

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MS-503 - Gulf Port/Gulf Coast Regional CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Open Doors Homeless Coalition

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Open Doors Homeless Coalition

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

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

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's monthly meetings are well-attended by over 50 people representing a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional partners in the community. The meetings are open to both members and the general public. 1. There is an invitation to join the CoC and an application for membership on the Collaborative Applicant's website at all times. Annually, the CoC distributes applications at its January meeting and distributes applications for membership to the 131 member distribution list and other community members, to include advocacy agencies and persons with lived experience of homelessness and/ or housing instability. 2. The website is available in large print and other accommodations for people with disabilities. 3. During street outreach, PATH outreach, and connections at day centers and other places, persons experiencing homelessness are encouraged to join the CoC and participate in its meetings and committees. Culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness are already actively participating in the CoC. Specific outreach to the populations occurs in conjunction with community outreach.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC values robust discussion and considers a variety of opinions on preventing and ending homelessness in the MS-503 region. 1. The CoC monthly meetings allow for and encourage discussion of opinions on preventing and ending homelessness. In addition, focus groups of persons experiencing homelessness occur regularly at the Micah Day Center and Seashore Mission. The Youth and Young Adult Action Board (YAAB) are active in the community and meet regularly. The YAAB report back to the CoC their opinions and data on preventing and ending homelessness among youth and young adults. 2. Information and data are freely shared at the monthly CoC meetings. 3. The website is available in large print and other accommodations for people with disabilities, ensuring all data regarding preventing and ending homelessness are accessible. 4. YAAB input into preventing and ending homelessness among youth and young adults was reflected in the Community's Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness. The information gathered at public meetings, focus groups, and individual consultation have become part of the community's official planning for housing and services to address homelessness.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's public notice of availability of funds was distributed to a 106 person distribution list, was published on the CoC's website, and published in the local newspaper, the Sun Herald. In addition, the reallocation policy that states that renewal applications can be reallocated to new projects and the scoring rubric were published in the email distribution and the collaborative applicant's website www.opendoorshc.org. 1. The public notice of availability of funds clearly states that the CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications for both the CoC annual program until August 18 from both renewal applicants and agencies who have never received CoC funds before. In addition, Open Doors Homeless Coalition posted 2 special Facebook posts calling for new applicants/new partners in the CoC. 2. The public notice of availability of funds states that applicants should apply on esnaps. The notice provides the link to the esnaps toolbox 101 and states that if additional help is needed then the applicant should contact the CoC's Collaborative Applicant. 3. The published scoring rubric and the published reallocation policy state that projects will be scored using an objective scoring process by an unbiased scoring committee to select projects. Renewal projects that fall below the funding line will be reallocated to accommodate new applications. 4. The CoC communicated with individuals with disabilities by using large- print in its communications and the newspaper's online platform that provides accommodations for people with disabilities.

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)	Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds;
2.	participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients;
3.	provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area; and
4.	provided information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions to address homelessness within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in the Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MS-503 CoC works closely with the ESG Program recipient, Mississippi Home Corporation. The CoC promotes the project types and assistance that will fill the gaps in the homeless services system. The aim to prevent and end homelessness in the state is shared by the CoC and the ESG Program recipient. The aim of preventing and ending homelessness is evident in the ESG Program planning and allocation of funds. 2. When allocating funds, the ESG Program recipient requests a "report card" from the CoC's Collaborative Applicant that is worth 20% of the overall scoring of the ESG program applicants. The "report card" requests information on the applicant's participation in CoC meetings/ committees, participation in the PIT Count, coordination with the Coordinated Entry system, participation in HMIS or comparable data base, participation with the assessment process, and outcomes and utilization data. The Collaborative Applicant of the CoC provides the information using HMIS data, Coordinated Entry referral data, CoC participation sign-in sheets, and PIT participation data. In addition, the MS-503 CoC regularly runs data quality checks of the ESG programs and reviews CAPER information at least quarterly. The CoC provides training opportunities and direct technical assistance to ensure positive outcomes among the ESG programs in its geography. 3. The CoC provides PIT data and HIC data annually to the State of Mississippi, the City of Gulfport, the City of Biloxi, the City of Pascagoula, and the City of Moss Point for the Consolidated Plans and the Annual Action Plans. 4. The state and the cities that are participating jurisdictions request updates from the CoC membership and the CoC Collaborative applicant to include in the Consolidated Planning process. Updates on the CoC priorities, successes, and challenges inform the Consolidated Planning process.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	No

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Starting with the CoC's participation in the 100 Day Challenge to End Homelessness among Youth and Young Adults in 2016, through the YHDP planning and project implementation phase, to the present and ongoing, the CoC and its members have strengthened collaborations and partnerships with the education system. The CoC's collaborative applicant and CoC members work with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to refer people who may benefit from their training programs and to take referrals of students who are in need of homeless services. CLIMB CDC, a youth education provider who focuses on employment training and diploma access for youth and young adults who have been disconnected from the traditional learning setting, has received and implemented funds for a drop-in center through YHDP. Through the drop-in center, youth who are experiencing homelessness or unsafe or unstable housing can receive access to the opportunities offered by CLIMB CDC. Seventeen young people who entered CLIMB CDC through the drop-in center graduated with a diploma this past May. The CoC's collaborative applicant and CoC members have worked with the State Education Agency to understand the state's implementation and oversight of McKinney Vento educational rules and regulations and to review data from the school districts in the region. The CoC works with the local funded McKinney Vento representatives and the individuals who serve in the capacity of McKinney Vento representatives even if their local entity does not receive direct McKinney Vento funding. The CoC's Collaborative applicant has met with the school district representatives to discuss how we can support each other in serving families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The direct referral system we set up with the school districts and local schools who identify families in need is working exceptionally well. The CoC has a formal partnership/ MOU with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's WIOA program and has a formal CoC grantee relationship with CLIMB CDC. The relationship with the school districts is an informal partnership but it meets the needs of those we serve well.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has established a written policy in its policies and procedures manual that any CoC or ESG funded agency must inform individuals and families of their rights and eligibility for educational services covered under the McKinney Vento rules. The CoC and its members advocate for individuals and families to receive the educational services for which they may be eligible. The CoC's collaborative applicant reviews each agency's written standards to ensure that each agency has the policy and at least annually reviews evidence to ensure the agency personnel follow the policy.

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	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
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	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works closely with the VSP, Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence (the Center), a CoC funded program. The Center presents information to the full CoC membership at least annually and participates in monthly CoC meetings and committee meetings. The insight and expertise of the Center staff inform CoC-wide policies. When information becomes available that requires a change in policy regarding survivors, the Center leads the policy development and implementation. 2. The Center provides a safe and secure environment for counseling and a wide range of services. The Center provides shelters in Harrison County and Jackson County as well as safe transitional housing, PSH, and RRH options. Privacy, safety, security, and choice are of utmost importance. Calls to any Coordinated Entry participating agency from a survivor of sexual assault or domestic violence are referred immediately to the Center's 24/7 hotline. Trained professionals answer the calls and provide immediate access to services. The TH and shelter maintain security cameras, alarms, and are locked to visitors with no public access to addresses. Clients are assessed and linked to the housing and services they choose, with the goal of safe permanent housing within 30 days. Information is securely maintained in a VAWA-approved database, VELA, an HMIS comparable system. All providers in our system have received training in Trauma Informed Care. All DV programs are victim-centered and all CoC programs are client-centered. The community has moved away from asking, "what is wrong" to asking "what happened?" This helps staff to understand where triggers may be and how to best assist the person. The goal in DV programs as well all CoC programs is to empower people to make decisions and choices that move them safely to achieving their goals for themselves. Rapid Rehousing programs through the CoC and ESG as well as PSH through the CoC are available to assist people to quickly move into housing of their choice. While safety is of the utmost importance, the system respects each individual's choice in housing options and incorporates a safety plan as part of the individualized service plan. Programs through the DOJ provide information on legal rights and other assistance through the court system. Participants are connected to HHS programs of their choice in the community. Training on Trauma Informed Care occurs annually for the entire CoC and refresher courses are offered throughout the year by the Center.

1C-5b.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has participated in Trauma Informed Care training annually. Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence (the Center), the local experts in DV safety, services, and housing, actively participate in the CoC and sit on the CoC Governing Council to inform CoC-wide policies that are victim-centered with appropriate safety and planning protocols. The Center provides DV training annually for the CoC as well as the police departments, family court, elected officials, and the community. In addition, the Center provides refresher courses as needed for the CoC and/ or individual member agencies. 2. Coordinated Entry personnel are trained quarterly on Trauma Informed Care and reminded of victim-centered protocols and confidentiality. When a call comes into the coordinated entry line and the caller is fleeing violence, the caller is directed to the Center’s crisis line whose personnel manage safety planning. The Center operates a 24-hour crisis line seven days per week. The crisis line is the entry-way into the DV shelter, housing options, and services. In the event that the caller is not currently fleeing violence, then she/he is referred back to the Coordinated Entry line for further assessment and linkages to client-centered housing and services within the CoC.

1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC’s Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry includes:	
1.	safety planning protocols; and	
2.	confidentiality protocols.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's coordinated entry staff at each organization immediately refer any person(s) entering the homeless services system who is/are feeling violence, sexual assault and/or stalking to the 24/7 crisis line of the VSP in our geography, Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence (the Center). CE staff assess the safety needs of the caller/visitor, and if immediate danger is imminent, coordinated entry staff immediately call 911. Upon reaching the Center staff, survivors are connected to shelter services with the help of law enforcement (if necessary). Center staff have developed relationships with law enforcement across the geography, and have trained CIT personnel in safety protocols where applicable to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. All local law enforcement are fully trained in accessing services at the Center. 2. Project staff at the Center and CE staff are fully trained in confidentiality protocols. The Center uses an HMIS comparable database, approved by VAWA (VELA) where survivors are entered and their information is unable to be accessed by other CoC-funded agencies. CE staff do not enter any survivors' data into HMIS; instead the immediate referral to the Center is made by providing a warm hand-off to Center staff. All project and CE staff sign confidentiality agreements upon accepting their positions; these are updated annually and refresher training is conducted semi-annually, with project, CE, and CoC staff.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. From the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence's comparable database, VELA, the CoC regularly collects de-identified aggregate data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Over the last 12 months, 2,432 victims of domestic violence have been served. Of the 2,432, 2,002 were adults and 430 were children. In addition, 376 victims of sexual assault (328 adults and 48 children), 49 adult victims of human trafficking, and 14 victims (14 adults) of stalking were served. Personnel who staff the domestic violence/sexual assault crisis hotline fielded 10,491 calls. Services provided include shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, homelessness prevention, case management, counseling, court advocacy, legal services, and preschool/child care. 57% of all persons served in the last 12 months have incomes under \$10,000 per year. 20% have incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per year. 23% earn over \$20,000 per year. The area's median family income is \$72,200 per year. 2. These data inform the system that employment services are needed to improve incomes and promote sustainability in independence, safety, and security. Specialized counseling and legal services continue to be necessary. Training for judges and law enforcement are required for safety in the community as the system increases RRH opportunities and shortened shelter stays.

