

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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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AL-507 - Alabama Balance of State CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless, Inc

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless, Inc

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1.f., 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	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	No	No	No
4.	Disability Service Organizations	No	No	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	No	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	No	No	Yes
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	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	No	No	No
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	No	No	No
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Nonexistent	No	No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	Yes
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.	Housing Finance Authority	No	No	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)

1. The AL BoS CoC is deeply committed to fostering transparency and inclusivity in our annual invitation process for new members to join our Continuum of Care, which encompasses 42 counties within Alabama. We understand that openness and inclusivity are essential in our mission to combat homelessness effectively. To ensure a transparent and accessible approach, we proactively communicate detailed information about our CoC membership invitation process on our official website. This information includes clear membership criteria, application procedures, and deadlines, all aimed at encouraging participation from various organizations and stakeholders.

2. Ensuring accessibility for individuals with disabilities is a fundamental principle at AL BoS CoC. We recognize that accessibility is a legal obligation and a moral imperative. Therefore, we diligently adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other accessibility standards. Our commitment extends to all communication channels, including online and written content. We continuously update our resources to meet accessibility guidelines, ensuring they are readily available to all individuals, regardless of their specific needs.

3. AL BoS CoC strongly emphasizes addressing equity for culturally specific communities that experience homelessness within our geographic area. We acknowledge that homelessness affects diverse backgrounds and are dedicated to responding to their unique challenges. Our CoC actively reaches out to organizations serving culturally specific communities, including those focusing on Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities. We invite these organizations to participate in our CoC's activities and collaborate on initiatives to combat homelessness. Furthermore, we train our staff and partners to enhance our understanding of the distinct challenges faced by different populations experiencing homelessness.

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 AL BoS CoC strongly emphasizes actively seeking and considering opinions from diverse organizations and individuals who possess knowledge of homelessness or are interested in preventing and ending homelessness. Recognizing that addressing homelessness requires collective efforts, we routinely conduct consultations, surveys, and outreach initiatives to engage organizations, experts, community members, and individuals with lived experiences of homelessness. This inclusive approach shapes our policies, strategies, and resource allocation decisions.

1. To foster transparency and public engagement, the CoC regularly hosts virtual and in-person meetings where we communicate essential information and gather input. These meetings provide a platform for sharing updates on our CoC's activities, priorities, and funding opportunities.
2. We ensure these meetings are accessible to all interested parties, disseminating information well in advance to encourage participation. Additionally, we utilize multiple communication channels, such as our website, social media platforms, and newsletters (constant contact), to make information readily available and encourage public involvement.
3. Accessibility is a fundamental principle of our CoC, and we are committed to ensuring effective communication and access for persons with disabilities. We adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and maintain an ongoing commitment to providing content to meet accessibility standards as needed.
4. The insights and information shared by the community and stakeholders play a crucial role in shaping our strategies. We systematically review and use this feedback to inform our decision-making processes, make necessary adjustments to existing programs, and explore innovative solutions to address homelessness in our communities effectively.

The AL BoS CoC is deeply committed to inclusivity, transparency, and accessibility. Our active engagement of a wide range of stakeholders, transparent communication through public forums, prioritization of accessibility for persons with disabilities, and utilization of general feedback collectively drive continuous improvements in our efforts to prevent and end homelessness in our communities.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
	1. that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
	2. about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
	3. about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
	4. ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The AL BoS CoC ensures transparency and accessibility in our funding processes. To notify the public about project opportunities, specifically, those organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, we utilize various communication channels such as our official website, social media platforms, email newsletters, and direct outreach. This information is shared before the application period to provide ample preparation time for potential applicants. The AL BoS CoC had a late start for this competition due to multiple HUD monitoring and delayed notification of approval for CoC submission during this competition. Nevertheless, we efficiently moved expeditiously and ensured that our communities were transparently provided with all information for this competitive application cycle, allowing them to apply for funds.

2. The AL BoS CoC provides detailed guidelines on our website and in written materials to maintain clarity in the project application submission process. These guidelines adhere to accessibility standards, ensuring that individuals with disabilities can access the submission process effectively if requested.

3. Our CoC communicates the process for determining which project applications will be submitted to HUD for funding through public meetings and forums. We actively encourage public participation in these meetings, where we openly discuss the evaluation criteria, scoring procedures, and selection process. Moreover, we actively seek input from diverse stakeholders to ensure a fair and equitable decision-making process.

4. The AL BoS CoC prioritizes transparency, accessibility, and inclusivity in our communication and funding processes. We aim to create a fair and accessible environment for all interested parties by informing the public about project opportunities, providing clear submission guidelines, engaging stakeholders in decision-making, and ensuring effective communication and access for persons with disabilities. Our website states the following on the NOFO landing page: per the guidelines established by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you require specific accommodations during the competition process, please notify ARCH at 334-273-0668 at your earliest convenience."

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

18.	Alabama Housing Finance Authority	Yes
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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)

The AL BoS CoC demonstrates a solid commitment to consulting with ESG Program recipients, evaluating their performance, providing Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data, and contributing to the Consolidated Plan update as follows:

1. The AL BoS CoC places great importance on consulting with ESG Program recipients during the planning and allocation of ESG Program funds. This collaborative approach is essential in ensuring that funds are distributed effectively to address homelessness in the region. The CoC regularly engages with recipients through meetings, where discussions encompass the use of ESG funds, referrals, and other pertinent matters. Before submitting applications to ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs), proposals from recipients are presented to the CoC. This promotes transparency and allows for meaningful input and feedback from the CoC members. This process is integral to the CoC's commitment to supporting recipients in their efforts to combat homelessness.
2. The AL BoS CoC actively evaluates and reports on the performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients. Monitoring of recipients is conducted regularly, and monitoring letters are sent to ADECA and the recipients for record-keeping purposes. By providing detailed assessments and reports on recipient performance, the CoC maintains the integrity and effectiveness of ESG-funded projects.
3. The CoC demonstrates its commitment to providing accurate PIT and HIC data for the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area. When ADECA requested Point-in-Time information for the Consolidated Plan, the CoC promptly responded via email. This data is crucial for understanding the extent of homelessness and the housing inventory available.
4. The AL BoS CoC actively provides information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within its geographic area. This information is instrumental in addressing homelessness effectively within the Consolidated Plan update. The CoC leverages its expertise and insights to contribute valuable input to the plan, ensuring that homelessness remains a central focus and that resources are allocated strategically to address this pressing issue.

