings related to unaccompanied youth. They also provide internships and employment opportunities to persons with lived experience.

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.	

1. The CoC routinely gathers feedback from people with lived experience and those that received assistance through CoC, ESG and VA programs within the CoC at its regular membership and Board Meetings. The CoC also gathers this information on a daily basis in leadership meetings, program staff meetings, inservice trainings, client participant exit interviews, regular client/case manager meetings, etc. All of these methods and ways of gathering this invaluable information is put into action by the CoC, mainly through it's Collaborative Applicant ECHO, in the planning, development, implementation and administration of renewal and new projects to address homelessness and homeless prevention. 2. CoC funded programs conduct participant satisfaction survey's while enrolled in the program and at exit from the program. This gives program participants an opportunity to provide feedback on what worked for them while in the program and what can be improved programmatically. This information is reviewed by the management and program staff of CoC grantees on a quarterly basis. 3. All programs use a client centered, trauma informed and housing first approach. The challenges and barriers that are shared by persons with lived experience and are actively receiving or previously received assistance from these programs plays a pivotal and necessary role in the CoC and member agencies strategic planning and program design and implementation.

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.

 The CoC has engaged the City of Myrtle Beach Government and many of its Department Directors including but not limited to: The Mayor, City Council, The Chief of Police, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Fire/EMS Chief, Downtown Development Board Executive Director, Zoning and Construction Services at regular weekly meetings addressing the need and lack of available affordable housing for the large unsheltered homeless population in the Greater Myrtle Beach (Horry County) area. This area accounts for the vast majority of not only the unsheltered homeless population in the 13 county CoC area, but leads in all areas of homelessness. These regular meetings are aimed at the barriers, challenges, lack of affordable housing, especially affordable housing that meets the FMR's that will actually pass the HUD HQS inspection. The new 2023 FMR's have been released and this area only received about a 5-7% increase from 2022 FMR's, when the reality of the market here reflects a 35-42% increase in rental rates. The current zoning codes, and districts and construction standards are being addressed in an effort to affect change to allow for the development of more multi-family and affordable single -family housing. This has become an actual crisis in our CoC, not only in the Horry County area, but CoC wide. 2. The CoC, mainly through its Collaborative Applicant Echo is working diligently and aggressively with local, county and state agencies and government to break down some of these barriers and affect change in zoning and allowable uses of housing for our homeless populations. The other way that we are addressing this problem of affordable housing inventory is by developing new affordable housing through new construction and acquisition and rehab utilizing the vast resources created through the Cares Act and the American Rescue Plan. These 2 funding opportunities mainly have available resources through the associated HOME Program funds created from The CARES Act and ARP.

Yes

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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

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1	E-1. Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their	07/26/2023
	project applications to your CoC-meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	
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.	07/26/2023
1	E-2. Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes

4. Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.

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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 overrepresented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes	
16	E-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)?		213
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?		1
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH	
1E	E-2b. Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.		
	NOFO Section V.B.2.d.		
	Describe in the field below:]	
	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;	1	
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	 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 		

1. The CoC used HMIS/ Comparable database exit destination data from each projects most recently completed Annual Performance Report (APR) in SAGE. For PSH the CoC gave projects 25 points if 85% or more of the participants exited to or remained in permanent housing. For RRH and TH/ RRH projects the CoC gave projects 25 points if 80% or more of the participants moved to a permanent housing destination. 2. The CoC used HMIS/ Comparable database exit destination data from each projects most recently completed Annual Performance Report (APR) in SAGE. 20 points were given to RRH projects that on average took 45 days or less from program entry to residential move in date (permanent housing). 20 points were given to PSH project that on average took 15 days or less and 10 points were given to TH/RRH projects that took 90 days or less. 3. The CoC rating and ranking tool used 3 factors that gave points to projects that served participants with specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities. Projects that had 50% or more of their participants served during the program year with zero income at entry, more than one disability, and/or entered the project from a place not meant for human habitation were given 5 points for each factor they met. 4. The rating and ranking committee made considerations for projects that were the only project of its kind in the CoC's region serving a special or specific subpopulation. These considerations were made once projects were scored and the committee was finalizing the rank of each project on the priority list.

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.
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1) The CoC is working to develop a strategy that will be more inclusive of persons of different races that are over represented in the local homelessness population and obtaining their input and feedback on the rating factors used in the review of project applications. 2) The CoC is actively working on soliciting persons of different races to participate on the CoC Board of Directors and all committees of the CoC. 3) The CoC included rating factors that awarded points if organizations provided evidence of their review of internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and developed a plan for implementing more equitable policies and procedures that do not impose undue barriers and/ or the review of program participant outcomes with an equity lens.

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1F-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.
	Describe in the field below:
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

 The CoC has two types of reallocation in it's written process: Voluntary and Involuntary. The process for voluntary reallocation is for the grantee to notify the CoC of their intent to fully or partially reallocate their project in the upcoming competition. The CoC will evaluate the impact on the system and how to handle any potential client displacements. Involuntary reallocation is determined when a project fails to meet monitoring or performance expectations outlined in the reallocation policy. The CoC identifies lower performing projects through the CoC monitoring process which includes a review of Annual Performance Reports and other CoC project performance standards. The reasons for reallocation are as follows: fiscal non-compliance, ongoing non-compliance with HUD/CoC regulations, policies, or processes, and poor performance. The CoC may also reallocate projects that do not meet current HUD or CoC thresholds. The CoC board and membership created and approved the reallocation process outlined in the written standards. The CoC written standards are located on the website and announced at the general membership meeting. The reallocation process is also outlined and emailed to the list serve every competition year. 2) The CoC did not identify any projects during this years local competition. 3)The CoC did not reallocate any projects this year. 4) The CoC did not determine that any projects were considered low performing or less needed during this years local competition

1E- 4 a.	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		
1	E-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		

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	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
	. Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	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.	09/13/2023
1	E-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.	09/13/2023
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1	E-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
1	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. E-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.	
1	Project Names; Project Scores; Project accepted or rejected status; Project Rank–if accepted; Requested Funding Amounts; and Reallocated funds. E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
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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.

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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

- 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;
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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.			
	Not Scored–For Information Only			
Ente	er the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is o	currently using.	Wellsky	
2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.			
	Not Scored–For Information Only			
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Sele	ect from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS cov	verage area.	Statewide	
2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.			
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.			
Ente	er the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC d	ata into HDX.	04/28/2023	
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	Commontale Database for DV Providers Co.	and HMIC Load Comparting Data Coll	lastian and	
∠A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC Data Submission by Victim Service Providers	, and fimils Lead Supporting Data Coll	ection and	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.			
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	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 provide comparable database–compliant with the FY	ers in your CoC are using a HUD-com 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	pliant	
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3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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- 1) The CoC funds an HMIS-compliant comparable database and collects all of the data elements required by HUD. The HMIS vendor for the comparable database is Wellsky Community Services. The CoC's Community Data Solutions team (HMIS Lead) targets DV service providers that do not use a comparable database or do not provide the CoC with de-identified data to discuss with them the importance of sharing the data with the CoC. The Community Data Solutions team offers the use of the database along with ongoing training and support for no charge. The CoC and HMIS Lead request de-identified system performance measures data for each project that uses a comparable database. The CoC does not have any issues with getting this data from DV housing and service providers that use an HMIS-compliant comparable database. 2) The CoC's comparable database is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.
- 3) The CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	483	61	334	79.15%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	162	35	127	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	293	0	293	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	409	0	360	88.02%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	450	0	76	16.89%

	2A-5a. Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
		NOFO Section V.B.3.c.
		For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
	1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
Ī	2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

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- 1) The CoC will engage emergency shelters and other permanent housing providers who are not using HMIS to discuss with their leadership the organization's barriers to using HMIS. The CoC offers the HMIS database, ongoing training, data quality assistance, custom reporting, and data visualization/dashboards to all HMIS-participating organizations for no cost. The CoC will allow for minimal data collection to only what is required in the HUD data standards for organizations that do not operate a project required to enter project-specific data elements.
- 2) The CoC will use the staff of the Community Data Solutions team (HMIS Lead) to develop these relationships and schedule these meetings with organizational leadership.