1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Any person(s) who is/are fleeing domestic violence or needs the services provided by the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/ or stalking can call the 24/7 hotline at 800-800-1396. The number is provided to all CoC participants in their welcome package of information. The information is also known to all of the case managers in the CoC so that they can address the participants' concerns as needed. The personnel operating the 24/7 hotline immediately address the needs of the caller and provide assistance through shelter options, legal services, and counseling as needed. 2. The process to request an emergency transfer can be as early as during the safety assessment, or as late as during case management if already a program participant, either with CE staff or with project staff. A survivor is aware that she/he simply needs to state, either by phone, text, email, or in person that they are in need of emergency transfer assistance to the Center. If the survivor is in imminent danger, a CIT professional will be called immediately to assist in the transfer, ensuring safety for the survivor as well as the CE/project staff. 3. Any request from individuals or families requesting an emergency transfer to the services of the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence are honored by an immediate referral to the Center by the CoC CE staff or case manager accompanied with a release of information. The CoC CE staff or case manager and the DV case manager work collaboratively to meet the needs of the individual or family, honoring survivor choice within the array of services.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and	
2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence has a wide array of shelter, transitional, and rapid rehousing options to meet the needs of survivors. In the event that a survivor needs another service offered by the CoC, the case managers at the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence work with the CoC's coordinated entry to locate the most appropriate housing or service option for the individual or family. If the latter is initiated, Center project staff continue to engage and provide survivor-specific case management to the the survivor, even if she/he is an ESG/CoC (non-DV) program participant. The CoC policies ensure that if a survivor is enrolled in a non-DV program, she/he still has access to all of the services offered by the Center: legal services, behavioral health treatment, and child care services. 2. MS-503 has identified and mitigated the barriers to safely housing and providing services to survivors by analyzing every aspect of the coordinated entry experience. The CoC provides on-going trauma-informed training to CES staff to ensure that barriers such as lack of DV project openings are solved by connecting survivors to other available resources for which they may be eligible, such as the state-funded CHOICE program for persons with mental illness, combined with DV specific services and case management provided by the VSP.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and	
	2. accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC employs the expertise of a board of individuals with lived experience of homelessness, and the Center has established a survivor advisory group that consists of individuals who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking. CoC and Center staff have provided training and support to the lived experience board/group to empower them to actively participate in the policy and program development processes of the CoC and its projects. This training includes information on policy-making processes, program design, advocacy skills, leadership, and understanding the impact of homelessness and/or domestic violence. This lived expertise allows CoC and Center staff to conduct more socially and culturally appropriate needs assessments within the homeless and survivor communities. Both CoC and Center staff seek feedback on existing policies and programs to identify areas for improvement and inform future policy and program development through co-designing efforts. 2. Understanding the challenges presented by having lived expertise is necessary in order to account for the needs of this group. Both CoC and Center staff have had to step back and then re-engage when members of our board/group have been triggered by others' story-sharing, when feelings of worthlessness invade, when the jargon feels like alphabet soup, when the learning curve is too steep, among other examples. The CoC pays members of its lived expertise board an hourly wage commensurate with entry-level staff, ensuring that the CoC "puts its money where its mouth is" and values in an objective way the input provided by those who know better than the staff the unique and complex needs of those with lived experience.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+--Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy—Updating Policies—Assisting Providers—Evaluating Compliance—Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;
2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
3.	your CoC’s process for evaluating compliance with your CoC’s anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC’s process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC’s anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MS-503 CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy at least annually, with the input from LGBTQ+ communities, represented by such organizations as My Brother's Keeper (an HIV/AIDS testing and services organization), South MS AIDS Task Force, AIDS Services Coalition, and our YAAB who comprise part of our lived expertise board. This regular check-in includes ensuring that the CoC is using trauma-informed practices in both coordinated entry and in programmatic protocols and that anti-discrimination policies are always in place to ensure that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination. 2. The Collaborative Applicant of the CoC assists CoC and ESG project level participants in developing their written standards that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy. 3. The CoC's Collaborative Applicant routinely reviews the project level written standards and visits programs to assure compliance with the CoC-wide policies. 4. If a project is found to be out of compliance, training is provided. If the non-compliance continues after training, a formal request for TA will follow. If after formal TA assistance the non-compliance continues, the program will be reallocated at the next funding cycle.

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?
Biloxi Housing Authority	1%	Yes-Both	No

Mississippi Region 8 Housing Authority	5%	No	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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has relationships with both PHAs in the CoC geographic location. Biloxi Housing Authority prioritizes families who are fleeing domestic violence and persons with disabilities. When openings arise both housing authorities notify the CoC of their openings and the CoC works with persons experiencing homelessness to apply for assistance. Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII was awarded 33 Mainstream Housing Vouchers and 84 Emergency Housing Vouchers slated for the populations the Continuum of Care partners serve. All of the vouchers are now leased by eligible households, and some are still receiving case management services by CoC project staff. There is an MOU in place for the PHA to use the CoC's Coordinated Entry system to prioritize individuals and families who meet the requirements for the special vouchers and for the CoC's Collaborative Applicant/ HMIS Lead to collect documentation, provide housing search activities, and arrange case management for participants for a year. In addition, both Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII and Biloxi Housing Authority work with the VA and the SSVF providers to administer the HUD VASH Program which ensures the sustainability of the end to homelessness among veterans in the CoC geography. These opportunities allow for prioritization of vulnerable households and have been helpful in reducing homelessness. 2. The CoC has advocated for additional preferences, such as a general homeless admission preference, but has not been successful in the efforts thus far; however, those advocacy efforts continue, and as the CoC has developed such a great working relationship with the MVP and EHV programs, the CoC is hopeful that the preference will be forthcoming in the future.

1C-7b. Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

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

	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

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

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Mainstream Voucher Program, Emergency Housing Voucher Program, Family Unification Program Voucher

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
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1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Mississippi Regional Housing Authority V111

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	13
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	13
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MS-503 CoC reviews the written standards of each program to ensure that the principles of Housing First are part of the agencies' policies. APR data are examined as well as client-level discharge data to ensure that Housing First principles are being followed. If there appear to be discrepancies, conversations with project staff ensue to shed more light on the circumstances. This process ensures that project staff are aware that the CoC is monitoring outcomes and that discharges should never occur due to participants' lack of engagement in services or due to non-lease-violating behavior. 2. The Collaborative Applicant of the CoC routinely reviews the Coordinated Entry referral data to ensure that programs are accepting participants without preconditions. The Collaborative Applicant of the CoC reviews the operation of the programs to ensure that there are housing first case management strategies used like Harm Reduction and Motivational Interviewing coupled with linking participants to services of their choice to empower people to maintain the provisions of their lease by interviewing case management staff and a sample of participants. The Collaborative Applicant of the CoC provides training as needed as a refresher. This past year, the CoC conducted a nine-month long monthly training for case management staff in the principles of Housing First, Motivational Interviewing, Trauma-Informed Care, Harm Reduction, Critical Time Intervention, and other best practices, as well as self-care for front-line staff. The HMIS leadership evaluates HMIS data to confirm rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and reviews case notes on a regular basis to ensure that service participation requirements or pre-conditions are not part of the program expectations. 3. The CoC's Collaborative applicant conducts regular training on the Housing First philosophy and strategies for the entire CoC general membership. The CoC's Collaborative Applicant conducts reviews of member agency programs quarterly and uses HUD's Housing First Assessment Tool with each projects' staff annually to evaluate fidelity to the model. The reviews include coordinated entry referral data, APR data, HMIS data, and interviews with staff and participants.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Scope.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Through outreach, the CoC meets with people living in the woods, on the beach, or other places in our primarily rural geography. Outreach workers enter information in the CE portal of HMIS to contribute to the by-name list maintained by the CoC. The CoC provides housing focused outreach to assist people to move from homelessness to housing of their choice. Teams that include several homelessness services agencies, mental health providers, and law enforcement engage people in day centers, soup kitchens, and encampments. Collaboration with police departments ensures that all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are located, identified, and engaged, even if they are living deep in the woods. A past example of collaborative outreach includes a partnership in Pascagoula that includes the outreach staff of Open Doors Homeless Coalition, the faith community, and the Police Department engaging bi-weekly with persons in encampments. In nine months, the unsheltered population reduced by 98% and has been sustained. Night outreach is performed by the CA of the CoC twice weekly. The purpose of night outreach is to locate and identify those individuals who call the CE phone line. CE phone staff are unable to verify literal homelessness, so locations are gathered and reports are run from CE of HMIS and night outreach staff visit the locations to locate the individuals. Once identified, these individuals are connected to appropriate services. 2. The CoC's outreach covers 100% of the CoC's geographic area by partnering with PATH, faith-based outreach in every county, and coordinated outreach among community-based agencies in all six counties. The VAMC conducts outreach in all six counties to identify veterans experiencing homelessness. 3. The CoC and its partners conduct street outreach in some form daily and collaboratively on a weekly basis. 4. Each of the outreach teams enter assessment information into HMIS and offer housing and services as they engage with people on the street, in jails, in encampments, and other outdoor spaces who are not likely to ask for assistance. Community partnerships ensure we reach all who are experiencing homelessness and work toward permanent solutions. Through consistent engagement, the outreach teams connect with people least likely to request assistance.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	479	265

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

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

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

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In its monthly CoC meetings, the CoC's Collaborative Applicant provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources. Representatives of Medicaid, United Healthcare, Department of Human Services, the Social Security Administration, mental health care providers, primary care providers, and substance abuse treatment providers have presented at the CoC meetings. A CoC member, Back Bay Mission, holds regular information sessions at the day shelter with participation from Medicaid, health providers, and others. 2. As part of the CoC's case management training, collaboration with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance is required. Health insurance provider personnel are regular attendees of the monthly CoC meetings. 3. As part of the CoC's case management training, project staff are trained on the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits and routinely provide assistance to program participants. A CoC member, Mental Health Association of South Mississippi, manages the local SOAR certification and promotes the certification among the CoC membership.