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)	No
4.	School Districts	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AL BoS CoC is dedicated to addressing youth homelessness and fostering strong partnerships with school districts, State Departments, and school liaisons. These formal collaborations and outreach efforts are crucial in supporting students who are homeless or facing housing instability within the CoC's geographic area.

1. The AL BoS CoC has established formal partnerships with various school districts, reflecting its commitment to assisting students experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These partnerships involve active collaboration with school principals, counselors, and liaisons who contact the CoC for support. The CoC has consistently responded to these requests, providing essential assistance and resources to ensure the well-being of these students.

2. The CoC's dedication extends beyond partnerships to include proactive educational outreach. At the request of the State Coordinator, the CoC has provided a virtual presentation for school districts, ensuring that school personnel and stakeholders are well-informed about the services and resources available within the CoC's purview. These presentations serve as valuable tools for educating school districts on accessing and utilizing CoC resources effectively.

3. Recognizing the importance of direct representation from the education sector, the AL BoS CoC a school representative to serve on one of its committees. This representative plays a pivotal role in integrating the unique needs and perspectives of students experiencing homelessness into the CoC's strategies and initiatives.

4. the CoC maintains an active listserv for school representatives to foster ongoing communication and information sharing. This listserv ensures school districts remain well-connected to CoC activities and receive regular updates, announcements, and relevant information, enhancing their ability to support homeless or at-risk students.

The AL BoS CoC's extensive partnerships, educational outreach efforts, committee representation, and engagement with school liaisons underscore its dedication to addressing youth homelessness and ensuring that students facing housing instability receive the support they need to succeed in their educational journeys.

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 AL BoS CoC has established written policies and procedures to inform individuals and families experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services in compliance with Regulation VII, corresponding to Educational Policies under 24 CFR § 578.23. These policies and procedures ensure that homeless children and youth have access to educational services and are provided with the necessary support to maintain their educational stability. These measures are publicly available on our website at www.archconnection.org.

A. Our policies consider the educational needs of children and unaccompanied youth when placing families in housing. We prioritize putting families with children as close to their school of origin to avoid disruptions in their education.

B. As part of our intake procedures, we inform families with children and unaccompanied youth about their educational rights. This includes providing written materials, assistance with enrollment, and linking them to McKinney-Vento Liaisons who can further support their educational needs.

C. We respect the autonomy of parents and unaccompanied youth in making school placement decisions. We do not require them to transfer to a new school as a condition of receiving assistance.

D. Our policies ensure that children and unaccompanied youth are not compelled to attend programs or services that would interfere with their regular school activities, thus safeguarding their educational pursuits.

E. We post notices of students' rights at each program site serving homeless children and families, ensuring that this information is accessible in appropriate languages.

F. Staff members working with families with students are responsible for ensuring that homeless children and youth in our programs are enrolled and receive all the educational services they are entitled to. These staff members also collaborate with relevant entities, including the Department of Social Services, County Office of Education, McKinney-Vento Coordinator, McKinney-Vento Educational Liaisons, and mainstream providers as needed.

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC has written formal agreements or partnerships with the listed providers of early childhood services:

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No

5.	Federal Home Visiting Program--(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
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.
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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.
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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)

The AL BoS CoC utilizes de-identified aggregate data to address the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the following manner:

1.AL BoS CoC primarily gathers de-identified aggregate data from DV shelters. This data is shared with the CoC through their involvement in the coordinated entry committee. The information obtained from DV shelters includes trends related to survivors, particularly concerning gender and their service needs.

2.AL BoS CoC employs this de-identified aggregate data in conjunction with the HMIS and Coordinated Entry data to assess and address the specialized needs of survivors of domestic violence and homelessness. The key ways in which this data is utilized are as follows:

- By combining data from DV shelters with the broader dataset available through HMIS and Coordinated Entry, AL BoS CoC gains valuable insights into survivors' specific housing and service requirements. This comprehensive analysis aids in identifying the most suitable interventions and support mechanisms.
- De-identified data plays a crucial role in ensuring that survivors of domestic violence face no barriers when accessing housing services. By anonymizing the data, AL BoS CoC respects survivors' privacy while using the information to facilitate their access to necessary assistance.
- The data-sharing process fosters collaboration between DV shelters and the broader CoC. This collaborative approach enables a more comprehensive response to the needs of survivors, ensuring that their unique requirements are addressed effectively.
- AL BoS CoC continuously monitors trends and patterns within the de-identified aggregate data. This ongoing evaluation helps adapt and improve services over time to meet survivors' evolving needs better.

The AL BoS CoC leverages de-identified aggregate data from DV shelters in combination with HMIS and Coordinated Entry data to evaluate and address the specialized needs of survivors of domestic violence and homelessness. This approach ensures survivors' privacy and dignity and facilitates a more effective and coordinated response to their unique requirements.

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)

The AL BoS CoC is committed to providing coordinated annual training on best practices to address the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Here's how the AL BoS CoC coordinates training for project and Coordinated Entry staff:

1. The AL BoS CoC ensures that project staff receive training that covers best practices, such as trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches, safety planning protocols, and other relevant topics.
 - The training for project staff is conducted annually. This ensures that staff members have regular opportunities to refresh their knowledge and stay updated on the latest best practices.
 - To facilitate accessibility, staff members are provided with online training resources that they can access throughout the year. These resources serve as valuable reference materials and allow staff to engage with the content conveniently.
 - Participation in the annual training is mandatory for all project staff members. This ensures that all individuals within the CoC have the necessary knowledge and skills to serve survivors effectively.

2. Coordinated Entry staff members are also provided training emphasizing best practices, including trauma-informed care and safety planning protocols. This training equips them to serve survivors effectively.
 - Similar to project staff, the training for Coordinated Entry staff is conducted annually. This frequency ensures that staff members remain well-versed in best practices and can provide survivor-centered services.
 - Coordinated Entry staff members can access online training materials to revisit and reinforce their knowledge. This resource is valuable for ongoing professional development.