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?

2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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- PHA Crosswalk; and

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	
Ente	er the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/25/2023
2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	
Ent	er 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.	

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The CoC works with the youth provider Sea Haven for Youth, which is a member of the CoC and receives HUD CoC funding for Rapid Re-housing. The CoC PIT Count Committee included staff from Sea Haven during the planning process for the 2023 PIT Count. Sea Haven involves youth with lived experience in the actual count to advocate to their peers the importance of being counted and what it does for the community. Sea Haven's outreach team helped the CoC identify the locations where homeless and runaway youth were most likely to congregate and be identified. Sea Haven also counted at their service and outreach facility locations. The CoC is currently preparing for a YYA-specific PIT Count in 2024, which includes coordination with and active involvement from the YHDP's Youth Action Board. The CoC will also participate in SCICH's statewide YYA PIT Count initiative in 2024.

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.	

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1. & 2. In 2023, the CoC introduced an easy-to-use, online PIT Count form (with conditional formatting) instead of using cumbersome paper documents that were historically hard to navigate while conducting surveys in the field. 3. The online form improved PIT Count data quality in that 100% of the submitted surveys were accounted for by eliminating the challenges associated with interpreting handwritten forms.

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2C. System Performance

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2C-1. Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.
	In the field below:
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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

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- 1. The CoC identifies specific risk factors/reasons leading to first-time homelessness, including domestic violence, economic factors such as significant loss of income (employment or cash benefits), poverty/low to zero income, disabilities (especially severe mental illness and/or substance use), lack of social support systems, the imminent loss of housing within 14 days, a 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, and housing needs requiring 3 or more bedrooms. These risk factors were identified by analyzing HMIS data from service & prevention providers, housing barriers assessments, focus groups with persons with lived experience, discussions at monthly meetings, committee meetings, agency outreach & events.
- TCHC coordinates with hospitals, jails/prisons, mental health providers, VA clinics, discharge planners, and our landlord network to coordinate housing for the imminently at risk. All persons presenting to CES or being outreached to are assessed for diversion/prevention assistance as part of the ČE Process. In coordination with the SSVF grantee, the CoC has adopted a Rapid Resolution approach focusing first on reuniting with family or other support networks and promoting/supporting shared 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 FQHCs to discuss practices of discharging patients into homelessness. The CoC will also begin to enforce these moratoriums on hospital discharges to homelessness. TCHC partners with CDBG, HOME, VA-SSVF, ESG, private & faith-based shelters & housing assistance programs to address risk factors of first-time homelessness. CoC outreach workers target and advertise to low income communities and housing projects to ensure they are aware of prevention services available to them.
- 3. ECHO staff and the CoC partner with ESG and SSVF prevention providers to oversee the strategy to reduce first-time homelessness.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
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	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:	
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1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	Yes

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. N/A 2. The CoC's largest county and most concentrated service area is a southern coastal, tourist-driven region, which attracts individuals seeking short-term shelter and/or housing assistance due to its warm climate and perceived service-industry employment opportunities. The geographical allure of this region often draws people without a place to stay, contributing to the number of first-time homeless households.

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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.

- 1. The CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time persons remain homeless is to be more diligent with HMIS data quality education to ensure our system performance measures are more accurate, identify and equip additional CES access points, secure additional funding to onboard more targeted outreach and engagement workers in the CoC, and provide further training and technical assistance to the CoC's emergency shelters and transitional housing providers on the best practices to connect participants to housing and addressing barriers to housing. The CoC, in partnership with its grantees and programs funded by ESG and SSVF, provides ongoing training and support for housing case managers to build and strengthen skills specific to building and leveraging landlord relationships. The CoC and its grantees are also working with an established network of landlords to develop new affordable housing, recruiting new landlords willing to work with these programs, and staffing a dedicated landlord recruitment specialist.
- 2. The CoC uses a vast network of both dedicated and mobile Coordinated Entry System Access Points (comprised of service providers, targeted and collaborative community outreach efforts, first responders, and an easy-to-use public-facing online tool) to identify persons with the longest histories of homelessness. The Coordinated Entry System is specifically designed to prioritize persons with the longest histories of homelessness and applies dynamic prioritization to increase possible opportunities for housing program referral. CoC members and other stakeholders in the community receive ongoing education on the importance of connecting our most vulnerable community members to CES, along with training on how to serve as a mobile or dedicated Access Point. The CoC provides permanent housing to these persons and families by incorporating HUD's Prioritization Notice into our prioritization process and dedicating and prioritizing non-dedicated PSH beds to persons experiencing Chronic Homelessness. All PSH projects have switched to Dedicated Plus 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.

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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.

- 1. The strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in ES, SH, TH, and RRH exit to permanent destinations includes providing technical assistance on best practice models, including housing first, individualized case management, connections to mainstream benefits and social services, approaches that encourage conflict resolution other than program exit, minimizing rules that cause program discharges, encouraging reconnections with support systems, and partnering with workforce boards to provide employment training and job opportunities. Also, planning and working with these programs to develop strategies to refer clients who "break rules" to other programs that can house and/or shelter the household. The CoC continues to work with ESG and CoC recipients to create CoC-wide policies that discourage negative program exits and formalize strategies to prevent them.
- 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 enforces CoC policies that limit clients losing their housing or being exited into a negative homeless destination from a program that provided housing. Examples of CoC policies implemented to increase the rate that households retain or exit to housing are: a minimum number of months of client non-payment of rent before the PSH program can exit/evict, more stringent documentation standards to support a negative exit, reviewing these cases during CoC monitoring, and conducting exit interviews with participants to better understand the gaps in services. TCHC maintains connections with SOAR specialists and provides ongoing training for CoC program staff to be fully equipped to connect clients to SSI/ SSDI benefits. The CoC also has a partnership with SC Thrive who operates the benefit bank, a single application for mainstream benefits. Partnerships with Goodwill Joblink, S.C. Works, and private employers help to increase/obtain income for the households. The CoC also creates strong partnerships with landlords and property management companies, advocating for fair treatment of residents, facilitating communication to address concerns swiftly, and providing mediation to resolve potential eviction issues before an eviction occurs.
- 3. ECHO oversees the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

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2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.
	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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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 use. 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, PHA's, and other faith-based rental assistance programs. The CoC has a dedicated staff position to help develop and implement a more effective and comprehensive supportive service approach, 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.

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.

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1. The CoC advertises and facilitates training for CoC member organizations to be trained on programs and systems that help participants obtain or increase employment income within the CoC. CoC member organizations develop relationships and advocate for persons experiencing homelessness with local businesses throughout the CoC. Some CoC member organizations provide access to computers and the internet for participants to use for job searches. The CoC works with workforce development boards to better connect persons experiencing homelessness and households enrolled in homeless housing programs to better-paying jobs, education, specialized training, and resume building. 2. The CoC partners with VA employment specialists, Vocational Rehab, Goodwill Job-link, SC Works, Temp/personnel agencies, and private business owners to increase access to job training, resume building, interviewing skills, computer training, and employment opportunities. The CoC also advertises job fairs and community events related to employment throughout the CoC service area. 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. 3. Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization and Sea Haven are responsible for overseeing the strategy described above.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.
	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to increase participants access to non-employment cash income is to utilize already operating programs in the CoC that provide training and access to mainstream benefits. The CoC partners with the state SOAR Lead to provide organizations access to SOAR training. Homeless assistance programs that are not SOAR certified can refer to organizations that are certified to connect their program participants to SSI/ SSDI benefits. The CoC also partners with SC Thrive's Benefit Bank program to train organizations on their single application system. This system will identify any mainstream benefits that program participants are eligible for and apply for those benefits with a single application. Individualized case management that identifies and connects participants to non-cash income sources the client is eligible for early in the case management process is key to the CoC's strategy. 2. Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization and Sea Haven are responsible for overseeing the strategy described above.