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)

For the past two years, the MS-503 CoC has used hotel rooms to provide non-congregate emergency shelter for high-risk persons who have experienced unsheltered homelessness funded by ESG-CV. Several hotels throughout the region participated in the effort. To increase capacity, members of the CoC plan to apply for HOME-ARP funds when the RFP is available this fall. There has been resistance from local city councils to create a facility-based non-congregate shelter. Instead, city officials from both Biloxi and Gulfport have united to promote a campaign entitled "A Better Way to Give," which fundraises to create a pool of resources for emergency/crisis response, which includes partnering with local hotels to provide short-term shelter until permanent solutions can be identified and sought. The ED of the CA of the CoC sits on the advisory board of this planning effort, to ensure that the resources are targeted to the most vulnerable in our population.

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:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC membership and the local community has effectively partnered with the Mississippi Department of Health and the local federally qualified health center, Coastal Family Health Center, and has developed policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. 2. The MS-503 CoC membership, the Mississippi Department of Health, and Coastal Family Health Center have partnered together on outreach and assessments of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to discuss not only housing but prevention of disease as well. The team is working to increase non-congregate shelter opportunities and permanently implement infection safety precautions in hurricane shelters and other shelters as needed. The CoC has used ESG-CV RRH resources to move as many unsheltered people to housing as possible to ensure a stable place to safely isolate or quarantine if necessary. Masks, hand sanitizer, and COVID-19 testing kits are provided free of charge during outreach and at the day shelters, soup kitchens, and office spaces of 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.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The MS-503 CoC has partnered with Coastal Family Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center and the Mississippi Department of Health to share information related to public health and homelessness. Coastal Family Health Center presented their Healthcare for the Homeless Program and Ryan White Program to the CoC General Membership this year and provided masks and COVID 19 test kits as well as HIV testing information. 2.The Mississippi Department of Health met with shelter and day shelter providers and outreach personnel to provide information and answer concerns regarding public health concerns. The prior Executive Director of the CoC's Collaborative Applicant served for the past 2 years as a Mississippi Health Ambassador and met with the Mississippi Department of Health monthly to learn about COVID 19 updates, the emerging monkeypox concerns, and other health issues. The current ED will assume this role as well. The information was shared with the CoC agencies and program participants so the most up-to-date public health information could be dispersed immediately.

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 MS-503 CoC addresses the issue of access to needed housing and services for homeless and precariously housed persons in 100% of the South Mississippi region through a no-wrong door intake/ assessment/ triage and referral system. The system serves the entire 6-county region. Coordinated entry assessments and referrals occur when individuals enter a CoC or ESG-funded agency or when outreach workers engage with people least likely to call for assistance and assess their situations. The CE staff and outreach teams enter data into the CE portal that informs the by-name-list. Outreach workers assess unsheltered persons in encampments across the geography who are least likely to call. SSVF providers assess veterans. Teams of outreach personnel ensure that people least likely to request assistance are met where they are and engaged in a solution-focused manner. 2. All providers use a common assessment tool (VI-SPDAT) and enter the information into the Coordinated Entry portal. Housing providers then prioritize those with highest vulnerabilities and engage them in services accordingly. The CA of the CoC monitors data quality and maintains the by-name list to ensure that those with the highest vulnerabilities have been served in a timely and effective manner. 3. The Coordinated Entry team requests feedback from partner agencies and households on a regular basis. Changes are made based on the feedback in a process of continuous improvement.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
	1. reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
	2. prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
	3. ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and	
	4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's Coordinated Entry System includes both those who call and those who have been engaged through joint outreach in the community several times per week. Through joint outreach, made up of PATH case managers, housing case managers, mental health providers, and specially trained law enforcement officers, persons who are not likely to apply for services are engaged. Night outreach verifies the literal homelessness of those who call the CE phone line. Trust is built and people are prioritized for housing and services based on their needs or diverted from the homeless services system by reconnecting with their natural support networks. Through this process over the last 12 months, 5-10 households per week have been housed directly from the streets to permanent housing options. 2. The VI-SPDAT coupled with individualized assessments of vulnerability provide the data needed to prioritize people most in need of assistance. 3. Generally, once trust is established and people decide to move forward with housing, housing is found and provided within a 30 day time-frame. Services are provided based on participants' needs and choices. 4. The outreach team meets people where they are in the community to reduce burdens on people most in need. Anyone who calls in for either prevention or rapid rehousing assistance is also met in the field to determine their needs once an eligibility screening and/or night outreach has been performed.

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry—Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. MS-503 affirmatively markets housing and services to all persons experiencing homelessness in our six-county geography by advertising housing and services through multiple outlets and markets through consistent joint and night outreach to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identification, sexual orientation, age, familial status, or disability in order to further fair housing. All CoC coordinated entry staff and project staff also adhere to HUD's Equal Access Rule, ensuring access to all housing and services regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. 2. The CA CES staff, CoC project staff, and partners inform program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal and state fair housing laws. They are informed that a landlord, owner or realtor cannot treat a person unfairly or unequally at any stage of the rental (or purchase) of a residence. He or she cannot withhold information, refuse to show a place, make a person pay more for the residence, or deny services on the basis of any illegal discrimination discussed above. The landlord or owner also cannot use an advertisement or application which indicates an intent to discriminate. 3. The Collaborative Applicant and CoC project staff immediately report any suspected violation to HUD's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Division and provide program participants with the contact information as well: 100 West Capitol Street, Suite 910; Jackson, MS 39269, or telephone (601) 965-4762. CoC project staff also suggest calling the toll-free HUD Housing Discrimination Hotline at 1-800-669-9777. The Mississippi Center for Justice is a long-time partner of MS-503 CoC. They regularly perform fair housing "testing" across the State of Mississippi. They will also file lawsuits on behalf of injured parties to seek relief from fair housing discrimination. CoC CE staff and project staff immediately provide the contact information for Mississippi Center for Justice to anyone who discloses potential discrimination: MCJ, 963 Division St, Biloxi, MS 39530, or telephone (228) 435-7284. CE and project staff will also inform MCJ and have on occasion suggested complexes for testing purposes. All jurisdictions responsible for certifying consistency with the consolidated plan where potential violations of fair housing are reported are also contacted, as well as HUD's CSD for non-entitlement areas of the state.

1D-10.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/30/2021

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
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2. what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Mississippi Gulf Coast region nonprofit sector has worked to respond to an unjust society since its inception more than 100 years ago. Back Bay Mission, a mission of the UCC church since 1921, has worked to seek justice and transform lives through its work and its influence on the organizations incorporated by their Board and staff over the last century: Open Doors Homeless Coalition, Coastal Family Health Center, Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, Loaves and Fishes and others. Diversity in leadership and equity are values instilled in the nonprofit sector from the beginning. As such, we respond to issues of injustice in the housing market by robust prevention strategies, culturally competent assessment processes, and intentional assistance to provide a hand-up and not a hand-out. Our sector builds people up to access community-based services and opportunities that empower people to meet their goals. Leadership in the work is expected to be diverse and the diversity of thought ensures the work is responsive in an equitable way. Advocacy and partnerships with Mississippi Center for Justice, NAACP, Steps Coalition, and others ensure that work to change inequitable systems is supported. The results of intentional equity in the homelessness services work and our response to the greater system are evident in our data. 1. Because of this rich history of housing justice, identifying racial disparities has been a part of the system since its inception. We regularly analyze the Annual Progress Report data, PIT data, and LSA data to ensure that when disparities are identified they are addressed, and course corrected at whatever part of the system disparities are evident. To date, our homelessness response system works to mitigate the discriminatory practices in the broader market of housing, evictions, and employment. 2. Our system provides 70% of its prevention activities for people of color and 60% to assist single parent homes. The number of days to housing in Rapid Rehousing and outcome data are generally the same regardless of gender or race for adult populations. There are disparities noted in the youth system, particularly in PIT data. These disparities seem to arise from inequities in the juvenile justice system and child welfare system as many youths in the homeless services system have come from these systems. With this in mind, youth services center around the needs of marginalized persons to ensure positive outcomes.

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.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes

6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
Other:(limit 500 characters)		
12.	working with community advocates	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC continues to partner with the local NAACP, Boat People SoS, Believe, Steps Coalition, and others to ensure that we reach the people who are most in need in both prevention and rapid rehousing. In the youth space, we are ensuring that we prioritize people most likely to face barriers and people most in need of housing and services to reduce the disparities for youth and young adults. The CoC youth programs serve those under the age of 25 who may be individuals, pregnant/parenting youth, foster care/justice-involved youth and LGBTQ+ young people. Each is matched to services that meet their unique needs. Parenting youth are disproportionately represented in the population of those who are experiencing extreme housing instability or homelessness. LGBTQ+ are also disproportionately represented, as these two sub-populations are more likely to be "kicked out" of their family of origination. MS-503 serves this population in a manner consistent with how they present into our system. As such, we have higher proportions of these subpopulations in our programs. All participants have experienced poverty. Many have not completed high school. Although people of color present somewhat equally with their white counterparts into our system, MS-503 has made a commitment to correct systemic bias by overserving BIPOC populations in our programs, diminishing the affects of racism in the larger society. Once young people "age out" of our system, they are connected with other resources that may be needed for long-term stability, such as Family Unification Program Vouchers (if necessary). Most, however, are standing on their own two feet by the end of their time in the program, due to the connections to training, education, and employment that are part and parcel of the programs.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
	2. the tools your CoC uses.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Collaborative Applicant of the CoC reviews the program Annual Progress Report data, the PIT data, and the LSA data to monitor progress toward eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. Trainings are done within the CoC to address housing justice. Representation and inclusion are crucial in the work as diverse perspectives are needed in all conversations to identify issues and to implement change. STEPS Coalition has provided equity training for the community and has held several sessions on healing that contribute to recognizing disparities and addressing them. 2. Tools used to track progress on preventing and eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance include analyzing APR, PIT, LSA, and CE data to ensure that disparities are eliminated and potentially over-corrected in the system.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC’s outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

CLIMB CDC, through its drop-in center and outreach activities, uses an array of social media, to include Facebook, Instagram, and even a series of TikTok challenges to engage young people with lived experience of homelessness or unstable housing. The efforts resulted in young people entering the drop-in center for information and services. Several participants joined the Youth and Young Adult Action Board (YAAB). The YAAB leads the planning and implementation of housing and services for youth and young adults. They also served as review and rank committee members in the 2023 Continuum of Care competition for new and renewal projects. For adult populations, Back Bay Mission provides regular updates on Facebook about its services and invites people in need to the Micah Day Center for showers, laundry, and emergency services. This group provides important feedback on the gaps in the system. Back Bay Mission has held a series of forums for the public to discuss homelessness. Several regular guests of the day center attended and spoke about their experiences. Their leadership led to a community-wide discussion on NIMBY and the need for the community to support shelter development and new affordable housing options. Through regular housing focused outreach, the outreach team encourages people experiencing homelessness to provide feedback on their experiences. These efforts have resulted in the development of MS-503's lived expertise board. The Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence has created a survivor's advisory board of members with lived expertise of violence and homelessness. In all, the feedback from these lived expertise boards informs CoC policies and priorities. People with lived expertise of homelessness and housing instability have earned employment positions and positions of leadership in the CA organization and project applicants' organizations over the years. The perspective shapes the CoC work and ensures that the solutions are real and meaningful.