The AL BoS CoC maintains a dedicated section on its website that provides information on trauma-informed care, training dates, and resources for serving survivors. This ensures staff and stakeholders can access relevant information and stay informed about upcoming training opportunities. The website also includes TBD (To Be Determined) dates for future training sessions, allowing stakeholders to plan for their participation in training.

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)

AL BoS CoC strongly emphasizes safety planning and confidentiality protocols within our Coordinated Entry system to effectively address the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

1. Within our Coordinated Entry system, safety planning is a survivor-centered approach, empowering survivors to make informed decisions about their safety and well-being.

- AL BoS CoC maintains close partnerships with domestic violence service providers and shelters in our area. These organizations play a vital role in safety planning. When survivors are identified within the Coordinated Entry system, they are promptly connected with domestic violence service providers who specialize in safety planning and can provide immediate support.
- Coordinated Entry staff members are trained in safety planning protocols to ensure they can assist survivors effectively. This training equips them with the skills and knowledge to engage in meaningful safety planning conversations and connect survivors with appropriate resources.

2. AL BoS CoC places a high value on maintaining strict confidentiality in all interactions with survivors.

- Our Coordinated Entry and HMIS system employs data security measures to safeguard survivor information.
- Coordinated Entry staff undergo comprehensive training on confidentiality protocols and ethical standards.

The Rural Alabama Coordinated Access System (RACAS) prioritizes safety planning and confidentiality protocols to meet the unique needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This survivor-centered approach empowers individuals to make choices about their safety and well-being.

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)

The BoS CoC utilizes de-identified aggregate data to address the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the following manner:

1.AL BoS CoC primarily gathers de-identified aggregate data from domestic violence (DV) shelters. This data is shared with the Continuum of Care (CoC) through their involvement in the coordinated entry committee. The information obtained from DV shelters includes trends related to survivors, particularly concerning gender and their service needs.

2.AL BoS CoC effectively employs this de-identified aggregate data in conjunction with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry data to assess and address the specialized needs of survivors of domestic violence and homelessness. The keyways in which this data is utilized are as follows:

- By combining data from DV shelters with the broader dataset available through HMIS and Coordinated Entry, AL BoS CoC gains valuable insights into survivors' specific housing and service requirements. This comprehensive analysis aids in identifying the most suitable interventions and support mechanisms.
- De-identified data plays a crucial role in ensuring that survivors of domestic violence face no barriers when accessing housing services. By anonymizing the data, AL BoS CoC respects survivors' privacy while using the information to facilitate their access to necessary assistance.
- The data-sharing process fosters collaboration between DV shelters and the broader CoC. This collaborative approach enables a more comprehensive response to the needs of survivors, ensuring that their unique requirements are addressed effectively.
- AL BoS CoC monitors trends and patterns within the de-identified aggregate data. This ongoing evaluation helps adapt and improve services over time to meet survivors' evolving needs better.

The AL BoS CoC leverages de-identified aggregate data from DV shelters in combination with HMIS and Coordinated Entry data to evaluate and address the specialized needs of survivors of domestic violence and homelessness. This approach ensures survivors' privacy and dignity and facilitates a more effective and coordinated response to their unique requirements.

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)

The Alabama BoS CoC communicates its policies and procedures regarding emergency transfers for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as follows:

1. AL BoS CoC has established comprehensive emergency transfer protocols encompassing permanent housing and confidential shelter options. These protocols are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of survivors in emergencies.
2. The CoC prioritizes the confidentiality and privacy of survivors. No protected client information is disclosed without written permission from the individuals or families seeking assistance. To further protect survivor confidentiality, clients assessed through non-domestic violence (DV) providers can use anonymous names or client identifiers during the assessment and housing or shelter placement processes. Additionally, the initial triage system implemented by the CoC assigns a unique number identifier to each person entered into the system. These number identifiers are used during Coordinated Entry (CE) weekly calls to maintain confidentiality and privacy. Protections for confidentiality are clearly outlined in the CoC's Charter, HMIS standards, and standard operating procedures.
3. The AL BoS CoC employs a tenant-based housing approach throughout its operations. This approach prioritizes client choice and safety. Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are not restricted to housing options within the CoC's jurisdiction. If households present as fleeing domestic violence, they can request housing outside of the CoC's jurisdiction. This flexibility ensures survivors can access safe and suitable housing options that meet their unique needs and preferences.

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 safety house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AL BoS CoC is committed to ensuring that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all housing and services available within our CoC's geographic area while proactively identifying and addressing systemic barriers.

1.AL BoS CoC collaborates closely with domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) service providers, shelters, and advocacy organizations. These partnerships ensure survivors have safe and specialized access to housing and services tailored to their immediate needs. Some shelters we strongly partner with are Bethesda House, SABRA Sanctuary, House of Ruth, and Victim Services of Cullman County.

- Our Coordinated Entry system plays a pivotal role in ensuring safe access for survivors. It assesses their needs, identifies available housing resources, and matches survivors with appropriate housing and services. This trauma-informed process empowers survivors to make choices that prioritize their safety.
- AL BoS CoC provides ongoing support to projects and programs that serve survivors, ensuring they align with best practices, are trauma-informed, and prioritize survivor safety. This support includes technical assistance, funding, and monitoring to maintain the quality and safety of services.
- The CoC website included the Crisis on website's crisis hotline number. We also collaborate with DV/SA agencies to connect survivors in need.

2.AL BoS CoC conducts regular assessments of the homeless response system to identify systemic barriers that may create obstacles for survivors. These assessments involve data analysis, stakeholder feedback, and survivor feedback. We engage with stakeholders, including survivors, service providers, advocacy organizations, and community partners, to gain insights into systemic barriers. These voices are integral to our efforts to address underlying issues.

- AL BoS CoC provides training and education to service providers, community organizations, and other stakeholders
- We maintain a commitment to continuous improvement, regularly reviewing and adjusting our processes, policies, and practices to remove barriers and enhance access for survivors.

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)

The AL BoS CoC is dedicated to ensuring that survivors with a range of lived expertise actively participate in developing our CoC-wide policy and programs. We also prioritize accounting for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

1. AL BoS CoC has established a Lived Person Experience Workgroup of survivors who bring firsthand knowledge and expertise related to homelessness, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This workgroup plays a central role in policy and program development.

•Survivors from the Lived Person Experience Workgroup actively engage in various committees and workgroups within the CoC. They participate in committees related to policy development, program design, funding allocation, and other relevant areas. Their input is highly valued, and their perspectives are instrumental in shaping CoC initiatives.