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3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
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3	A-1. New Pl	H-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging H	ousing Resources.		
	NOFO	Section V.B.6.a.			
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	housing uni	applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RF ts which are not funded through the Co g homelessness?	RH project that uses housing subsidies oC or ESG Programs to help individuals	or subsidized s and families	Yes
	A-2. New Pl	H-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging H	lealthcare Resources.		
	NOFO	Section V.B.6.b.			
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	ls your CoC individuals a	applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RF and families experiencing homelessne	RH project that uses healthcare resources?	ces to help	Yes
3A-3.	individuals a	c applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RF and families experiencing homelessne Housing/Healthcare Resources–List o	ss?	ces to help	Yes
3A-3.	individuals a	and families experiencing homelessne	ss?	ces to help	Yes
3A-3.	Leveraging NOFO Sect	and families experiencing homelessner Housing/Healthcare Resources–List o	f Projects. e the list feature icon to enter information		

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3A-3. List of Projects.

- 1. What is the name of the new project? DV Bonus RRH
- 2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): MFCMNAS5KEA5
 - 3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH
- 4. Enter the rank number of the project on your 15 CoC's Priority Listing:
 - 5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
Is y	our CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding nousing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:	
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and	
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.	

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

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	
proj	our CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component ects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other eral statutes?	No
3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:	
	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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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants for New DV Bonus Funding

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	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.		
	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?		Y
4A-1	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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P	Project Type		
1. S	SSO Coordinated Entry	No	
2. P	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes	

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.	ו
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	
1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	74
	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services: Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	74 28

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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.

1) The number of DV survivors needing housing or services was determined by using the CES DV Priority list. All households experiencing homelessness that need housing or services are on this list. The number of survivors the CoC is currently serving was calculated by totaling all current participants in programs that indicated they are a DV survivor or fleeing DV. 2) The data source for these responses is from the CoC DV Priority List, HMIS for non-DV projects, and the CoC comparable data base for victim service providers. 3) The CoC saw an increase of applicants fleeing DV during the COVID pandemic. The barriers to serving all survivors are the lack of enough financial resources for crisis sheltering and permanent housing, organizational capacity and staffing of victim service providers to provide supportive services to all victims needing services.

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)	
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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.

Applicant Name

Eastern Carolina ...

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	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, Inc.
2.	Project Name	DV Bonus RRH
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	15
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	MFCMNAS5KEA5
5.	Amount Requested	\$424,980
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	37%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	80%

	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	
	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).	

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO) operates 3 TH/RRH projects that serves DV survivors. The rate of housing placements and the rate of housing retention was calculated using data from the previous year's Annual Performance Report. For the rate of housing placements, Q22c from the CoC APR was used. We divided the "Total (persons moved into housing)" by the "Total persons" served in the grant to calculate the rate of housing placement. For the rate of housing retention, we used Q23c from the APR. We divided the "Total persons exiting to positive housing destinations" by the "Total" served in the grant to calculate the rate of housing retention. 2. The rate of housing retention accounts for exits to safe housing destinations, as described in the previous sentence. 3. The data source for the Annual Performance Report comes from HMIS. ECHO is not a victim service provider and enters information into HMIS.

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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.

1. ECHO ensures DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing by assigning each household with a housing case manager who works with them to find permanent housing unit that meets their safety needs and preferences. ECHO utilizes it's TH/ RRH joint component project to safely bridge the gap between homelessness at project entry and when a safe housing unit can be identified. 2. ECHO prioritizes survivors for its DV housing programs by using the CoC's CES which will prioritize households that are actively fleeing and survivors that are experiencing homelessness for these programs. ECHO will also serve survivors in any of their other housing programs. If a participant requests a emergency transfer ECHO will work with CES to identify the next available housing unit to place the household into. 3. ECHO uses the Arizona Self Sufficiency Matrix (ASSM) to identify areas of a persons life that could be improved with supportive services and case management. The ASSM helps to inform the housing case plan which is developed with the participant. 4. ECHO refers DV survivors to victim service providers in the community that they have strong partnerships with to provide DV specific supportive services that keep safety and confidentiality in mind. 5. In every housing program that ECHO operates the end goal of the program is to keep the participant in permanent housing even after the rental assistance subsidy ends. DV survivors that are unable to afford their rental unit at program exit will be reevaluated to determine if additional rental assistance can be provided by the program and /or if a longer term rental subsidy like a EHV or HCV is available.

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 confidentially policies and practices; and

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5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

(limit 2,500 characters)

 ECHO ensures privacy and confidentiality during intake by using private intake rooms to conduct program interviews. If intake workers identify uneasiness while conducting program intakes they will separate the household and ask program intake questions individually. Staff will do this in a way that seems like normal protocol so that the situation isn't escalated. 2. ECHO utilizes a client choice approach along with its partnerships with local victim service providers to determine placements into safe permanent housing. 3. ECHO does not publicize the information or locations of any of their housing programs that serve DV survivors. Marketing materials and grant applications use the program office address for all of these programs to ensure the safety and confidentiality of program participants. 4. ECHO provides training to staff by bringing in State Domestic Violence Coalitions and local VSPs to train on trauma informed care, safety and confidentiality protocols, identifying potential abuse in a relationship, and deescalation techniques. 5. The Transitional Housing units operated by ECHO all have security camera systems to monitor the activity of the house. Protocols are in place for participants to notify staff if a potential breach in security or confidentiality takes place.

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)

ECHO evaluates the projects ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project serves by having quarterly meetings with the sub recipients of these Joint TH/RRH programs. During these meetings the 2 organizations review safety protocols, recent incidents, security concerns, and project performance. This serves as a self evaluation of the project. One of the sub recipients is a victim service provider that also operates a DV emergency shelter. They ensure that all protocols are compliant with standards and practices generally accepted with the DV population.

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;			

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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.

 All of ECHO's housing programs uses the best practices of Housing First, client choice/ empowerment, trauma informed care, victim/ client centered services, and motivational interviewing. ECHO staff uses motivational interviewing techniques to help clients create a housing stabilization plan. This plan is developed with the participant and encourages input from them to include their preferences and goals. ECHO provides housing search and placement services and takes the client to view housing options that meet their needs and preferences. The participant ultimately makes the decision on the housing placement from the options provided. 2. ECHO uses a Housing First approach which focuses on lowering the barriers to exit from a program. Staff are trained on how to keep program participants in the program instead of ensuring the rules are being followed. All staff are trained on trauma-informed care to ensure that organization staff and the services being provided are not conducted in a way that creates further trauma. 3. 18 staff members at ECHO are Certified Peer Support Specialists that have experience with addiction and mental health. These 18 peer support specialist are trained in the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP). 28 staff members have lived experience with homeless and some with domestic violence and most with trauma. This training and lived experience is invaluable with providing program participants with information on trauma. 4. ECHO conducts the Arizona Self Sufficiency Matrix to understand the program participants strengths and needs. A housing case plan is developed with the program participant using motivational interviewing techniques. Program participant strengths are highlighted when creating the housing stability plan. 5. ECHO staff are provided training on cultural competencies, implicit biases and nondiscrimination by ECHO's Chief Innovation Officer Dr. E. Ann Gowdy PH.D., LISW-CP, MSW. 6. & 7. ECHO's Wellness Center provides a holistic recovery approach to trauma, mental health, and substance abuse. At this center ECHO provides individual counseling, group therapy, peer to peer support, yoga therapy, art therapy, recovery groups, and life skills which includes parenting classes.

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.

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ECHO partners with victim service providers to provide DV specific supportive services like Safety planning, therapy, legal assistance, and victim advocates. ECHO also provides connection to mainstream benefits, job placement, education, emergency food, furniture, bedding, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and peer support. ECHO provides furniture to families that are placed into permanent housing. Staff and volunteers deliver the furniture and help the household set it up in their new home. ECHO provides transportation to and from appointments with other service providers for supportive services. This allows the program participant safety and confidentiality while receiving these services.