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

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	22	8
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	12	7
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	5	6
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	11	7

1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Thirty percent of the employees and 15% to 20% of Board members of the CoC and its members are people with lived experience of homelessness or unstable housing. Members of the Youth and Young Adult Action Board (YAAB) are paid employees. Former YAAB members have gone on to gain education and experience in social services and now work as case managers. Former program participants have become Board Members and paid employees of agencies. CLIMB CDC and Goodwill both have robust employment training for persons of all skill levels. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College provides free certificate programs for training in the trades which pay very well. Providing development and hiring people is important, yet retention is of utmost importance in sustaining the work as well. Creating friendly work environments that expect excellence from everyone but understand that there may be times that there are childcare issues, or car repair issues, or family obligations that do not fit well with a strict attendance policy is important. Our experience has shown that all employees benefit from an understanding of culture. Life issues that contributed to homelessness or unstable housing do not disappear with a job. However, the income from the job can eventually calm those issues and retain employees long-term.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Joint outreach teams routinely gather feedback from people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered situations by engaging with them in the assessment process and then requesting feedback on the process. This information is case-conferenced on a weekly basis within the CE teams. 2. The CoC and each ESG program requests survey information from participants after three months of entry and at exit. For people experiencing homelessness, Seashore Mission and Back Bay Mission conduct focus groups to listen to feedback and gather information on concerns. 3. Issues that have come to light from this feedback are frustrations surrounding barriers that are faced by people experiencing homelessness to obtaining identification and other documents, which has led to partnerships with the DMV and law enforcement that allows for transportation to these agencies which are largely not on bus routes in our rural geography. Law enforcement provides transportation while project staff can pay for IDs and birth certificates. Also, frustrations over lengthy paperwork often in hot and humid conditions for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness has led to the purchase of tablets which streamline the HMIS CE process in the field, reducing time and agitation. In sum, challenges raised by people with lived expertise of homelessness have led to changes within the homelessness response system and have led to advocacy with other systems as well, such as law enforcement and mental health services.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.t.	
	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
	1. reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
	2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Through membership in the Gulf Coast Business Council, the CoC has influenced the growth planning for the Mississippi Gulf Coast region to consider the development of affordable housing and preservation of housing through land trusts. Zoning and permitting have been handled on a case-by-case basis. 2. Our CoC is in the beginning stages of discussing reducing regulatory barriers to housing development. However, several applications by CoC partners will be going in to access HOME, HOME-ARP, and State Housing Trust Fund funds for affordable housing.

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

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

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/14/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/14/2023

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

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	No

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	14
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC reviewed Annual Progress Report (APR) data from HMIS or a comparable database to determine the percentage of participants who were exited to permanent solutions. In addition, Coordinated Entry referral data were analyzed to determine the program's participation in providing permanent housing for the most vulnerable persons in the region. 2. The APR identifies how many days from acceptance into the program to housing. The Coordinated Entry data and APR data measure the time from identification to referral and then the time from referral to acceptance into the program. 3. The CoC has considered the severity of the needs of chronically homeless persons and works diligently to ensure TA when system performance measures seem to slip in order to ensure objective criteria are met to achieve maximum points in the review and rank process. 4. The long-term PSH programs dedicated to serving the hardest to serve populations do tend to have lower performance data. The extra TA provided to PSH projects mitigate the issue and keep the projects in Tier 1.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Youth and Young Adult Action Board (YAAB) played a crucial role in determining the rating factors and participated in the Review and Rank Committee. The YAAB is primarily made up of persons of color and 25% representation of the LGBTQ+ community. The Governing Council is made up of a representative of each CoC and ESG funded agency and a person with lived expertise of homelessness. 2. The Governing Council, with insight provided by the YAAB, determined the rating factors used to review project applications. One-third of the Governing Council representatives are persons of color and two-thirds of the Governing Council representatives are white. 3. The unbiased Review Committee reviews the applications, selects the projects for inclusion in the CoC application, and determines the project rankings. The Review Committee consists of representatives from the business community, education, the faith community, and the LGBTQ +community. 50% of the review committee are people with lived experience of homelessness. 25% of the Review Committee are persons of color and 75% are persons who are white. In the 2023 PIT Count, 48% of the people in the unsheltered and sheltered count combined are individuals of color or persons in families of color and 52% are individuals who are white or persons in families who are white, which represents a disproportionate share of people of color entering homelessness than are represented in the total population of our geographic area (24% people of color). The extent to which projects reduced barriers in housing placement and housing retention for people of color was analyzed in the review process. While points were not given in the competition, a recognition of the requirement to reduce barriers and practice anti-racism and anti-discrimination are a part of all the programs in the CoC region.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.f.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	

3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. MS-503's reallocation policy states that agencies may voluntarily reallocate their programs. It also states that if there are more applications than can be included in the CoC application to HUD, then the lowest ranked projects can be reallocated to allow a new project to move forward. All of the applications this year were within the CoC's funding possibility so none were reallocated. 2. No projects were identified for reallocation this year. 3. The CoC did not reallocate any projects this year. 4. The CoC did not reallocate any projects. Projects within the CoC are receiving TA by HomeBase and training by the CoC to ensure that program measures will improve CoC-wide. Lower-performing projects voluntarily reallocated projects in the FY 2021 CoC competition to right-size the programs for the CoC geography and the agency preferences, and those changes are currently acceptable within today's landscape.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/05/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95. You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/19/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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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.	09/19/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/17/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
	1. describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;	
	2. state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The provider of services for survivors of domestic violence in the MS-503 CoC region is the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence (GCCFN). GCCFN uses VELA as its comparable database. The HMIS Lead has confirmed through site visits that VELA is a comparable database to HMIS. 2. Through on-site visits, the CoC has confirmed that the VELA system collects the same data elements required in the HUD-published 2022 HMIS data standards. The HMIS administrator of the CoC HMIS Lead requests and receives de-identified aggregated system performance measure data quarterly for each project in the GCCFN VELA system. 3. The MS-503 CoC uses Awards by Foothold Technology and is compliant with the 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	51	43	8	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	74	52	22	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	265	34	231	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	30	0	30	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	161	0	161	100.00%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable, there is 100% coverage.

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

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/31/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/17/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process;	
	2. worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process; and	
	3. included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC’s most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MS-503 CoC worked closely with the YHDP drop-in center, the YHDP housing and outreach programs, the Young Adult Action Board (YAAB), the Biloxi School District homeless liaison, the Youth Build program, child welfare advocates, and others to prepare for and conduct a youth and young adult specific point in time count. 2. Joint outreach and night outreach teams collaborated with youth serving organizations, the YAAB, and participants at the drop-in center on the locations where homeless youth were identified and included those locations in the PIT count. 3. Each member of the YAAB and other young people recruited by the YAAB participated in the Youth PIT.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)
 Not Applicable.

2C. System Performance

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

In the field below:

1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;
2.	describe your CoC’s strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time

(limit 2,500 characters)

There was a decrease of 82 from the prior year in the number of people who became homeless for the first time in 2022. 1.Risk factors for becoming homeless for the first time include evictions, extreme housing instability such as more than 3 moves in six months, and/ or a recent onset of a mental health disability or physical disability that renders the person unable to work but not connected yet to disability income. 2. The MS-503 CoC implemented a robust prevention program since 2013. Using ESG and ESG-CV prevention funds, CDBG funds, and recently, Treasury ERA funds, the CoC partners assist households in avoiding evictions when possible. From March 2021-August 2023, over 3000 households avoided evictions through these programs. The work to assist households with extreme housing instability, particularly youth and families with children, has led to zero unsheltered children under 18 in the PIT counts for six successive years. The prevention work contributes to the racial equity data in unsheltered homelessness. In the MS-503 CoC, when adjusted for poverty, we do not see the gross inequities by race in unsheltered homelessness that other communities document. One is likely to become unsheltered at the same rate as the general public due to the fact that the prevention program focuses on the most vulnerable households. 70% of the prevention funds have assisted individuals and families of color as a response to the system created in the housing market that the homelessness system cannot control. Where possible, the CoC partners connect people with disabilities to mental health and/ or primary health services as well as to the SOAR program, VOC-REHAB, and other systems to increase income. Connections to the Emergency Housing Vouchers, Mainstream Vouchers, Public Housing-Project Based Units, and the Housing Choice Voucher program ensure that any time homeless is short and housing is permanently stable. 3.Open Doors Homeless Coalition, as the Coordinated Entry lead, is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the number of individuals or families experiencing homelessness for the first time and to end homelessness for individuals and families.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