2.Survivors with lived expertise participate in policy and program development and sit on the review and ranking committee. This committee evaluates funding applications and decides which programs receive CoC funding. Having survivors in this role ensures that the unique needs of survivors are considered during the allocation of resources.

•We prioritize cultural competency and sensitivity in all programs and services. This includes training staff and service providers to be aware of and responsive to survivors' cultural, linguistic, and identity-based needs.

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)

The AL BoS CoC is committed to promoting anti-discrimination policies, ensuring trauma-informed housing and services for LGBTQ+ individuals and families, assisting providers in adopting these policies, evaluating compliance, and addressing non-compliance.

1. While we acknowledge that there may be limited LGBTQ+ serving organizations within our geography, we actively seek collaboration with any available LGBTQ+ organizations.
 •AL BoS CoC regularly reviews its anti-discrimination policy to ensure it is up-to-date and aligned with the latest best practices and requirements. We seek input from LGBTQ+ organizations, when available, to incorporate their expertise and perspectives.

2. AL BoS CoC provides guidance and resources to housing and service providers to assist them in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with our CoC-wide policy, as posted on our website at www.archconnection.org.
 •Technical assistance is offered to providers to support them in implementing these policies effectively. This assistance may involve training, consultation, and access to experts who can help providers tailor their approaches to their specific programs.

3. AL BoS CoC conducts regular monitoring and compliance checks to ensure housing and service providers adhere to our anti-discrimination policies. This includes reviewing policies, monitoring, and acknowledging any feedback from program participants.
 •We maintain open communication channels with providers and program participants, encouraging them to report any concerns related to discrimination or non-compliance.

4. In cases of non-compliance with our anti-discrimination policies, AL BoS CoC works collaboratively with providers to develop corrective action plans. These plans outline steps to rectify the issues and ensure compliance.
 •Non-compliant providers may receive additional technical assistance and training to help them align with our policies. This support is aimed at improving their understanding and implementation of anti-discrimination measures.

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?
Auburn Housing Authority		Yes-Public Housing	No
Selma Housing Authority		Yes-Public Housing	No

You must enter information for at least 1 row in question 1C-7.

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 AL BoS CoC has not worked directly with our Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to adopt a Homeless Admission Preference. However, we have established collaborative partnerships with five Public Housing Authorities (PHA's) within our continuum that have Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) and receive referrals directly from our CoC through a referral form and additional documentation. Our collaboration with these CoCs ensures that homeless individuals and families in our geographic area can access housing resources and preferences through the EHV's.

2. We maintain regular meetings with the EHV awardees within our continuum to coordinate and streamline the referral and admission process for homeless individuals and families. While we may not have adopted a homeless admission preference directly with PHAs, our collaborative efforts with CoCs that have EHV's enable us to prioritize housing for those experiencing homelessness, aligning with the broader goal of effectively addressing homelessness within our geographic area.

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)?	No
		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.	

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?	No
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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.

PHA:
Auburn Housing Au...
York Housing Auth...
Selma Housing Aut...
Lineville Housing...

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

Name of PHA: Auburn Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: York Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Selma Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Lineville Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1. Foster Care	No
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.	10
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.	10
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)

The AL BoS CoC evaluates projects to determine if they are using a Housing First approach through a comprehensive process that includes multiple steps and considerations:

1. During the application process, AL BoS CoC interviews applicants. These interviews include questions and discussions regarding the Housing First approach. Applicants are asked to provide details on how their projects align with Housing First principles. Applicants are encouraged to use the Housing First Checklist supplied on our website as a self-evaluation tool. This checklist helps applicants assess their readiness and understanding of Housing First principles. It includes questions about client choice, low-barrier access, and harm reduction, among other vital components.

2. The primary factor considered during the evaluation is how much the project aligns with Housing First principles. This includes assessing if the project provides client-centered, low-barrier access to housing without preconditions prioritizing immediate placement and client choice. Referral and Participation History: The CoC also considers an applicant's history of participating in projects that require a Housing First approach. If an applicant has a track record of successfully implementing Housing First principles in previous projects, it is seen as a positive indicator. AL BoS CoC reviews whether applicants have been involved in the Coordinated Entry system and whether they have assisted clients, even when facing barriers, in accessing appropriate housing.

3. The CoC provides extensive training on Housing First principles to all funded agencies. The CoC analyzes the referral patterns to projects, considering whether referrals are made to agencies applying for funding and the outcomes of those referrals.

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)

The AL BoS CoC conducts street outreach efforts to engage with persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in our geographic area. While we do not have specific outreach teams, we rely on a collaborative approach involving stakeholders, volunteers, and community partners to identify and engage with individuals experiencing homelessness in their local communities.

1. Various stakeholders conduct outreach, including local service providers, faith-based organizations, and concerned community members. These individuals work independently and collaboratively to identify and engage unsheltered persons. AL BoS CoC conducts training sessions for community stakeholders to educate them on how to identify and assist individuals experiencing homelessness. This empowers community members to participate in outreach efforts actively. In addition to traditional outreach, we have implemented virtual outreach methods. An online homeless needs survey allows individuals to self-identify their homelessness and immediate needs. Follow-up assistance is provided immediately based on survey responses.

2. Our street outreach efforts aim to cover 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area. While we do not have specific outreach teams in each county due to funding limitations, we rely on community stakeholders and volunteers familiar with their respective regions to conduct outreach effectively.

3. AL BoS CoC conducts street outreach annually, typically during the Point-in-Time (PIT) count. This annual effort allows us to gather critical data on unsheltered homelessness in our communities while providing outreach and support to those in need.

4. Recognizing that not all individuals experiencing homelessness are likely to request assistance, we tailor our outreach efforts to reach out to those who may be less inclined to seek help. Local stakeholders, when possible, collaborate with local law enforcement, healthcare providers, and social service agencies to identify individuals who may be hesitant to request assistance. Additionally, we work closely with community leaders and faith-based organizations to provide outreach to individuals in encampments and remote areas where traditional services may not be immediately available.

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)		

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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	137	24

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)

The AL BoS CoC actively engages in efforts to provide information on mainstream resources, collaborate with healthcare organizations, and promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification for program staff.