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;	
4.	emphasize program participants' strengths-for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivordefined goals and aspirations;	
5.	center 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.	provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
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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.	
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ECHO operates 3 DV Bonus Joint TH/RRH Programs. Over 55% of ECHO's staff, including Leadership have lived experience. The policies and procedures that will guide this NEW DV program was a collaborative effort along with the VSPs in our CoC and directly involving individuals with lived experience in homelessness, specifically a history of fleeing DV, assault, stalking, etc. With the 3 current Joint TH/RRH programs in place and successfully providing housing and services it was determined that a Rapid Rehousing only program would best fit the needs for the NEW Bonus Project. The program was planned and designed as a result of the experience and expertise of this group. The program will recruit, train and employ case mgrs. with lived experience that are survivors and former ECHO clients to actually provide the housing services and mainstream supportive services to the program participants. The case managers will conduct regular updates on client and their own feedback during the operation of the NEW program, continuing to adapt and adopt new policies and procedures related to the successful operation of the program ensuring the best possible service delivery and outcomes for the survivors/fleeing that are being served.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.					
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Document Typ	Document Type Required? Document Description Date Attached			Date Attached		
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference		No				
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1D-11a. Letter Signed by Yorking Group		Yes				
1D-2a. Housin	g First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva	09/23/2023		
	1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline		Web Posting of Lo	09/23/2023		
1E-2. Local Co Tool	empetition Scoring	Yes	Local Competition	09/23/2023		
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project		Yes		09/25/2023		
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced		Yes	Project rejected	09/25/2023		
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted		Yes	notification of p	09/25/2023		
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results		Yes	Local Competition	09/23/2023		
1E-5c. Web Po Approved Con Application		Yes				

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1E-5d. Notification of CoC- Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	TCHC CoC's 2023 H	09/21/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

Submission Summary

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

Page	Last Updated
1A. CoC Identification	09/18/2023
1B. Inclusive Structure	09/25/2023
1C. Coordination and Engagement	09/25/2023
1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd	09/25/2023
1E. Project Review/Ranking	09/25/2023
2A. HMIS Implementation	09/25/2023
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	09/25/2023
2C. System Performance	09/25/2023
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	09/25/2023
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	09/24/2023
3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	09/24/2023

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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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4B. Attachments Screen

Please Complete

Submission Summary

No Input Required

Attachment 1C-7.

PHA Moving On Preference



Chesterfield + Clarendon + Darlington + Dillon + Florence + Georgetown + Horry + Kershaw + Lee + Marlboro + Marion + Sumter + Williamsburg

Mainstream Program for MBHA

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN MYRTLE BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY AND EASTERN CAROLINA HOMELESSNESS ORGANIZATION, INC.

SUBJECT: Permanent housing for homeless, at risk of being homeless non-elderly disabled families with or without children. This includes non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional or other segregated settings or at serious risk of institutionalization.

I. Purpose of this MOU

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlines the basic agreement during operation between the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority (MBHA) and Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization (ECHO) for the Mainstream program and "Move on Strategy" implemented by the Continuum of Care.

II. Program Goal

The goal of the Mainstream Program is to pair housing subsidies with supportive services to provide sustained community-based integrated housing opportunities to non-elderly persons with disabilities. This partnership should assist MBHA to use these vouchers by providing referrals, assisting with a timely transition to a unit, and providing the opportunity to access any supportive services.

III. Term

This agreement shall commence on November 1, 2019. It may be amended and/or extended based upon the agreement of MBHA and ECHO.

IV. Operational Roles and Responsibilities

A. Myrtle Beach Housing Authority

- MBHA is applying for and will administer a Mainstream Voucher Program.
- 2. MBHA will educate participants and landlords about the Mainstream program.

- 3. Commit a sufficient number of staff and other resources to ensure that the application, certification, and rental assistance processes are completed in a timely manner.
- Commit a sufficient number of staff and other resources to ensure that inspections of units are completed in a timely manner, usually within ten working days following the completion of certification.
- 5. Maintain releases of information for each participant in the Program to ensure open communication between MBHA and ECHO.
- 6. Designate a staff person to meet with ECHO's representative in person or by phone on a monthly basis to exchange updates about participants' housing stability.
- 7. Notify ECHO's contact person when a participant's housing is at risk due to noncompliance with the Mainstream Housing program or their landlord.
- 8. Maintain all necessary files and HMIS data entry required by HUD.

B. ECHO

- 1. Identify and maintain a single point of contact for communication with MBHA.
- 2. Affirmatively further fair housing in identifying households who are eligible for the Mainstream Housing Program.
- 3. Assist applicants with applications, paperwork and verifications, and ensure that they are complete prior to submission.
- 4. Provide assistance with reasonable accommodations as needed.
- 5. Attend participant briefings when needed.
- 6. During grant program enrollment administered by ECHO: Provide housing search services to ensure that participants lease housing in a timely manner. Housing search services may include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Visit prospective rental units with the participant.
 - b. Counsel participants in communicating effectively with landlords.
 - c. Assist participants in completing rental applications.
 - d. Assist participants with application fees and security deposits.
 - e. Provide foreign language translation and interpretation services.
 - f. Assist participants in understanding the terms of the lease.
 - g. Allow participants to freely exercise their preferences in selecting neighborhoods and buildings in which they want to live.

- 7. During grant program enrollment administered by ECHO: Establish and implement methods to identify housing problems for participants as early as possible and engage participants in a change process to prevent a loss of housing, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Provide assistance in fulfilling Mainstream program requirements.
 - b. Provide and/or refer participants to supportive services.
 - c. Engage participants in determining the types of assistance they need.
 - d. Provide interventions with landlords.
- 8. Maintain excellent service to any landlord with whom participants are applying or leased. ECHO will be available to the landlord not less than during regular business hours.

9. Maintain all necessary files, Individual Service Plans and HMIS data entry required by MBHA & HUD.

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Sharon Forrest, Executive Director Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach bey Smoak, Executive Director

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Attachment 1D-2a.

Housing First Evaluation



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

Overview: This tool aims to assess and document how closely a housing and service provider adheres to the recommended best practice standards of the Housing First model, in the context of the broader work to implement a Housing First orientation at the system-level. This tool specifically evaluates project-level fidelity to Housing First, which directly impacts a system's fidelity to Housing First. In addition to the universal best practice standards identified in this tool, Continuums should also take into account their local community context and local written standards pertaining to Housing First when assessing projects. A Continuum of Care can use this tool to prompt discussion and to

Provider Info tab: The Provider Information tab should be completed **prior** to beginning the assessment. Specifically, the **Project Name, Project Type, Target Sub-Population** served, and **Date of Assessment** fields need to be completed in order to populate the assessment standards and report summary with questions that are specific to the project type and population. Please complete this section prior to printing any standards for assessment.

Standards: The standards have been arranged into the following categories: Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases, and Project-Specific. The "Tab" chart at the bottom of this page describes each of the categories in more detail. Some of the categories are not applicable for all project types, and those standards do not need to be completed,

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

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

Scoring: For each standard, there are three scoring criteria: "Say It", "Document It", and "Do It" (as explained further below). To show that a project is in full compliance with each standard, the assessor should mark "Always" for each scoring criteria. Use the drop down in the three columns to the right to select "Always" or "Somewhat" or "Not at

- "Say It" means that project and agency staff can describe verbally what they do concerning each standard. The assessor should be able to identify that the organizational culture supports the standard by how staff talks about what is done.
- "Document It" means that there is written documentation that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Written documentation could include

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Policies and Procedures, Personnel Handbooks, Professional Development Plans, Project Rules, etc.

- "Do It" means that the assessor was able to find evidence that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Evidence could include information contained in client or other administrative files, client acknowledgement that something is being done, staff can point to documentation that supports implementation of the standard, etc.

Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as

Tab	Description	Purpose
Instructions	Tool overview and aim	Offers instruction to users on the assessment tool
Provider Info	Input provider, project and general assessment information	Determines project-specific standards for consideration
Standards - Access & Evaluation	Input compliance with standards concerning participant access to the project and input, project evaluation and performance management	Assesses whether access and evaluation are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Leases	Input compliance with standards concerning the lease and occupancy agreements, where applicable	Assesses whether leases and occupancy agreements are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Services & Housing	Input compliance with standards concerning the service and housing models and structure, where applicable	Assesses whether services and housing are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards – Project-Specific	Prompts assessment standards based on project type and targeted sub-populations served by the project, where applicable	Assesses whether specific project standards are compliant with Housing First principles
Report Summary	Displays assessment scores and conclusions, and highlights non-compliant standards	Printable summary of the assessment

Provider Information



Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

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Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, Inc.
ECHO
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83-0421712
407 Broadway St. Myrtle Beach, SC
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Project Information						
Project Name	RRH-1 Expansion					
Project Budget	101,596					
Grant Number	SC0123L4E032207					
Name of Project Director	Eric Owens					
Project Director Email Address	eowens@echousing.org					
Project Director Phone Number	(843) 213-1798					
Which best describes the project *	Rapid Rehousing					
If project is a Safe Haven, please choose housing, or permanent housing	project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional					

Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your

assessment questions. None of the above

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

Management Information			
Name of CEO	Joey Smoak		
CEO Email Address	jsmoak@echousing.org		
CEO Phone Number	(843) 213-1798		
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	Eric Owens		
Staff Email Address	eowens@echousing.org		
Staff Phone Number	(843) 213-1798		

Assessment Information			
Name of Assessor	Kyle Jenkins - Consultant		
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	KJ Consulting Services LLC.		
Assessor Email Address	kjconsultationservices@gmail.com		
Assessor Phone Number	(843) 446-6007		
Date of Assessment	Mar 07 2023		



No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source.	Always	Always	Always
		Program accepts all referrals from the CoC's Coordinated Entry System. None of the barriers listed above are reasons the program will deny an eligible program participant entry into the project.			
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1.	Always	Always	Always
		See notes above			
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/	Always	Always	Always
		Equal Access Policies and the organizational policies and procedures are compliant with the Equal Access Rule.			
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable.	Always	Always	Always
		ECHO staff members help participants obtain documentation, that is required by funding sources. ECHO has a dedicated staff member that helps program participants and potential program participants with obtaining all vital documentation.			

Access 5	Intake processes are person- centered and flexible	Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project. N/A	Always	Always	Always
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented. Extremely limited denial of CES referrals for reasons other than the program participant was no longer homeless, no longer lives in the CoC service area, or is not interested in the program.	Always	Always	Always
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies. ECHO utilizes CES and other housing partners to ensure to the best of their ability that households are not exited into homelessness. The RRH program provides short term rental assistance, 3 -6 months. It can be challenging to secure longer term housing assistance in that time period when PSH openings are limited and PHA vouchers have a mulit year wait list and is no longer accepting new people on the waitlist except for a once a year lottery system.	Always	Always	Always
	Name	Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
		Optional notes here			
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.	Somewhat	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			



	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit.	Always	Always	Always
		Case Managers complete a housing preferences worksheet with all participants and will help them identify up to three housing units, if available in the current market, that meets the participant needs and preferences.			
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities.	Always	Always	Always
		Participants are given referrals to SC Legal Services who offer pro bono legal services and advice for homeless and indigient community members.			

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Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.	Always	Always	Always
		This is a RRH, TBRA program that uses private landlords to house program participants. ECHO case managers advocate on behalf of the program participant and request special payment arrangements when a program participant becomes late on rent.			



	Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services.	Always	Always	Always
		Case managers develop a housing case plan with the program participant and their household members and have them identify focus areas. ECHO case managers use person centered approaches with motivational interviewing skills to help with program participant engagement in their own service plans.			
Services 2	Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Always	Always	Always
		See above			
Services 3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
		While many program participants are offered supportive services while they are in the program. After exit from the program their original case manager will have a new case added to their case load limiting ongoing referrals and service connection for the 6 months after rental assistance ends. ECHO's front office staff will help with making referrals for program participants if the program participant reaches out.			
Services 4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			

Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them).	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.	Always	Always	Always
		Staff are trained in harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma informed care, person centered strength based approaches, and Mental Health First Aid.			
	Standard	Housing Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/	Always	Always	Always

		Optional notes here			
Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.	Always	Always	Always
		ECHO offers a wide variety of housing programs that participants may be able to transfer to, if needed.			



	Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Project 2	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid re-housing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	Always	Always	Always
		Optional notes here			
Project 3	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.	Always	Always	Always
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		No additional standards			
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Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

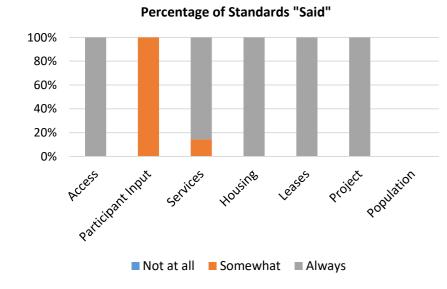
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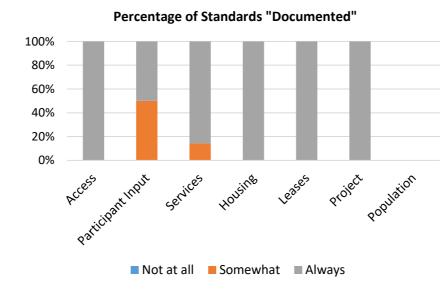
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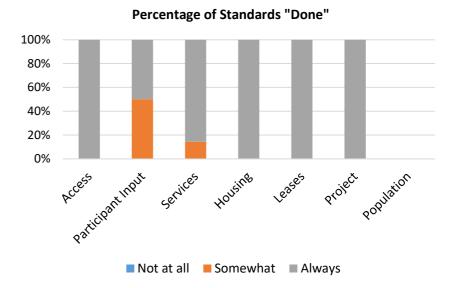
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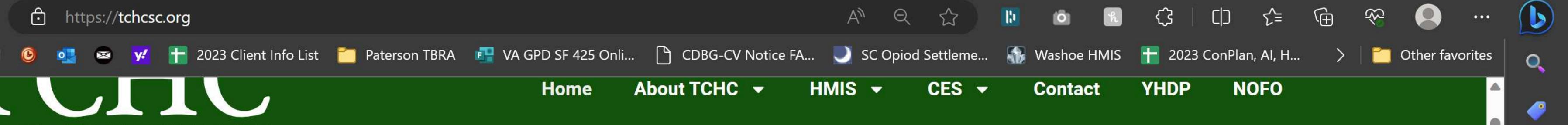






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Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline



TCHC is Committed to Ending Homelessness in our Community

Experiencing a housing crisis?

If you are currently experiencing a housing crisis in TCHC's region, the first step is to complete a Coordinated Entry System (CES) assessment. The CES assessment process is designed to prioritize the most vulnerable people and match them with available openings within TCHC's network of providers. Assessments may be completed online or in person at a TCHC Access Point.

Online CES Assessment

CES Access Points

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Upcoming HMIS Changes

Lots of changes are coming to HMIS. The first changes shown below will be happening in the next few weeks. It is essentially just a makeover of HMIS, and no underlying functionality has changed. All features will be located in the same places and

2023 CoC NOFO Local **Competition Is Now Open**

To learn more about the local competition, requirements, and timeline please visit the NOFO Page located at tchcsc.org/2023-NOFO.

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YHD RFP Addendum II

Due to the number of technical assistance requests, addendum II is issued to provide to alert Search

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2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity

The Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was published on July 5, 2023 and the application due date is September 28, 2023. Total Care for the Homeless Coalition has begun the local competition and process to develop the local Collaborative Application.

Background and Introduction

Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC) is the HUD designated Continuum of Care for the upper eastern region of South Carolina. The counties included in the CoC service area include Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Marlboro, Marion, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

HUD's Continuum of Care Program Competition

Each year, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes available federal resources for homeless services to communities around the nation through its Continuum of Care Program Competition. CoC's access these funds by completing a Consolidated Application on behalf of the local homeless service provider agencies. Any agency located in the CoC service area interested in applying for these funds must participate in local homeless planning efforts and TCHC's local CoC Competition for funding. As such, it is the responsibility, annually, of the CoC to ensure that the best possible applications are submitted to HUD.