- In the field below:
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| 1. | describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless; |
| 2. | describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and |
| 3. | provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.To reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless, we identify people experiencing unsheltered homelessness quickly and engage with housing-focused solutions as soon as possible. Outreach occurs daily in the whole CoC. Outreach partners include Open Doors Homeless Coalition, SSVF, PATH, faith based programs, mental health providers, persons with lived expertise, YAAB members, and police departments dedicated to individualized housing outcomes. Using a housing first strategy, people’s needs are assessed and they are quickly moved into housing. Often, unsheltered people move to a hotel room for shelter while housing is secured. Per the SPM, persons in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing experienced an average of 423 days homeless, which is less than FY2021 which was 440 days, therefore there was a reduction of 17 days. Transitional housing has been complemented with rapid rehousing funding from ESG so people are able to move more quickly into permanent housing. 2. The MS-503 CoC manages a by-name-list to get to know every person experiencing homelessness in the CoC geography. People are assessed in the field for vulnerability and length of time homeless. Families with children, youth, individuals with disabilities and high vulnerability, and people with the longest histories of homelessness are prioritized for housing by the outreach teams. Case conferencing occurs to refer people to programs. Housing is not limited to CoC resources. ESG and ESG-CV have been used to rapidly move people from homelessness to housing and shortens stays in transitional housing. In addition, the subsidized housing resources in the community and a state-funded housing program to address the needs of people living with mental illness (CHOICE) ensure that housing is possible for all. As a result, the PIT numbers are reducing. 3. Open Doors Homeless Coalition, the Coordinated Entry lead, is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The exits from ES, TH, and PH-RRH to permanent housing were 80% in 2021 and increased to 88% in 2022. The MS-503 CoC continuously worked to increase the rate of exits to permanent housing by connecting people to community based services to meet their mental health, primary health, educational, and employment needs to maintain stability, and empowering people to use mainstream resources like SNAP, SSA/ SSDI, and housing subsidies through the PHA when eligible. These efforts continue to increase the exits to permanent housing destinations. 2. The retention rate and exits to permanent housing from PSH programs was 85% in 2021 and increased in 2022 to 94%. The MS-503 CoC worked to increase the rate that people retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing through the strategies by connecting people to community based services and mainstream resources as well as providing training to PSH providers in harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and creating an atmosphere of empowerment in lieu of dependence. This training is through the CoC's case management training and TA through HOMEBASE. 3. Open Doors Homeless Coalition, the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS lead, is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase exits to permanent housing and housing retention in permanent supportive housing. As such, Open Doors Homeless Coalition hosted monthly trainings throughout 2022 and 2023 for over 50 case managers in the region. In addition, HOMEBASE has provided TA to local CoC programs.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Through the Coordinated Entry process, if someone falls back into homelessness, the Coordinated Entry staff are notified so that an immediate referral to outreach is initiated. The joint outreach and night outreach teams look for the household to begin housing-focused engagement. In the event that the Coordinated Entry team is not notified, if the outreach team engages someone who had been previously housed, the household is added to the by-name-list and engagement to return to housing occurs. The percentage of people who return to homelessness in 6 months was 2%, which is a decrease in one percentage point from last year. The return to homelessness rate after 24 months remained the same from 2021 at 6%. 2. The strategy to reduce returns to homelessness is to ensure that people are connected not only to permanent housing at exit but also to the income, mainstream resources, and community based supports needed to remain stable. 3. The organization responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness is Open Doors Homeless Coalition as the Coordinated Entry lead.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.23% of leavers increased earned income in 2021 and increased in 2022 to 27%. The CoC increased employment income by strengthening partnerships with employment organizations, encouraging program participants to engage in local job fairs which were more numerous after the pandemic lifted, connecting to apprenticeship programs and training for higher paying jobs, and connections to Voc-Rehab early in the housing relationship for persons who are disabled. 2. Access to employment opportunities is being achieved through connections with the Office of Employment Security (WIN Job Center), WIOA, and private employers to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness or newly housed persons obtain meaningful employment. Back Bay Mission, Community Care Network, and Salvation Army hold job readiness seminars, provide computers and hands-on assistance for resume development, and invite employers to their programs to recruit. The Port of Gulfport has a Section 3 mandate to provide training and hire high-need persons in its new port jobs. The Port representatives present regularly at the CoC program sites. The Women in Construction program works with all of the CoC housing programs to provide training and job opportunities for the high paying construction jobs and present to the CoC membership. Goodwill provides training and job placement for persons who are disabled and persons with very low or no incomes. Goodwill provides a certification in retail and customer service and then places people into jobs. Hancock Resource Center manages an employment program for Veterans. The CA of the CoC provides bus passes for employment options to ensure access. Open Doors Homeless Coalition maintains regular contact with all of the employment partners, refers people to their services, and follows up on progress. 3. Goodwill Industries oversees the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

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)

1.11% of program leavers increased non-employment cash income in 2021, but decreased to 9% in 2022. Part of the reason for the decrease is that government offices remained closed long after other businesses opened as the pandemic abated, making it more difficult for persons in the housing programs as well as their case managers to resolve conflicts with SSI, SSDI, SNAP, and TANF cases. Typically, the MS-503 CoC makes connections to the SNAP program and the Social Security Administration who are able to arrange appointments and contacts with persons experiencing homelessness who are in the housing search process. However, the offices remained closed for far longer than anticipated. As offices began to open, the measure began to improve yet not to desired outcomes. The strategy we put in place was increasing our partnerships with staffers at the US Senate and US House of Representative offices in our geography. We have seen improved connections to SSI and SSDI, in particular, once "Congressional Interest" is added to pending applications. These partnerships are beneficial for program participants and to the Congressional staffers as they can more fully understand the plight of homeless populations as they navigate highly bureaucratic systems, and we find the staffers themselves are becoming advocates for those who have struggled with homelessness and disabilities. Participants in the CoC region may be housed with no income but gain income shortly after moving in to housing. The MS-503 generally works to create access to SOAR early in the outreach relationship and follows up with SSA personnel. Again, access to medical appointments when the only option was telehealth was a barrier now resolved. In addition, as is possible, participants are linked to SNAP benefits, connected to LIHEAP utility assistance through the Community Action Agency, and connected to healthcare through coordination with health navigators. The Salvation Army day center and the Back Bay Mission Micah Day Center are able to assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for benefits using their computer labs. Sometimes individuals and families are housed prior to receiving benefits because of the community's strong Housing First and low-barrier strategy. Therefore, shortly after housing people are generally connected to benefits. 2. Mental Health Association of South Mississippi's PATH program is responsible for overseeing the MS-503 CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)
 N/A

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

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

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

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:

1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2023 Priority Listing.

	Project Type	
1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	No
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes

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

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

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	590
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	125
3.	Unmet Need:	465

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. MS-503 used the information provided by the Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence (the Center) who is our VSP and the primary agency that services persons who are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. 2. The Center included the number of survivors that enter the shelter programs in a year and those survivors that are currently being housed/served. The Center uses VELA, an HMIS comparable database. 3. The Mississippi Gulf Coast is a tourist destination on the Mississippi Sound of the Gulf of Mexico. It hosts a robust casino gaming industry with 24/7 entertainment and low-wage employment possibilities. Interstate 10 and Highway 90 run through our geography, making it highly accessible and a destination for many seeking opportunities. All of these factors contribute to domestic violence and human trafficking, which only increased during the pandemic. The two shelters operated by the Center have both been at or above capacity for the past 12 months. Barriers to meeting the needs of all survivors in our CoC are: insufficient funding to adequately serve all survivors with permanent housing solutions, lack of affordable housing for those who may only need a modicum of initial support but have difficulty sustaining, lack of public transportation, lack of affordable childcare, and lack of living wage jobs for survivors. Increased funding for this ever-growing population of survivors would enable the VSP to serve survivors and their children more effectively and provide a larger range of options for those who need longer term support and/or permanent solutions.

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

Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

Applicant Name
Gulf Coast Center...

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	Gulf Coast Center For Non-Violence
2.	Project Name	GCCFN Rapid Rehousing Project – DV Bonus
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	11
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	JDV2CRH9D7S4
5.	Amount Requested	\$152,564
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	48%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	95%

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

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. The emergency shelter programs operated by the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence house unaccompanied adults or families with children who are fleeing domestic violence, stalking, and/or sex trafficking. The percentage of housing placement was calculated using the number of eligible families needing housing services and number placed. Housing retention was calculated using data collected based on the number of program participants who enter the housing programs by those who successfully completed and maintained housing or exit the project to permanent destinations. 2. Permanent destination calculations also include permanent, safe stays with family members, acceptance in project based, or tenant based Section 8 housing services, and any other identified permanent housing placement. 3. The Center utilizes an automated data-management system, VELA, to collect all data regarding victims and services provided. To protect clients' confidentiality, the Center does not participate in HMIS (Homeless Management Information System); however, VELA is a confidential, comparable, and secure database that does allow the Center to adhere to HUD data collection, participation, and reporting requirements.

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

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Center works with the the CA (Open Doors Homeless Coalition’s) coordinated-entry system to receive referrals for clients along with referrals from the agency’s hotline and other community partners. Once contact has been made via referral or hotline call, the client arrives at the Center for intake, services, and to determine eligibility for the rapid rehousing program. If coming to the agency is identified as a barrier, alternative methods of engagement are formulated. If eligible, the Center will quickly begin the process to place the client in housing. The agency incorporates the housing first approach to provision of housing services when client safety is not a factor in this process. 2. The Center's Housing Case Managers assist in the identification of housing opportunities through community partners, community resources, and research on what will be the most efficient housing solution for each client and proceeds in conducting a site visit to confirm the location's eligibility for participation in the program. The Center ensures each location that is identified is safe and affordable for our clients, and meetings are held with potential landlords to ask questions and establish acceptability. 3. Then the Housing Case Manager begins to work with client on the development of an individualized service plan that will include identification of supportive services, including case management, counseling, life skills training, employment procurement assistance, transportation assistance that will be necessary to maintain housing both in the program and after successful completion. 4. The Center makes the appropriate connections to supportive services based on client choice. 5. Sustainability is addressed according to the following: inform participants of the housing timeline at the beginning and through the project; providing housing counseling services to assure participants understand options; assist individual with development of and adherence to a realistic financial plan; assist program participants with identification and supportive services needs and development of a supportive service plan; development of and adherence to an individualized case management plan with participant; collaboration with identified community partners who would be key in helping with sustaining housing units; identification of other affordable housing units if determined that sustaining current housing will not be possible once subsidy ends.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Center’s priority is the safety of the individuals served. Addressing safety first allows us to make sure individuals seeking service safely make it to our facilities. The intake process is designed to share information quickly and comfortably between client and staff to assure expectations are defined and understood by all parties. There are several confidentiality protocols. The Center has developed and maintains a comprehensive confidentiality policy that is adhered to across all programs. Informed Consent must be secured: any communication of client-level data is only done so after receiving informed consent from survivors before collecting or sharing any personal information, only sharing to maximize services to the program participant. The Center ensures Secure Documentation: all client data are maintained in a case management database that adheres to all minimum privacy standards and data collection reporting requirements. Regular Confidentiality Audits are conducted to assess compliance with confidentiality protocols and identify any potential gaps or vulnerabilities. The Center engages in Ongoing Evaluation, evaluating and improving confidentiality practices based on feedback from survivors, staff members, and other stakeholders. The Center ensures Confidential Communication by using secure and confidential communication methods when interacting with survivors, including encrypted email, secure messaging platforms, or phone calls made from private spaces. Clear protocols and agreements are established with partner agencies or organizations that may be involved in providing services to survivors. 2. The Center engages in Safety Planning, working collaboratively with survivors to develop safety plans that address their specific confidentiality concerns and with landlords and law enforcement, as necessary, to ensure safety in their units. The Center. 3. All services provided by this agency are offered in a safe and undisclosed location to assure that the client can share sensitive information obtained during the intake process without possibility of disclosure of this information. 4. The Center provides Training and Education to all staff members, landlords, and volunteers on the importance of confidentiality and the specific protocols in place to maintain it. 5. Regular communication and updates to safety plans with survivors in units and with their landlords supports survivors’ physical safety and location confidentiality.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Center evaluates its ability to consistently ensure the safety of domestic violence survivors served by housing programs. This evaluation process includes the following steps: 1. Identification of objectives of the evaluation process to assure that it addresses physical safety, emotional well-being, and available resources. 2. Development of evaluation criteria necessary to measure the effectiveness of identified safety protocols. 3. Collection of data to assess the safety protocols through surveys, focus groups, and interviews. 4. Analysis of the data to identify patterns, trends, outcomes related to safety protocols. 5. Comparison of the outcomes of the safety protocols against established benchmarks or standards (comparison against previous findings). 6. Seeking feedback from survivors served across programs. 7. Identification of strengths and weaknesses of the protocol. 8. Identification of steps necessary for improvement. 9. Implementation of necessary changes and monitoring their impact. 10. Communication of findings and share lessons learned. The evaluation process is ongoing and is repeated at various stages in the project.