1.AL BoS CoC coordinates with local service providers and agencies to systematically provide up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants. This includes resources such as Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and substance abuse programs within our geographic area. We conduct training sessions to educate service providers and program staff on accessing and navigating mainstream resources, including guidance on assisting program participants in accessing the benefits and services they are eligible for.

2.AL BoS CoC collaborates with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse and mental health treatment providers, to ensure program participants have access to essential healthcare services. These partnerships help bridge the gap between housing and healthcare, promoting holistic well-being. We establish referral systems between housing programs and healthcare organizations to facilitate seamless access to healthcare services, which may involve case management and care coordination to address the unique needs of program participants.

3.AL BoS CoC serves as the dedicated SOAR Technical Assistance (TA) provider for 42 counties. We have staff certified in SOAR and equipped to provide training, guidance, and support to local agencies and program staff seeking SOAR certification. We actively promote SOAR certification among program staff and service providers.

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)

The AL BoS CoC actively engages in efforts to provide information on mainstream resources, collaborate with healthcare organizations, and promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification for program staff.

1.AL BoS CoC coordinates with local service providers and agencies to systematically provide up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants. This includes resources such as Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and substance abuse programs within our geographic area. We conduct training sessions to educate service providers and program staff on accessing and navigating mainstream resources, including guidance on assisting program participants in accessing the benefits and services they are eligible for.

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ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:	
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AL BoS CoC strongly emphasizes effective collaboration with state and local public health agencies to develop policies and procedures for responding to infectious disease outbreaks and to prevent such epidemics among people experiencing homelessness.

1. AL BoS CoC actively participates in the Alabama Department of Public Health's State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). Our involvement allows us to contribute valuable insights and expertise related to the health and well-being of individuals experiencing homelessness. Our CoC Director was a guest speaker at a SHIP monthly meeting in 2023, where we shared our perspective on addressing homelessness and health-related challenges. This engagement ensures that the unique needs of the homeless population are considered in statewide health planning.

2. AL BoS CoC collaborates closely with public health agencies by sharing data related to homelessness within our geographic area. This data exchange enables public health agencies to understand the scope of homelessness and potential health risks, leading to informed decision-making. Our CoC provides data to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) upon request, ensuring they can access the latest information to support their efforts to prevent and respond to infectious diseases.

3. Our CoC actively engages in Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) meetings in some counties. These meetings provide a platform for coordination and collaboration among organizations, including public health agencies, to respond effectively to emergencies and disasters. We maintain regular communication with the Governor's Office of Volunteer Services, ensuring that the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness are considered within the broader context of disaster preparedness and response.

4. At the local level, our CoC stakeholders are actively engaged in community-level efforts to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. Local stakeholders play a crucial role in advocating for homeless individuals' health and well-being and developing localized responses to infectious disease challenges.

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)

The Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care (AL BoS CoC) actively facilitates collaboration with public health agencies to address infectious diseases among individuals experiencing homelessness.

1. AL BoS CoC maintains open communication channels with public health agencies at the state and local levels. We regularly receive updates on public health measures and guidelines related to infectious diseases, especially those that impact homeless populations. We serve as a conduit for disseminating critical public health information to homeless service providers within our CoC's geographic area. The CoC shares educational materials and resources that public health agencies provide with our service providers, ensuring that shelter, housing providers, and street outreach teams are informed and equipped to implement necessary health protocols.

2. We offer technical assistance to homeless service providers accessing information from public health agencies, including guidance on staying updated with the latest health recommendations and protocols. The CoC organizes training sessions and workshops that focus on infectious disease prevention and control. These sessions often include representatives from public health agencies who can provide insights and answer questions from service providers. We previously had a Registered Nurse provide multiple presentations on Covid and other infectious diseases and shelter best practices.

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. AL BoS CoC is committed to providing coordinated entry services that cover 100 percent of our CoC's geographic area to ensure equitable access to housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness throughout our entire jurisdiction. Through our extensive network of service providers, stakeholders, and community partnerships, we work to establish access points and outreach efforts that reach all corners of our geographic area, ensuring that anyone in need can access coordinated entry services.

2. Our coordinated entry system employs a standardized assessment process that is consistently used by all participating projects and service providers and is publicly available to those seeking services. This process helps ensure fairness, equity, and consistency in assessing the needs of households seeking assistance. The assessment process includes a standardized set of questions and criteria to determine eligibility and priority for housing and services. This approach ensures families receive appropriate referrals and interventions based on their unique circumstances.

3. AL BoS CoC maintains an ongoing feedback loop with participating projects and households involved in coordinated entry. We believe that feedback is essential for continuous improvement. We conduct regular meetings and feedback sessions with service providers to gather input on the effectiveness of the coordinated entry system, including weekly CE calls where feedback is actively sought. An open survey is also available for users of the CE system to provide feedback at any time. Survey results are closely monitored, and the findings are presented to the CE workgroup for review and action. Our collaborative approach allows us to promptly address any identified gaps or areas for improvement.

Updates to the coordinated entry system, including revisions to assessment tools, prioritization criteria, and referral processes, are made in response to the feedback received, ensuring that the system remains responsive to the evolving needs of households.

<https://www.statcrunch.com/surveys/view?surveyid=39833> - Stakeholders

<https://www.statcrunch.com/surveys/view?surveyid=39829> – Consumer

This year, we have had three responses from stakeholders and 13 from consumers

	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)

The AL BoS CoC has implemented a participant-centered program within our coordinated entry system to ensure equitable access to homeless assistance, prioritize those in greatest need, and provide permanent housing in a timely and participant-preference-consistent manner, all while reducing burdens on those seeking help.

1. AL BoS CoC recognizes that some individuals experiencing homelessness may be hesitant or unable to apply for homeless assistance through traditional means. To address this, stakeholders conduct special outreach efforts targeting locations frequented by individuals who are least likely to seek help.

2. Within our coordinated entry system, we use a standardized vulnerability assessment tool to evaluate the needs and vulnerabilities of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The tool assesses factors such as medical conditions, disabilities, and length of time homeless to prioritize those in the greatest need. AL BoS CoC maintains a housing-focused approach, prioritizing those with the most acute housing needs. Priority is given to households with higher vulnerability scores, ensuring they receive timely access to housing and services.