Purpose of this Page

- Publish the CoC Program Competition funding availability and local procedures;
- Make available the link to the FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
- Announce the availability of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding;
- Publish project application due dates;
- Publicly notify that the links to the 2023 CoC New Project Rating Form and the 2023 Renewal or Expansion Project Rating form will be released in the upcoming weeks;
- Make available the CoC Operational Policy and Guidelines, this includes policies and procedures for the local competition process.

Policies and Procedures for Renewal and New Grant Applications, Including Reallocated Funding can be found here: TCHC Ranking, Scoring, Reallocation, and Monitoring Policies

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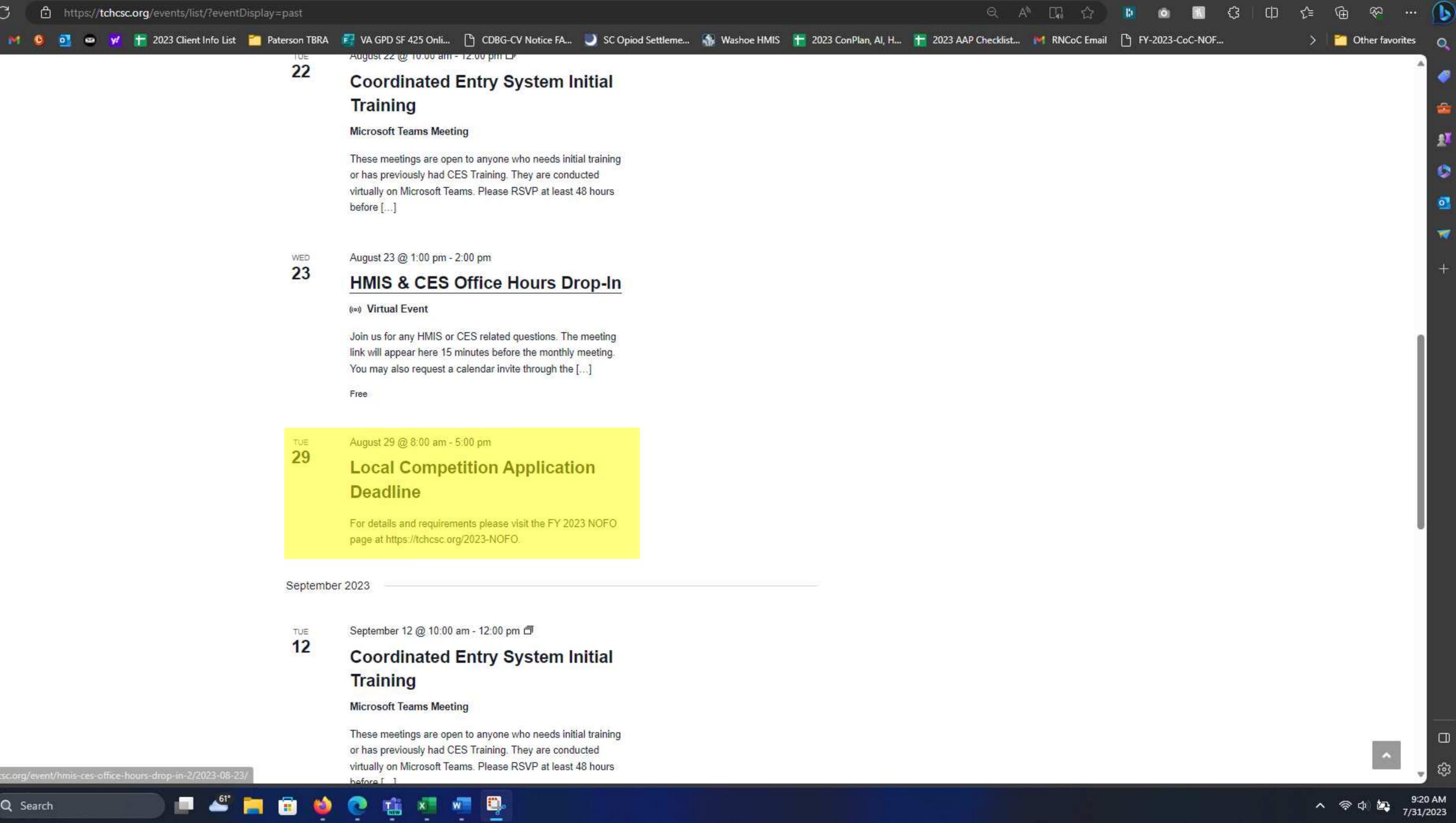


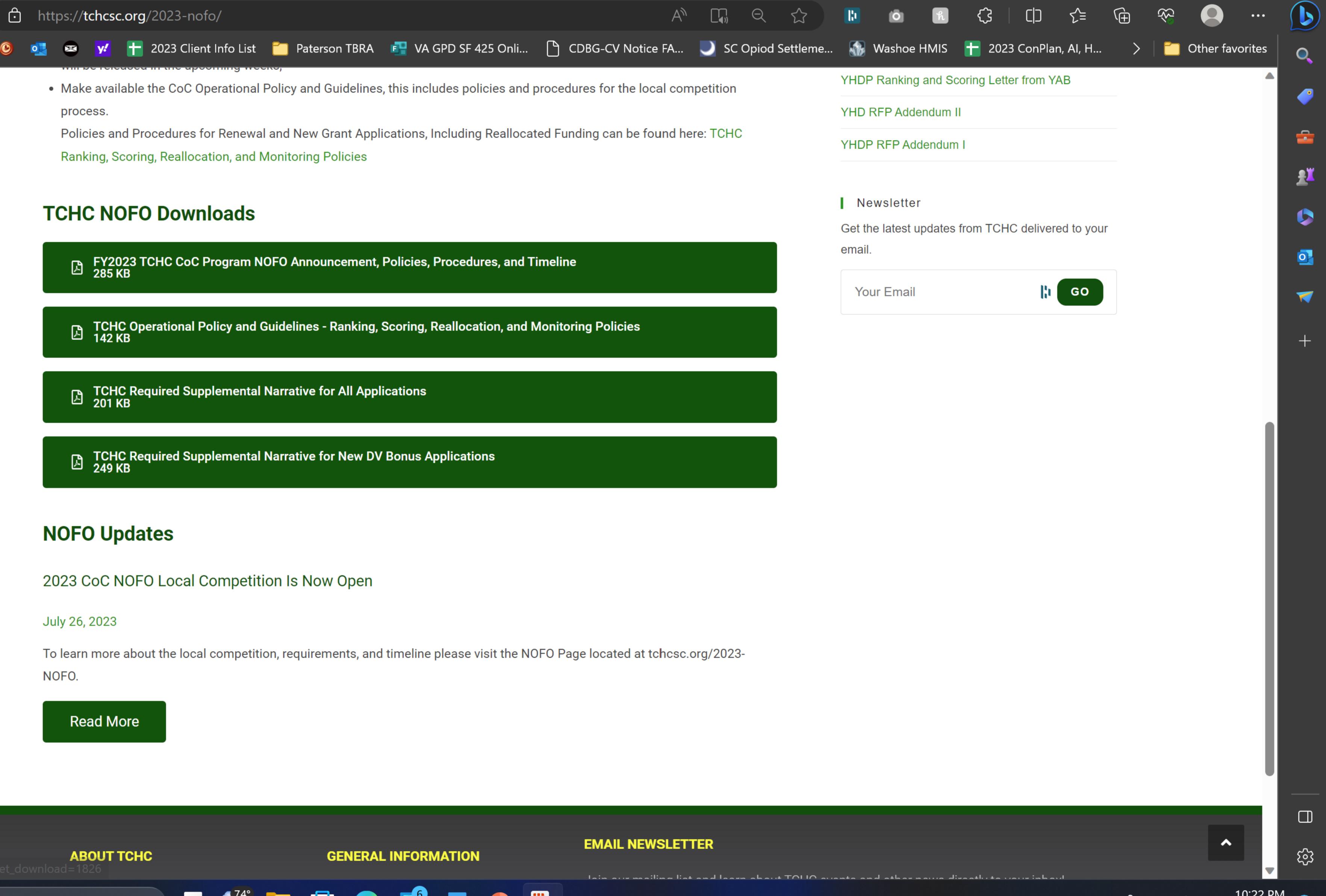


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Local Competition Scoring Tool