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

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

1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6.	providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. The Center provides a comprehensive, holistic approach to service delivery across all services provided. This approach is applied throughout the entire housing process in assuring that all program participants are actively engaged in all aspects of the process. These services include individual and group counseling, case management, experiential therapies, parenting support, parenting education, life skills training, childcare, legal advocacy, daily living essentials, and assistance with obtaining and maintaining housing. 2. All interactions with individuals encountered are approached in a non-judgmental, culturally competent manner to assure clients have agency for self-determination, are valued and respected. Motivational interviewing techniques are incorporated at engagement as well as throughout the program. The Center never uses punitive interventions; instead service plans are client-centered and case managers are there for support, not "authority." 3. This agency has a long-standing history of provision of services to individuals who have been impacted by trauma. It is the agency's mission to assure that all program services meet the below principles associated with being trauma-informed and rooted in evidenced-based practices: realization of the widespread impact of trauma and understanding potential paths for recovery; recognition of the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system; full integration of knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and actively resist re-traumatization. All services provided by this program adhere to this trauma-informed approach. Each service provider possesses a vast knowledge of the overall impact of trauma and how this trauma impacts a victim's physical health, mental health, and relationships with others. This requires the use of the approach "What has happened to you" and not "What is wrong with you." Services are provided in order to promote healing and recovery. Victims are provided with information regarding the traumatic effects of abuse in efforts to normalize their experiences and response to the trauma. Individuals are assured that the environment is conducive to discussion of their reaction to these impacts with program staff as well as other victims served. All individuals served are provided with resources that will further assist with their recovery from the impacts of abuse. 4. All program participants will be actively involved in the development of an individualized service plan that incorporates all identified strengths, needs and resources. The service plan will be comprehensive and address areas of individuals' lives, to include familial, spiritual, financial and physical. The Housing Case Manager is used purely as a vehicle to provide support and guidance to individuals as they migrate through the program. Participants will be empowered and encouraged to be active throughout the process to identify and highlight strengths, obtain and maintain housing and identify and address barriers as they arise. 5. The Center engages all survivors in a culturally competent manner and provides training to survivors on their rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Violence Against Women Act, as well as HUD's Equal Access Rule. As stated, all staff are trained in trauma-informed practices and that centers the work, as is nondiscriminatory approaches to access and housing. Language access is enabled through partnerships with Boat People SOS and El Pueblo. 6. The Center offers a variety of supportive services that are designed to actively engage domestic violence into the recovery process from this victimization. One approach that has proven to be effective is the facilitation of support groups that are led by survivors of domestic violence who have incorporated their experiences into a life coaching approach to assisting victims heal from trauma. This recognition that one can move on to fully control their own lives and offer direction and encouragement to others empowers victims to fully engage in their recovery process. 7. Families who are housed in the program will have access to

necessary services to address the barriers involving lack of affordable housing. Without childcare, our survivors would struggle to attend work or job interviews; counseling sessions; life skills classes; appointments with Medicare representatives, the social security office, and with human services; and medical appointments. However, because the Center knows this is a barrier faced by our survivors, this program will include financial assistance to secure childcare while the Housing Case Managers works with the parent to identify long-term childcare resources.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
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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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Program staff recognize that services in a domestic violence program are complex because they must address the victim in a holistic manner and cannot address emergency needs alone. Adults and children come to this program with many varied needs in order to empower survivors to live violent-free lives, a comprehensive approach is utilized. The Center provides services and assistance in the areas of counseling; life skills; education; employment; childcare; transportation; legal services; housing; case management; and referrals for health care, dental care, or other specialized needs. This program also provides follow-up services to victims after they leave the program.

Due to the Center providing these detailed, comprehensive services for all housing clients, the Center remains aware of clients' challenges while residing in the housing programs, inducing the ability to provide supportive services on an as-needed basis to ensure utilities are paid as well as ensuring that rent is paid on time each month. The Housing Case Manager works closely with landlords to inform them of the Center's support and involvement for client tenants, resulting in increased housing retention as landlords are more likely to provide flexibility if a tenant faces hard times due to the Center's case management and supportive services. The Center also provides financial education, life skills training, furniture donations, and support in reaching service plan goals – all factors that enhance housing and financial stability.

The Housing Case Manager facilitates client access to community resources including Medicaid and food stamps, food, clothing, educational programs, vocational opportunities or services, providers to teach life skills, and relevant mental health and medical services; assists clients to develop natural resources and make contact with social support networks; assists clients with completing a written service plan, including measurable goals and objectives; assists with completing safety plan for victims; coordinates and monitors services, including comprehensive tracking of client activities in relation to service plan; assesses clients and evaluates effectiveness of service plan and progress made by client. The Housing Case Manager also coordinates lease agreements, assists with utility payments, provides information and referrals for other services, and provides transportation to program participants.

Housing program participants often face rejection from housing complexes due to income eligibility requirements, even when they are employed full-time and entering one of the agency's housing programs that guarantees their rent paid to the apartment for a specific timeframe. The high-income requirements set by many housing providers and low wages offered by many employers make it increasingly challenging to find stable housing for our clients. The Center addresses this barrier on behalf of our clients by advocating for them with landlords and apartment complexes, educating the administration on the effects and dynamics of domestic violence, and sharing program information to help them understand that the client's rent will be paid during the lease agreement. And during this time while the rent is guaranteed under a housing program, the client can continue to work at their job, save money for when they exit the program, and work toward increased wages – whether through finding a new job or securing a promotion – if necessary. The Center's Case Manager works with each client's individual housing needs in order to best address this barrier should it arise during the attempt the find permanent housing.

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 survivor-defined 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
7.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. This agency utilizes a clinical case management model, which prioritizes housing, and includes the following four components: intake, needs assessment, service planning, and evaluation. The Center provides a comprehensive, holistic approach to service delivery across all services provided. This approach will be applied throughout the entire housing process to ensure that all program participants are actively engaged in all aspects of the process and will prioritize placement in permanent housing consistent with survivors' wishes. Services will include individual and group counseling, case management, experiential therapies, parenting support, parenting education, life skills training, childcare, legal advocacy, daily living essentials, and assistance with obtaining and maintaining housing. 2. All interactions with individuals encountered will be approached in a non-judgmental, culturally competent manner to assure clients are valued and respected. As mentioned earlier, motivational interviewing techniques will be incorporated at engagement as well as throughout the program. 3. This agency has a long-standing history of provision of services to individuals who have been impacted by trauma. The proposed new program will have the same aim: to ensure that all program services meet the below principles associated with being trauma-informed and rooted in evidenced-based practices: realization of the widespread impact of trauma and understanding potential paths for recovery; recognition of the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system; full integration of knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and actively resisting re-traumatization. All services provided by this program will adhere to this trauma-informed approach. Each service provider possesses a vast knowledge of the overall impact of trauma and how this trauma impacts a victim's physical health, mental health, and relationships with others. This requires the use of the approach "What has happened to you" and not "What is wrong with you." These services will be provided to promote healing and recovery. Victims will be provided with information regarding the traumatic effects of abuse in efforts to normalize their experiences and response to the trauma. Individuals will be assured that the environment in the program is conducive to discussion of their reaction to these impacts with program staff as well as other victims served. All individuals served will be provided with resources that will further assist with their recovery from the impacts of abuse. 4. All program participants will be actively involved in the development of an individualized service plan that incorporates all identified strengths, needs and resources. The service plan will be comprehensive and address areas of individuals' lives, to include familial, spiritual, financial and physical. The Housing Case Manager will be used purely as a vehicle to provide support and guidance to individuals as they migrate through the program. Participants will be empowered and encouraged to be active throughout the process to identify and highlight strengths, obtain and maintain housing and identify and address barriers as they arise. The Center will engage all survivors in a culturally competent manner and provides training to survivors on their rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Violence Against Women Act, as well as HUD's Equal Access Rule. As stated, all staff are trained in trauma-informed practices and that centers the work, as is nondiscriminatory approaches to access and housing. Language access will be enabled through partnerships with Boat People SOS and El Pueblo. 6. The Center will offer a variety of supportive services that are designed to actively engage domestic violence into the recovery process from this victimization. Support groups that are led by survivors of domestic violence who have incorporated their experiences into a life coaching approach to assisting victims heal from trauma will be offered. This recognition that one can move on to fully control their own

lives and offer direction and encouragement to others empowers survivors to fully engage in their recovery process. 7. Families who are housed in the program will have access to necessary services to address the barriers involving lack of affordable housing. Without childcare, our survivors would struggle to attend work or job interviews; counseling sessions; life skills classes; appointments with Medicare representatives, the Social Security office, and with human services; and medical appointments. However, because the Center knows this is a barrier faced by our survivors, this program will include financial assistance to secure childcare while housing case managers identify long-term childcare resources.