3. AL BoS CoC promotes rapid rehousing interventions designed to move households into permanent housing while providing necessary support quickly. We prioritize participant choice in housing placements, considering their preferences for location, type of housing, and other factors, empowering individuals and families to have a say in their housing outcomes.

4. The CoC continuously evaluates and streamlines the coordinated entry process to minimize administrative burdens on program participants, simplifying application procedures and ensuring user-friendly access to assessment tools. AL BoS CoC makes information about coordinated entry, available resources, and housing options easily accessible through multiple channels, which helps individuals understand the process and make informed decisions.

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. AL BoS CoC conducts targeted outreach efforts to market housing and services provided within our geographic area affirmatively. This outreach includes reaching out to individuals and families experiencing homelessness through various channels, such as community events, shelters, service providers, and social service agencies. We ensure that information about available housing and services is accessible to all persons experiencing homelessness, including those who may face barriers to accessing information through traditional means, including providing information in multiple languages and formats as needed.

2. Program participants are informed of their rights and remedies under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. We provide fair housing education and materials to program participants verbally and through written materials. Participants receive information on filing a grievance if they believe their fair housing rights have been violated. This information is made readily available and includes contact details for reporting grievances. Information about fair housing rights and remedies and grievance procedures is posted on our CoC's website to ensure that program participants can access this information at any time.

3. While we have not encountered situations that required reporting to the jurisdiction responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan, AL BoS CoC is committed to monitoring and promptly reporting any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants.

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.	10/19/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AL BoS CoC follows a structured process to analyze racial disparities in the provision and outcomes of homeless assistance, drawing guidance from dated July 9, 2018, on addressing racial disparities in the community. Our approach includes:

1.ARCH comprehensively analyzes data sources such as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Point-in-Time (PIT) counts, and community-wide census data. These sources provide demographic information on individuals experiencing homelessness, allowing us to assess racial and ethnic representation in our homeless population.

2.Our analysis has identified specific racial disparities in the provision and outcomes of homeless assistance within our service area. Notably, in certain areas, we observed that African Americans have received fewer program services, and this population has a higher recurrence rate of homelessness.

3.To address these disparities, ARCH recognizes the need for a more trauma-informed and racially equitable approach. While our CoC currently utilizes the Vulnerability Index–Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VISPDAT), we seek a tool that aligns with these principles.

4.We plan to collaborate more with stakeholders to address disparities more comprehensively and actively. Furthermore, we are committed to setting a long-term vision for training among stakeholder leadership, frontline workers, our COC Board, and other interested parties in understanding equity and applying equity-based lenses to our work in ending homelessness.

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.		

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 AL BoS CoC is dedicated to addressing disparities in homeless assistance provision and outcomes. Our multifaceted approach aligns with the goals outlined in NOFO Section V.B.1.q. We've established protocols to target vulnerable populations, including veterans, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and minority communities. These teams build trust and connect individuals with the right services. For example, we work closely with the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System and SSVF recipients to identify homeless veterans. In addition, these entities utilize our coordinated entry and HMIS.

Data-driven decision-making is integral, with regular analysis of demographic data to identify disparities. Continuous evaluation and feedback from clients and stakeholders help us refine our approaches. The AL BoS CoC is committed to achieving equity in homeless assistance provision across the 42 counties we serve in Alabama.

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. ARCH collects and analyzes comprehensive data metrics related to homelessness, including demographic information, service utilization, housing placements, and outcomes. By disaggregating this data by race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, and other relevant factors, we identify disparities in real time.

2. We maintain a reporting schedule that includes quarterly and annual reports. These reports outline progress in addressing disparities and provide updates on implementing strategies to reduce them. They are shared with funders, partner organizations, and the public. In addition, we actively seek client feedback through surveys and direct interviews. This qualitative information offers valuable insights into the experiences of individuals receiving homeless assistance. Any disparities in service satisfaction or perceived outcomes are addressed promptly.

The AL BoS CoC also requested applicants to complete a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) assessment, which is accessible on our website. During the ranking and review committee's interview process, specific questions regarding DEI were posed to applicants, focusing on their approaches to ensuring inclusivity. Consequently, there was a consensus among the committee members that increasing staff expertise in DEI and actively involving individuals with lived experience in the decision-making process would be pivotal steps in advancing these objectives.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AL BoS CoC is committed to involving individuals with lived experience of homelessness in service delivery and decision-making processes. While we have made significant strides in this regard, we are actively working to expand our outreach efforts to engage more individuals with lived experience in leadership roles and decision-making.

1. We have a dedicated Lived Experience Workgroup within the CoC, which includes individuals who have personally experienced homelessness. This workgroup is vital in providing input, feedback, and recommendations on CoC initiatives and projects. To further strengthen this workgroup, we plan additional outreach efforts to identify and invite more individuals with lived experience to join. This outreach may include social media announcements, targeted outreach through service providers, and collaborations with organizations serving homeless individuals. We use social media platforms to reach a wider audience and invite those with lived experience to participate in CoC activities and leadership roles.

2. Recognizing the importance of including the voices of youth and families experiencing homelessness, we have worked for the past two years to establish a Youth Advisory Board. The board will specifically focus on the unique needs and challenges homeless youth and families with school-age children face. Outreach materials have been developed and will be shared with school liaisons to disseminate among homeless youth who may be interested in participating. This outreach effort is critical in ensuring that the youth and family perspective is represented in our decision-making processes.

In addition, the AL BoS CoC is exploring additional targeted engagement strategies, including outreach at shelters /hotels, drop-in centers, and community events where individuals with lived experience of homelessness are likely to gather.

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.	12	8
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	5	3
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	1
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	3	2

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AL BoS CoC stakeholders are dedicated to providing professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experiences of homelessness. Through partnerships with local service providers and agencies, options are aimed at enhancing the skills and employability of individuals who have experienced homelessness, empowering them to secure stable employment and contribute to their self-sufficiency, breaking the cycle of homelessness, and fostering economic independence within our communities.