NAVIGATION

- GO Customize Threshold Requirements
- GO Filter Rating Factors
- GO Customize Renewal/Expansion Project Rating Tool
- GO Customize New Project Rating Tool

CUSTOMIZE NEW AND RENEWAL/EXPANSION PROJECT THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

CoC	C Threshold Requirements (Dele	te the X in the box next to any requirements you do not wish to include.)	
Х	Coordinated Entry Participation		
Х	Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation		
Х	Documented, secured minimum match		
	Project has reasonable costs per permanent housing e	exit, as defined locally	(The first five requirements ar
х	Project is financially feasible		the rating process either as Th
Х	Applicant is active CoC participant		Fc
Х	Application is complete and data are consistent		
	Data quality at or above 90%		
	Bed/unit utilization rate at or above 90%		
Х	Acceptable organizational audit/financial review		
Х	Project Costs are eligible Per 24 CFR 578 Subpart D		
Х	Applicant representative attended the required e-snag	os application training	

FILTER RATING FACTORS

Select project type to edit

Select special population

Select...

Using these drop-down menus, select which rating factors to show and customize

Select...

CUSTOMIZE RENEWAL/EXPANSION PROJECT RATING TOOL

Delete the X in the box besides any rating factor below that you do not wish to include. If desired, adjust the factor/goal and point value for each measure. You can add additional locally-defined criteria below. See the Data Source Chart for information about where to obtain data to use in scoring.

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Х	PSH (General) - On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in	15	days	20	points
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X PSH (General) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type	Yes	
PSH (DV) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type		
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TH (DV) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type		
X TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type	Yes	20points
X TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type	Yes	20 points
RRH (General) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	90 %	10 points
X RRH (DV) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	90 %	10 points
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TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	90 %	10 points
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RRH (General) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation (General) - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
RRH (DV) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures		
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PSH (General) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation (General) - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project		
policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
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X - Project Type is SSO (for Coordinated Entry) Yes 4 points

Total Maximum Score	RRH-General projects:	213	points
	RRH-DV projects:	213	points
	PSH-General projects:	203	points
	PSH-DV projects:		points
	TH-General projects:		points
	TH-DV projects:		points
Т	H+RRH-General projects:	213	points
	TH+RRH-DV projects:	213	points

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Ex	perience	Factor/Goal	Max Po	oint Valu
Х	General-A. Describe the experience of the applicant and sub-recipients (if any) in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application.		15	_ points
Х	DV-A. Describe the experience of the applicant and sub-recipients (if any) in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that propose in the application.	d	15	_ points
х	General-B. Describe experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include 1) eligibility criteria; 2) process for accepting new clients; 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, self-disclosed or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. 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.		10	_points
Х	DV-B. Describe experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include 1) eligibility criteria; 2) process for accepting new clients; 3) process and criteria for exitir 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, self-disclosed or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. 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.	ng	10	_ points
Х	General-C. Describe experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performal 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.	nce	8	_points
Х	DV-C. Describe 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.	or	8	_points
X	General-A. 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 thousing fit the needs of the clients to be served. 3) Demonstrates that type and scale of the all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meets the needs of clients to be served. 4) Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining mainstream benefits. 5) Establishes performances measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable and meet or exceed any established HUD or CoC benchmarks.		15	_points
х	DV-A. 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 fit the needs of the clients to be served. 3) Demonstrates that type and scale of the all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meets the needs o clients to be served. 4) Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining mainstream benefits. 5) Establishes performances measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable and meet or exceed any established HUD or CoC benchmarks.	f	15	_points
Х	General-B. Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.		5	_ points
Х	DV-B. Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.		5	_ points
Х	General-C. Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.		5	_ points
Х	DV-C. Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.		5	_points
Х	General-D. Project leverages housing resources with housing subsidies or units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.		10	_ points
Х	DV-D. Project leverages housing resources with housing subsidies or units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.		10	_points
Х	General-E. Project leverages health resources, including a partnership commitment with a healthcare organization.		10	_points
Х	DV-E. Project leverages health resources, including a partnership commitment with a healthcare organization.		10	_ points

Timeliness

Ganaral-A Describe plan for rapid implementation of the program documenting how the project will be ready to begin begin the first program participant. Drouide

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a detailed schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant award.			10	points
DV-A. 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.			10	points
Financial				
X General-A. Project is cost-effective when projected cost per person served is compared to CoC average within project type.			5	points
DV-A. Project is cost-effective when projected cost per person served is compared to CoC average within project type.			5	— points
B. Organization's most recent audit:				_
X General-1. Found no exceptions to standard practicess			5	points
X DV-1. Found no exceptions to standard practicess			5	points
X General-2. Identified agency as 'low risk'			5	points
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X General-3. Indicates no findings			5	points
X DV-3. Indicates no findings			5	points
X General-C. Documented match amount meets HUD requirements.			5	points
X DV-C. Documented match amount meets HUD requirements.			5	points
X General-D. Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.			10	points
X DV-D. Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.			10	points
Project Effectiveness				
General-Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries projected to come from CE referrals	90	%	5	points
X DV-Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries projected to come from CE referrals	90	%	5	points
Equity Factors				
Agency Leadership, Governance, and Policies				
New project has under-representated individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc) in managerial and leadership positions	Yes		5	points
New project's organizational board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived experience (per 578.75(g))	Yes		5	points
X New project has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience or a plan to create one	Yes		5	points
New project has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers that exacerbate disparities and outcomes	Yes	_	5	points
Program Participant Outcomes				
New project describes their plan for reviewing program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender			_	
identity, and/or age. If already implementing a plan, describe findings from outcomes review			5	points
New project describes plan to review whether programmatic changes are needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes. If already implementing plan, describe findings from review			5	points
New project describes plan to work with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and or/age. If already implementing plan, describe findings from review				
Other and Local Criteria				
X - Does the project/ organization meaningfully engage persons with Lived Experience in the planning and application process?			5	points
X - Project Type is Permanent Supportive (PSH)			10	points
X - Project Type is Rapid Rehousing (RRH)			8	points
X - Project Type is Joint TH and RRH			6	points
X Project Type is SSO (for Coordinated Entry)			4	points
X - Joint TH and RRH - The program budget for TH (leasing and operating is 40% or less of the total grant (not including match)			5	points

Total Maximum Score General projects: 196 points

Attachment 1E-5b.

Final Project Scores for All Projects (Local Competition Selection Results)



September 12, 2023

To: TCHC Board of Directors

From: TCHC CoC HUD Application Scoring & Ranking Committee

Dennis Wormsley, Clarence Gaines, Rome Olajuwon, Wanda Vereen

Re: 2023 CoC Competition

The TCHC Scoring Committee reviewed the new and renewal applications for the 2023 Competition including the CoC DV Bonus. The CoC board approved the scoring tool used by the committee which was also distributed to the applicants. Four organizations participated in the mandatory training

- 1. Eastern Carolina Housing Organization
- 2. Sea Haven for Youth
- 3. Veteran's Welcome Home Center
- Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless

Applications were submitted by the first three organizations by the deadline. Each organization required follow-up related to supplemental narratives. Both ECHO and Sea Have responded within 24 hours. Veteran's Welcome Home provide information the following week, due to Labor Day weekend.