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:

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| 1. | with a range of lived expertise; and |
| 2. | in policy and program development throughout the project's operation. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Center has always involved survivors in all aspects of program functions to include governance, program development and program evaluation. Including survivors in policy and program development is essential to ensure that their voices, experiences, and needs are adequately represented. Here is the plan that will be implemented to involve survivors in the development process of the Center's Housing Program: A. Establishment of a survivor advisory group consisting of individuals who have experienced domestic violence. This group will be diverse, representing all backgrounds, ages, ethnicities, and experiences. B. Provision of training and support to the survivor advisory group members to empower them to actively participate in the policy and program development process. This training will include information on policy-making processes, program design, advocacy skills, and understanding the impact of domestic violence. C. Collaboration with the survivor advisory group to conduct needs assessments within the survivor community. 2. The Center engages survivors in decision-making processes related to policy and program development and will seek feedback on existing policies and programs to identify areas for improvement and inform future policy and program development. The Center will collaborate with the survivor advisory group to co-design policies and programs to ensure that survivors have a meaningful role in shaping the policies and programs that directly impact their lives, and continuously support and recognize the contributions of survivors throughout the policy and program development process. The Center will regularly evaluate the impact and effectiveness of policies and programs developed with survivor input and ensure that survivor involvement is an ongoing and iterative process, and communicate the outcomes, successes, and challenges of involving survivors in policy and program development with stakeholders,

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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4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
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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).
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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/14/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/14/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/15/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/15/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/19/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/15/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/15/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Final Project Sco...	09/19/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da...	09/19/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
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Submission Summary

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

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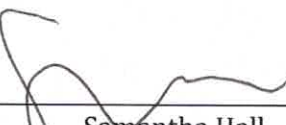
To whom it may concern,


As young adults with lived experience of homelessness, we appreciate the ability to participate in training, attend meetings and serve on the YAAB, Young Adult Advisory Board. These opportunities allow us to provide input on processes and practices that directly affect young adults served through the CoC along with the certainty that our voices are heard on topics specific to our needs.

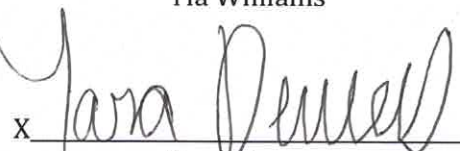
We support the submission of this collaborative application and recognize it as a way for our community to continue to serve people experiencing homelessness.

Respectfully,

X 
Caitlyn Herrera

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Samantha Hall

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Tia Williams

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Tara Dewey



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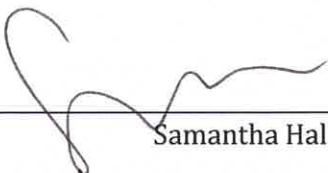
To whom it may concern,

As a person with lived experience of homelessness, I appreciate the ability to participate in training, attend meetings and serve on the Rank and Review Committee. These opportunities allow me to provide input on processes and practices that directly affect the individuals and families served through the CoC along with the certainty that people with the highest needs are being served quickly and effectively and in a way that reflects their choices.

The opportunity to serve on the YAAB, Young Adult Advisory Board, is another way I get to share my struggles and experiences and offer ideas and suggestions that are specific to the needs of young people affected by homelessness.

I support the submission of this collaborative application and recognize it as a way for our community to continue to serve people experiencing homelessness.

Respectfully,

X 
Samantha Hall



9/11/2023

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c/o Open Doors Homeless Coalition
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To whom it may concern,

As a person with lived experience of homelessness, I appreciate the ability to participate in training, attend meetings and serve on the Rank and Review Committee. These opportunities allow me to provide input on processes and practices that directly affect the individuals and families served through the CoC along with the certainty that people with the highest needs are being served quickly and effectively and in a way that reflects their choices.

I support the submission of this collaborative application and recognize it as a way for our community to continue to serve people experiencing homelessness.

Respectfully,


Elizabeth Merlo

Housing First Evaluation

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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

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 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 "Always", "Somewhat", or "Not at all".

Tab	Description	Purpose
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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.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Community Care Network
Acronym (if Applicable)	
Year Incorporated	
EIN	
Street Address	7400 Fountainbleau Road, Ocean Springs, MS
ZIP Code	39564

Project Information	
Project Name	Youth Coc Renewal RRH
Project Budget	\$51,978
Grant Number	
Name of Project Director	Diane Easley
Project Director Email Address	diane@ccnms.org
Project Director Phone Number	(228) 215-2662

Which best describes the project * **Rapid Rehousing**

If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing

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

Youth and Young Adults

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

Management Information	
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Assessment Information	
Name of Assessor	Cathy Pitalo
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	Open Doors Homeless Coalition
Assessor Email Address	cpitalo@opendoorshc.org
Assessor Phone Number	228-547-1585
Date of Assessment	Aug 24 2023



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

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. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
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. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
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/ <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
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. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

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.	<i>Optional notes here</i>	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.	<i>Optional notes here</i>	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.	<i>Optional notes here</i>	Always Always Always
Participant Input Definition / Evidence				
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.	<i>Optional notes here</i>	Always Always Always
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 complement professional services.	<i>Optional notes here</i>	Always Always Always



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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
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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
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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
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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
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Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always



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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
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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
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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.	Always	Always	Always
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Services 4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Whenever 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
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<p>Services 5</p> <p>Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery</p>	<p>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.</p>	Always	Always	Always
<p>Services 6</p> <p>Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed</p>	<p>Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Whenever 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).</p>	Always	Always	Always
<p>Services 7</p> <p>Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)</p>	<p>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.</p>	Always	Always	Always
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<p>Housing 1</p> <p>Housing is not dependent on participation in services</p>	<p>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.</p>	Always	Always	Always
<p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>				
<p>Housing 2</p> <p>Substance use is not a reason for termination</p>	<p>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/</p>	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.

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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.

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Housing First Standards

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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
<i>Optional notes here</i>				
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
<i>Optional notes here</i>				
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
<i>Optional notes here</i>				
No additional standards				
<i>Optional notes here</i>				

Population 1	Services are offered	Services are focused on ensuring that youth transition to independence.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Population 2	Projects include positive youth development principles	Youth projects should include positive youth development orientation. Positive youth development builds on strengths and resiliency. By focusing on strengths and assets, rather than what might be "wrong," youth are empowered and are equipped to make positive decisions.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Population 3	Staff use harm reduction practices and approaches	Youth models employ a harm reduction and recovery orientation, including those developed for youth and young adults with substance use and addictions. Projects may make abstinence-based models available for youth and young adults; however, the choice should lie with the participant, not with the project.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Population 4	Project design accounts for the age of youth and young adults to be served	Developmentally-appropriate project design ensures that project entry and on-going participation is not predicated on behaviors or experiences that youth and young adults may not currently have or if they were older would not result in consequences. For example, projects should accept and allow continued participation for youth who do not have income or immediate prospects of income because their age has not allowed them the opportunity to gain employment.	Always	Always	Always
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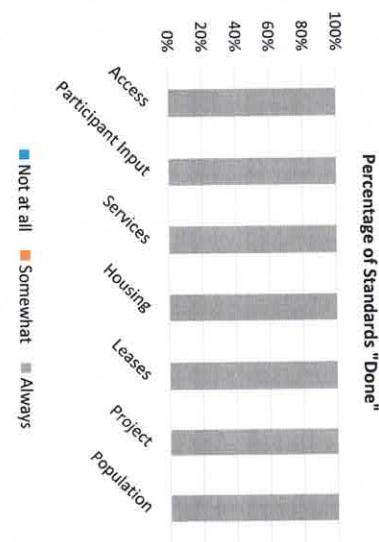
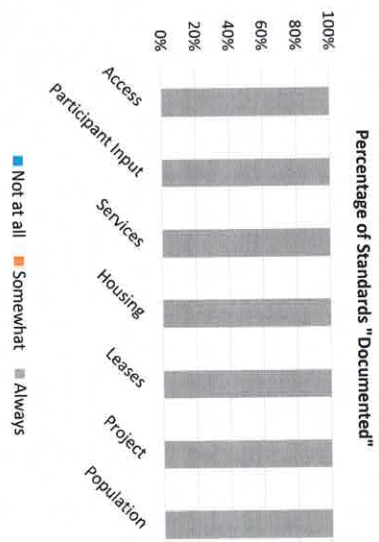
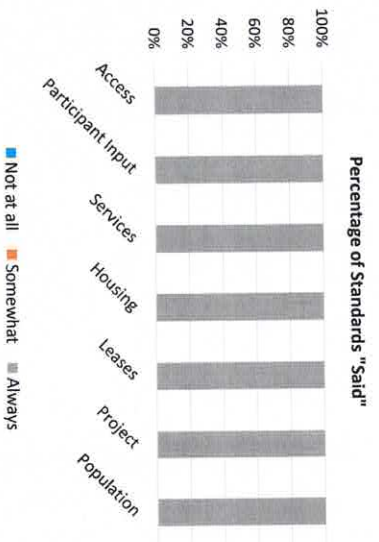
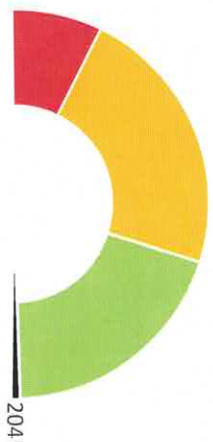


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Your score: **204**
Max potential score: 204

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MS-503-Gulfport/Gulf Coast Regional CoC

Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline

Question 1E-1

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A documented match of 25% is required. No guarantee of award is made as HUD makes the final decisions on funding. Applicants who have not previously received Continuum of Care funds are encouraged to apply under this notice as long as the applicant has a current DUNS number, a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), is registered in the SAM registry, has experience with federal funds and has no unresolved audit findings. The link for the SAM registry follows: <https://www.goventire.com/contractregistration.com/sam/registration.asp>.

The application for new or renewal projects must be completed on the esnaps site. The esnaps 101 Toolkit can be found at www.hudexchange.info.
 Points:
 100 points are possible. 10 bonus points are possible. Project applications will be scored, rated, and ranked by an unbiased review committee. The scoring rubric can be found at www.opendoorshc.org.
 Capacity: up to 25 points
 Fit with the system/ cost effectiveness: up to 25 points Evidence Based Practices: up to 25 points
 Program Outcomes: up to 25 points

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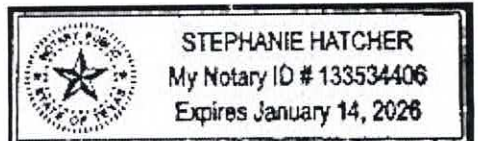
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Subject: MS-503 CoC Annual Continuum of Care application to HUD
Attachments: Reallocation Policy.pdf; 2023 scoring rubric_published.pdf; 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive YHDP.pdf; Published 2023 Continuum of Care Application RFP Public Notice (002).pdf

Hi All,
Attached is the Public Notice of Funding Opportunity for new and renewal programs under the MS-503 Continuum of Care application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that will be published in The Sun Herald on Friday, July 14, 2023. All new and renewal project applications are due by 3:00 Friday, August 18, 2023, on e-snaps. If you need assistance with the e-snaps process, please email me at cpitalo@opendoorshc.org. For reference,

attached are the *Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants* along with the 2023 scoring rubric for the local competition and the MS-503 CoC Reallocation Policy.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon, everyone!! This email is just a reminder that the date for all **RENEWAL** and **NEW** projects is August 18, 2023, through e-snaps. I have attached the reallocation policy, scoring rubric, NOFO and public notice again. Please take the time to review all these carefully!! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me!