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. Our CoC conducts direct outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness through shelter providers, hotel/motel management, and community-based organizations. We engage in one-on-one conversations to listen to their concerns, needs, and suggestions. We administer surveys designed to gather anonymous feedback from individuals experiencing homelessness. These surveys cover various topics, including service accessibility, barriers to housing, and overall satisfaction with assistance.
2. Individuals who have received assistance through CoC or ESG programs are routinely asked to complete post-service surveys. These surveys allow program participants to provide insights into their experiences, the effectiveness of the services received, and areas for improvement. The survey link is on our website and sent to stakeholders for dissemination to recipients.
3. Feedback gathered from individuals experiencing homelessness and program participants is carefully reviewed and analyzed. Action plans are developed to address identified challenges and shortcomings within our homeless service system. When necessary, AL BoS CoC makes adjustments to policies and programs based on feedback received and can involve modifying eligibility criteria, improving service delivery methods, or expanding support services. We actively engage with stakeholders, including service providers, to collaboratively address challenges, including enhancing the coordination of services and access to affordable housing.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	
	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)

AL507 BoS CoC has not been directly involved in policy reform regarding zoning, land use, or regulatory barriers to housing development. Our primary focus has been collaborating with developers and other stakeholders to articulate our area's pressing need 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:

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline—Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	09/12/2023
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.	09/12/2023

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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	125
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	2
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	HMIS

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 AL BoS COC conducted an analysis of project success in permanently housing program participants. We relied on data from HMIS and the Annual Performance Report (APR). These metrics provided valuable insights into outcomes when individuals exit projects, which informed our project ranking decisions. Projects voluntarily reallocated based on this information.

2.We recognized the importance of minimizing the time it takes to house individuals in permanent housing. To address this, our CoC regularly analyzed data on the length of time between project intake and permanent housing placement.

3.Our CoC took a holistic approach to consider the specific needs and vulnerabilities of program participants. When ranking and selecting projects, we factored in the following considerations:

- The location of homelessness (underserved rural areas with high need).
- Adherence to Housing First principles, which include providing housing without screening out individuals based on factors like low income, substance abuse history, criminal records (with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions), and a history of victimization or domestic violence (DV).
- Recognition of projects that will serve all populations.

4.Our CoC incentivized projects that target the hardest-to-serve populations. These projects were not penalized for potential lower performance levels because they were new applicants but were rather considered

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 AL BoS CoC recognizes the importance of advancing racial equity within our homelessness response system. To ensure a fair and inclusive process, we actively sought input from individuals representing diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population. This input was pivotal in determining the rating factors used to review project applications. We engaged in comprehensive outreach efforts to gather insights and perspectives from individuals with lived experience, veterans, people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds, and various community stakeholders. Their input has significantly informed the rating factors, ensuring they align with our communities' unique needs and challenges.

2.The AL BoS CoC is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in every aspect of our work, including reviewing, selecting, and ranking projects. To achieve this, our ranking and review committee consists of members who represent diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, encompassing men, women, individuals with lived experience, a veteran, and a broad range of community stakeholders. These committee demographics are transparently available on our website to promote transparency and accountability. This diverse composition ensures that the perspectives of individuals from over-represented racial and ethnic groups in our local homelessness population are integral to the decision-making process. Their presence helps safeguard against bias and promotes fairness in the allocation of resources.

3.In our commitment to advancing racial equity, AL BoS CoC is proactive in rating and ranking projects. We assess each project's degree of awareness regarding barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population. Projects are evaluated based on their capacity to identify these barriers, whether they relate to outreach, access to services, or other systemic challenges. Equally crucial, we assess the steps that each project has taken or will take to eliminate these identified barriers. This comprehensive evaluation ensures that our CoC's resources are directed toward projects that actively address and prioritize racial equity, ultimately contributing to a more equitable and effective homelessness response system within our geographic area.

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.AL BoS CoC staff proactively reach out to all projects within the CoC to determine if they are interested in reallocating funds, either in whole or partially. Projects that voluntarily opt for reallocation can submit proposals for new projects. Additionally, during this stage, the CoC assesses whether a project currently slated for reallocation fulfills a unique community need and evaluates the potential impact of the reallocation on current project participants. In contrast, involuntary reallocations are guided by project performance and identified deficiencies. These reallocations are initiated when a project's performance falls below established standards or specific deficiencies are identified. In such cases, the decision to reallocate funds is based on performance metrics and weaknesses (HMIS, Monitoring, and APR data are used to help verify).

2.During our CoC's local competition this year, we identified two low-performing Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects. These projects had consistently demonstrated subpar performance over the past two years, both in terms of outcomes and their alignment with the evolving needs of our communities. This identification was based on robust data analysis and a commitment to optimizing our resource allocation for better results.

3.In line with our commitment to ensuring that resources are effectively utilized, AL BoS CoC reallocated the two identified low-performing PH-PSH projects during our local competition this year. This decision was made after carefully considering their sustained underperformance and the need to redirect resources toward projects that demonstrate greater effectiveness in addressing homelessness.

4.The decision not to reallocate low-performing or less-needed projects during our local competition this year was not applicable as we did proceed with reallocating the identified low-performing PH-PSH projects. Our CoC remains committed to regularly reviewing project performance and making necessary adjustments to optimize the impact of our homelessness response efforts, prioritizing the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness within our communities.

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.	09/19/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	

You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/25/2023
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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:

- 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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Welisky
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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.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care (AL BoS CoC) and the HMIS Lead have proactively ensured that Domestic Violence (DV) housing and service providers within our CoC collect data in comparable databases. The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) administers the database. This database is designed to comply with funders' requirements and is used to collect and manage data related to survivors of domestic violence.

2. DV housing and service providers within the AL BoS CoC utilize a HUD-compliant comparable database that aligns with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards. The database ensures that data collection and reporting by DV providers are consistent with the established standards, facilitating compatibility and sharing within the CoC.

3. The HMIS used by the AL BoS CoC is fully compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards. This compliance ensures that all data collected and managed within our HMIS system adhere to HUD's established standards, enabling effective coordination and reporting of homelessness-related information, including DV providers' data.

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	179	98	81	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	27	21	6	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	24	0	24	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	4	0	4	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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)

1. Over the next 12 months, the AL BoS CoC will focus on several strategic steps to increase the bed coverage rate for project types that currently have rates below 85 percent. One key strategy is to engage in ongoing discussions with non-HMIS participating providers, particularly those contributing to lower bed coverage rates. These discussions will emphasize the benefits of HMIS participation, including improved coordination of services and reduced duplication of efforts. By educating providers on the advantages of HMIS, the CoC aims to encourage more providers to participate, ultimately increasing the bed coverage rate.