The following is the 2023 HUD funding allocation for this CoC:

CoC Number and Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
SC-503 Myrtle Beach, Sumter City & County CoC	\$4,250,880	\$3,232,042	\$3,005,799	\$297,562	\$425,088	\$212,544

Rank	Weighted Score	Raw Score	Tier 1		
1	100	100	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Dedicated HMIS	\$128,767.00
2	100	100	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	CoC Coordinated Entry	\$88,924.00
3	96.24	179	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	DV Bonus Renewing Beyons Shelter	\$541,329.00
4	94.11	174.1	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Housing First PH4	\$299,322.00
5	91.08	168.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	PSH Consolidated	\$847,218.00
6	91.02	169.3	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Renewing Beyond Shelter TH/RRH	\$144,717.00
7	89.52	166.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Housing First to Awakenings Expansion	\$396,541.00
8	85.37	162.2	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	ECHO PRIORITY RRH 1	\$197,106.00
9	85.37	162.2	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	RRH-1 Expansion	\$101,596.00
10	77.11	146.5	Sea Haven, Inc.	Sea Haven Rapid Rehousing FY2022	\$245,342.00
11	97.46	134.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	CES Expansion	\$14,937.00
			Tier 2		
12	97.46	134.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	CES Expansion	\$187,463.00
13	79.84	148.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Kershaw Renewing Beyond Shelter	\$241,180.00
14	97.46	134.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	HMIS Expansion	\$95,162.00

15	92.12	159.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	DV BONUS RRH	\$424,980.00
16	68.5	118.5	Sea Haven	Rapid Rehousing 2`	\$104,134.00
			Applications Not Meeting Threshold Review		
n/a	тн	тн	Housing for Homeless Veterans	Housing for Homeless Veterans	\$101,198.00

The scores for renewal applications are based mainly on Annual Performance Review data for each grant and does not take into consideration local funding priorities, needs, or maximizing HUD funding allocations. HUD, in recent years has also added a number of points related to equity and persons with lived experience participating in the process as well as governance the decision making within the agencies.

All applicants were required to submit their full application in e-snaps and email a copy to the TCHC secretary. Supplemental information is requested to score these criteria, They are also required to include financial information along with agency policies and procedures which illustrate how the organizations are compliant with HUD requirements. Tier 1 was funded at a lower amount than the Annual Renewal Demand, requiring the CoC to review the scores and determine which applications would meet the local demand.

The new application CES Expansion grant meets a current need across the continuum, to increase outreach and cultivate clients in rural communities as well as targeted communities (DV & YYA). The review committee thought that it would be important to put a portion of that grant into Tier 1. It bumped the Kershaw DV Bonus grant into tier 2. ECHO had indicated previously that as a part of this round they would be consolidating the DV grants. The strategy here, is that HUD allows us to also pull the Kershaw DV grant into that consolidation process. So, even though the Kershaw is not necessarily the lowest scoring renewal this year, it is being recommended to be moved into Tier 2 with the hopes that HUD will allow the CoC to maintain more Tier 2 funding.

Applications Not Meeting Threshold Review

After a review of the Veteran Welcome Home and Resource Center's (VWHRC) application attachments the CoC Ranking and Scoring Committee along with the TA reviewers determined that the new project application titled Housing for Homeless Veterans FY2023 does not meet the local CoC threshold of being Housing First and/or Low Barrier. VWHRC's Fair Housing Policy states that applicants will be required to undergo a credit check. This credit check is reviewed prior to determining if the client is approved or denied. This policy can be found on page 3 under the Credit Verification section.

In the new project application, the Hutton House is designated as the Transitional Housing (TH) unit for the project. The Hutton House Intake form lists the rules of the house. In the rules it states that participants will "submit to random drug tests and that if even one test is positive after moving in the participant will be asked to vacate". This goes against the Housing First philosophy that participants are given second chance opportunities and that violation of rules are first addressed through case management tactics instead of immediate discharge.

The rules also state that participants will "develop an individualized Veteran plan with VWHRC staff and make progress on it". This rule for the Hutton House is in conflict with the new project application submitted. Question 5c on page 28 of the new project e-snaps application asks applicants whether the project will prevent program termination and lists out multiple reasons. VWHRC selected that they will prevent program termination for a participant's failure to make progress on a service plan. The Hutton House Intake form states that failure to adhere to the rules will lead to the participants eviction. Additionally, there were additional concerns about the requirements that Veterans serve for an established and uninterrupted period of service and are honorably discharged are also included in that criteria.

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PIT Count Data for SC-503 - Myrtle Beach, Sumter City & County CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	1178	1212	1034	1060
Emergency Shelter Total	161	236	400	424
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	229	136	100	109
Total Sheltered Count	390	372	500	533
Total Unsheltered Count	788	840	534	527

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	152	90	117	108
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	16	22	44	64
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	136	68	73	44

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Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	84	101	119	86
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	42	25	46	48
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	42	76	73	38

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	82	78	61	70	70
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	24	36	44	45	49
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	58	42	17	25	21

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

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HIC Data for SC-503 - Myrtle Beach, Sumter City & 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	483	334	422	79.15%	61	61	100.00%	395	81.78%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	162	127	127	100.00%	35	35	100.00%	162	100.00%
RRH Beds	293	293	293	100.00%	0	0	NA	293	100.00%
PSH Beds	409	360	409	88.02%	0	0	NA	360	88.02%
OPH Beds	450	76	450	16.89%	0	0	NA	76	16.89%
Total Beds	1,797	1,190	1,701	69.96%	96	96	100.00%	1,286	71.56%

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Notes

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	420	0	101	96

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	18	43	21	42

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	126	253	164	293

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^{*}For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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Summary Report for SC-503 - Myrtle Beach, Sumter City & 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	1517	1946	53	65	12	16	17	1
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	1806	2213	80	78	-2	25	24	-1

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

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

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

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1919	2383	199	215	16	81	86	5
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2571	2602	202	220	18	96	93	-3

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing		lomelessness n 6 Months					Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Destination (2 Years Prior)	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	51	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	2	4%
Exit was from ES	404	2	0%	16	4%	15	4%	33	8%
Exit was from TH	125	4	3%	13	10%	8	6%	25	20%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	455	3	1%	9	2%	19	4%	31	7%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	1035	9	1%	38	4%	44	4%	91	9%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	1212	1034	-178
Emergency Shelter Total	236	400	164
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	136	100	-36
Total Sheltered Count	372	500	128
Unsheltered Count	840	534	-306

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	1807	2291	484
Emergency Shelter Total	1518	2025	507
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	350	344	-6

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	73	80	7
Number of adults with increased earned income	4	4	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	5%	5%	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)	73	80	7
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	29	23	-6
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	40%	29%	-11%

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)	73	80	7
Number of adults with increased total income	29	25	-4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	40%	31%	-9%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	76	91	15
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	6	11	5
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	8%	12%	4%

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)	76	91	15
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	6	10	4
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	8%	11%	3%

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)	76	91	15
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	11	20	9
Percentage of adults who increased total income	14%	22%	8%

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.	1620	2053	433
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.	292	298	6
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)	1328	1755	427

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.	2152	2582	430
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.	398	378	-20
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.)	1754	2204	450

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	141	256	115
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	50	89	39
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	26	44	18
% Successful exits	54%	52%	-2%

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

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1843	1808	-35
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	863	569	-294
% Successful exits	47%	31%	-16%

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	589	616	27
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	568	593	25
% Successful exits/retention	96%	96%	0%

FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

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		All ES, SH			All TH All PSH, OPH		All RRH			All Street Outreach					
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022												
1. Number of non- DV Beds on HIC	217	279	369	250	147	119	800	841	892	119	182	145			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	147	221	312	250	147	119	484	459	481	119	182	145			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	67.74	79.21	84.55	100.00	100.00	100.00	60.50	54.58	53.92	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1365	1629	1878	277	353	344	692	676	688	938	961	820	643	671	658
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1168	1402	1564	217	265	258	255	208	213	514	722	453	217	183	263
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	529	503	799	3	14	29	18	12	8	15	21	4	35	53	81
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	45.29	35.88	51.09	1.38	5.28	11.24	7.06	5.77	3.76	2.92	2.91	0.88	16.13	28.96	30.80

FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

Submission and Count Dates for SC-503 - Myrtle Beach, Sumter City & County CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/25/2023	

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	3/1/2023	No