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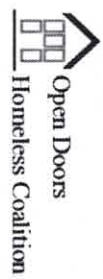
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We are looking for applicants to join us to work together everyday to house our homeless population! Please click these links to learn more:

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MS-503 Gulfport/Gulf Coast Region Continuum of Care is looking for new applicants!!!



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We are looking for new applicants that want to provide housing programs! If you would like more information on the process...we will be happy to answer any questions!

ATTENTION!

MS-503 Gulfport/Gulf Coast Region Continuum of Care is looking for new applicants!!

For more information contact Cathy Pitalo at: cpitalo@opendoorshc.org

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Local Competition Scoring Tool

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2023 MS-503 CoC HUD Continuum of Care Scoring Rubric

Capacity: up to 25 points

Does the project meet threshold requirements of experience with federal funds and SAM registration? YES: project is eligible to be scored, NO: project is not eligible to be scored

HUD experience/ monitoring reviews: up to 6 points

All money spent in previous HUD programs: up to 3 points

Understanding of Coordinated Entry and full participation in Coordinated Entry: up to 8 points

Evidence of participation, accuracy, and timeliness in HMIS: up to 8 points

Fit with the System/ Cost Effectiveness: Up to 25 Points

Cost Effectiveness: Up to 10 points

Coordination with the system: Up to 15 points (for Rural Set-aside, is the project in Stone, George, or Pearl River County)

Evidence Based Practices: Up to 25 Points

Demonstrated use of Housing First and other evidence-based practices like Motivational Interviewing, Harm Reduction, and/ or Trauma Informed Care: up to 10 points

Low barrier Program: up to 7 points

Housing type and scale meet the needs of the participants: up to 4 points

Services meet the needs of the participants: up to 4 points

Program Outcomes: Up to 25 Points (if a program reallocated to themselves, use the outcome info from the existing program's last reported year)

Exits to Permanent Housing: 85% or greater 10 points, 77%-84% 5 points, under 77% 0 points

Returns to Homelessness: 0% 5 points, 1%-4% 3 points, over 4% 0 points

Increases in Income at Exit: 50% or more 5 points, 30%-49% 3 points, under 30% 0 points

Time Homeless from referral to housed: 15 days or less 5 points, 16-29 days 3 points, over 30 days 0 points

2023 MS-503 CoC HUD Continuum of Care Scoring Rubric
Organization: Gulf Coast Center for Non-Violence
Project Name: GCCFN RRH 2023

Capacity: up to 25 points

Does the project meet threshold requirements of experience with federal funds and SAM registration?

YES: project is eligible to be scored, NO: project is not eligible to be scored Yes

HUD experience/ monitoring reviews: up to 6 points 6

All money spent in previous HUD programs: up to 3 points 3

Understanding of Coordinated Entry and full participation in Coordinated Entry: up to 8 points 8

Evidence of participation, accuracy, and timeliness in HMIS: up to 8 points 6 *3 records started from at 7-10 days.
*5 records started from 11+ days.

Fit with the System/ Cost Effectiveness: Up to 25 Points

Cost Effectiveness: Up to 10 points 10

Coordination with the system: Up to 15 points (for Rural Set-aside, is the project in Stone, George, or Pearl River County)
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Evidence Based Practices: Up to 25 Points

Demonstrated use of Housing First and other evidence-based practices like Motivational Interviewing, Harm Reduction, and/ or Trauma Informed Care: up to 10 points 10

Low barrier Program: up to 7 points 7

Housing type and scale meet the needs of the participants: up to 4 points 4

Services meet the needs of the participants: up to 4 points 4

Program Outcomes: Up to 25 Points

Exits to Permanent Housing: 85% or greater 10 points, 77%-84% 5 points, under 77% 0 points 10

Returns to Homelessness: 0% 5 points, 1%-4% 3 points, over 4% 0 points 5

Increases in Income at Exit: 50% or more 5 points, 30%-49% 3 points, under 30% 0 points 3 *39.13%
increased income

Time Homeless from referral to housed: 15 days or less 5 points, 16-29 days 3 points, over 30 days 0 points 3
*Average length of time is 26.39 days

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Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

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**There were no applications rejected or reduced in the FY 2023
Continuum of Care Competition in the MS-503 CoC.**

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Notification of Projects Accepted

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Cathy Pitalo

From: Cathy Pitalo
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:38 PM
To: Dena Wittmann; Patti Guider
Subject: Review and Rank

Dear Dena and Patti,

The Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC renewal projects, 2023 HMIS and 2023 Coordinated Entry, as well as the Planning Grant, YHDP Rapid Rehousing Program and the YHDP Coordinated Entry Program will be included in the 2023 MS-503 CoC Application to HUD.

The full rankings with scores have been posted to the website. You can view this at www.opendoorshc.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Cathy Pitalo

From: Cathy Pitalo
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:43 PM
To: John Whitfield; jcook@climbcdc.org
Subject: Review and Rank

Dear John and Jake,

The Climb CDC CoC renewal projects, YHDP Drop In Center and YHDP RRH will be included in the 2023 MS-503 CoC Application to HUD.

The full rankings with scores have been posted to the website. You can view this at www.opendoorshc.org.

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From: Cathy Pitalo
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:41 PM
To: diane@ccnms.org; allyson@ccnms.org
Subject: Review and Rank

Dear Diane and Allyson,

The Community Care CoC renewal projects, Youth CoC Renewal 2023 and Pascagoula-Moss Point PSH 2023, as well as the YHDP Renewal will be included in the 2023 MS-503 CoC Application to HUD.

The full rankings with scores have been posted to the website. You can view this at www.opendoorshc.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Cathy Pitalo

From: Cathy Pitalo
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:33 PM
To: Stacey Riley
Subject: Review and Rank

Dear Stacey,

The GCCFN CoC renewal project, GCCFN Rapid Rehousing Project FY2023, as well as the GCCFN Rapid Rehousing Project CoC Bonus and GCCFN Rapid Rehousing Project DV Bonus 2023 will be included in the 2023 MS-503 CoC Application to HUD.

The full rankings with scores have been posted to the website. You can view this at www.opendoorshc.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Cathy Pitalo

From: Cathy Pitalo
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:39 PM
To: James Pennington; Sarah Smith
Subject: Review and Rank

Dear James and Sarah,

The Back Bay Mission CoC Renewal projects, HAL PSH 2023 and HAL RRH 2023, have been selected by the Review and Rank Committee to be included in the 2023 MS-503 CoC Application to HUD.

The full rankings with scores have been posted to the website. You can view this at www.opendoorshc.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Cathy Pitalo

From: Cathy Pitalo
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:30 PM
To: Kay Daneault; Kim Barta
Subject: Review and Rank

Dear Kay and Kim,

The MHASM CoC renewal projects, Renewal RRH MHASM and Renewal SHP MHASM, have been selected by the Review and Rank Committee to be included in the 2023 MS-503 CoC Application to HUD.

The full rankings with scores have been posted to the website. You can view this at www.opendoorshc.org.

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Thank you,

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Local Competition Selection Results

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HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report

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2023 HDX Competition Report PIT Count Data for MS-503 - Gulf Port/Gulf Coast Regional CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	254	211	200	255
Emergency Shelter Total	36	31	49	51
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	32	36	20	74
Total Sheltered Count	68	67	69	125
Total Unsheltered Count	186	144	131	130

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	3	2	6	8
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	0	0	0	0
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	3	2	6	8

2023 HDX Competition Report

PIT Count Data for MS-503 - Gulf Port/Gulf Coast Regional CoC

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	23	14	8	31
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	23	14	8	31
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	0	0	0

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	55	8	7	9	11
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	23	1	1	0	2
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	32	7	6	9	9

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

2023 HDX Competition Report

HIC Data for MS-503 - Gulf Port/Gulf Coast Regional 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	51	8	8	100.00%	43	43	100.00%	51	100.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	74	19	22	86.36%	52	52	100.00%	71	95.95%
RRH Beds	265	231	231	100.00%	34	34	100.00%	265	100.00%
PSH Beds	30	30	30	100.00%	0	0	NA	30	100.00%
OPH Beds	161	161	0	NA	0	0	NA	161	100.00%
Total Beds	581	449	291	154.30%	129	129	100.00%	578	99.48%

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HIC Data for MS-503 - Gulf Port/Gulf Coast Regional CoC

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Notes

*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.
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 In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("OV 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	46	48	56	30

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	28	31	42	23

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	346	308	479	265

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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	118	67	86	49	-37	78	28	-50
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	149	109	104	109	5	92	48	-44

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")	493	364	455	443	-12	210	223	13
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	524	406	440	423	-17	199	217	18

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	325	7	2%	6	2%	9	3%	22	7%
Exit was from ES	32	1	3%	0	0%	3	9%	4	13%
Exit was from TH	14	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	234	6	3%	1	0%	3	1%	10	4%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	605	14	2%	7	1%	15	2%	36	6%

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	211	200	-11
Emergency Shelter Total	31	49	18
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	36	20	-16
Total Sheltered Count	67	69	2
Unsheltered Count	144	131	-13

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	151	110	-41
Emergency Shelter Total	120	67	-53
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	34	43	9

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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)	21	20	-1
Number of adults with increased earned income	4	11	7
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	19%	55%	36%

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)	21	20	-1
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	1	1	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	5%	5%	0%

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)	21	20	-1
Number of adults with increased total income	5	12	7
Percentage of adults who increased total income	24%	60%	36%

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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)	47	74	27
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	11	20	9
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	23%	27%	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)	47	74	27
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	5	7	2
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	11%	9%	-2%

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)	47	74	27
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	14	26	12
Percentage of adults who increased total income	30%	35%	5%

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Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	130	90	-40
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.	9	9	0
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	121	81	-40

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.	632	554	-78
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.	56	60	4
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.)	576	494	-82

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	188	48	-140
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	18	1	-17
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	138	37	-101
% Successful exits	83%	79%	-4%

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	399	484	85
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	319	425	106
% Successful exits	80%	88%	8%

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	47	50	3
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	40	47	7
% Successful exits/retention	85%	94%	9%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC		14	27	12	10	16	46	48	173	342	288	445			
2. Number of HMIS Beds		14	27	12	10	16	46	48	173	342	288	445			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	37	120	136	25	34	43	57	49	98	494	399	756	429	597	48
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	29	54	127	17	14	25	35	3	30	243	364	314	209	188	16
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	13	8	15	36	16	1
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	0.00	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	5.71	0.00	0.00	5.35	2.20	4.78	17.22	8.51	6.25

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Submission and Count Dates for MS-503 - Gulf Port/Gulf Coast Regional CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/31/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/17/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/17/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/7/2023	Yes