2. The CoC will work closely with local agencies and organizations, particularly the Veterans Affairs (VA) office, to enhance the utilization of HMIS. Specifically, the CoC will collaborate with the VA on fully implementing HMIS for their Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) project. This involves training and supporting VA staff to ensure they effectively use HMIS to track and serve homeless veterans. By strengthening this partnership, the CoC anticipates an increase in bed coverage for this project type.

3. Another essential step involves engaging faith-based Emergency Shelters (ES) within the CoC's jurisdiction. The CoC will emphasize that HMIS participation does not conflict with the faith-based mission and that client-level data is protected and confidential. By addressing potential concerns and misconceptions, the CoC aims to encourage faith-based ES providers to participate in HMIS, thereby contributing to increased bed coverage. It's important to note that there are no Safe Havens within the AL BoS CoC's geography, resulting in a bed coverage rate of 0% for this project type.

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

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

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

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/25/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. We engaged unaccompanied youth and youth-serving organizations in the PIT count planning process by involving local stakeholders in each community within our CoC's geographic area. These stakeholders were responsible for gathering volunteers and coordinating efforts. Youth-serving organizations and advocates for homeless youth were actively involved in the planning discussions, ensuring their perspectives and expertise were included once such organizations as TEARS covered the Macon County area and served a homeless youth population.
2. Local representatives and stakeholders collaborated to identify "concentration zones" within their communities where homeless youth were known to frequent.
3. AL BoS CoC leadership and staff were pivotal in providing training and assistance for the PIT count. This training was extended to youth experiencing homelessness who participated as counters.

2B-4.	PIT Count—Methodology Change—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
	4. state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.No significant changes were made to the sheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) count implementation, including methodology or data quality, between 2022 and 2023 for the Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care (AL BoS CoC). We maintained our existing procedures and data collection methods for sheltered PIT counts, including online surveys, paper forms, and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Our CoC continued collaborating closely with service providers to ensure their data remained up-to-date and accurate.

2.Similarly, no significant changes were made to the unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality, between 2022 and 2023 for the AL BoS CoC. We retained our existing procedures and methods for conducting unsheltered PIT counts, utilizing online surveys, paper forms, and HMIS. Our ongoing collaboration with service providers ensured data accuracy during unsheltered counts.

3.As no changes were made to our PIT count implementation between 2022 and 2023, there were no significant effects on our CoC's PIT count results. Our consistent approach, including online surveys, paper forms, and HMIS, and close coordination with service providers allowed us to maintain the integrity and accuracy of our PIT count data.

4."Not Applicable" as no changes were made to our PIT count methodologies or data quality procedures between 2022 and 2023, and we continued to utilize a combination of online surveys, paper forms, and HMIS for data collection.

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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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)

1. In collaboration with community partners and stakeholders, the AL BoS CoC determined the risk factors for identifying individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time through a thorough and empathetic process. This involved engaging with homeless service providers, conducting surveys and interviews with those experiencing homelessness, and analyzing available HMIS and P-Statcrunch data. The goal was to gain a deep understanding of the underlying causes and contributing factors to first-time homelessness.

2. The AL BoS CoC has developed a strategy to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. This strategy is rooted in compassion and a commitment to prevention. The CoC focuses on preventative outreach efforts, reaching out to individuals and families on the verge of homelessness. This includes providing information on available resources emergency financial assistance, and connecting them with support services. Collaborative efforts are made with local housing agencies and Legal Service Alabama (referrals made) to provide eviction prevention services. This includes legal assistance to tenants facing eviction and mediation with landlords to prevent homelessness.

3. The Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless serves as the lead agency in the CoC, with the CoC governing board and member stakeholders collectively responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. This collaborative approach ensures that all stakeholders are engaged in decision-making, policy development, and the allocation of resources, fostering a compassionate and collective effort to address this critical issue. By identifying risk factors, implementing prevention strategies, and involving a wide array of stakeholders, including the Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless as the lead agency, the CoC is dedicated to addressing the unique needs of those at risk of experiencing homelessness for the first time compassionately and effectively.

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?	Yes
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AL BoS CoC's Number of First-Time Homeless [metric 5.2] was notably impacted by the influx of individuals seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance following a series of natural disasters in our region. In particular, a devastating tornado struck Dallas County on January 12th, significantly increasing the number of homeless individuals. Our CoC played a vital role in providing emergency housing assistance, offering crucial case management services, and actively participating in community coordination efforts. Additionally, in February 2022, tornadoes struck Hale and Green Counties, further exacerbating the homelessness challenge and underscoring the importance of our ongoing efforts to provide support and resources to those affected.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our Coordinated Entry (CE) system facilitates weekly case conferencing sessions involving various partners to problem-solve and coordinate care for participants enrolled in CE collectively. These sessions allow for a comprehensive assessment of each individual or family's needs and provide a platform for tailoring interventions to reduce the length of homelessness. Our CE system tracks the total number of months each household has experienced homelessness. This data is a critical indicator for prioritizing individuals and families who have been homeless for extended periods.

2. AL BoS CoC has developed a prioritization process that specifically targets individuals and families with the most prolonged durations of homelessness. This prioritization ensures that those in the most critical need of housing assistance receive prompt and targeted support.

3. The Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (Lead Agency) Coordinated Entry Manager oversees our CoC's strategy to reduce the time individuals and families remain homeless. This organization plays a pivotal role in coordinating efforts, data analysis, and ensuring that the prioritization process is effectively implemented to address the unique needs of our homeless population.

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. AL BoS CoC closely monitors the length of time individuals and families spend homeless by reviewing systems performance measure outcomes. Our emergency shelter (ES) programs typically aim to have stays under 30 days, ensuring a swift transition to permanent housing. We have implemented Dedicated Plus beds and adopted CPD Notice 16-11 to prioritize individuals based on the length of their homelessness. This ensures that those homeless the longest receive expedited access to housing. AL BoS CoC enforces a Housing First approach for all projects, emphasizing rapid access to housing without preconditions. This approach streamlines moving individuals and families from ES or street homelessness to rapid rehousing.

2. The CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) Manager provides training to ensure service providers deliver housing-focused and low-barrier services. This approach not only facilitates housing placement but also supports the retention of permanent housing. The AL BoS CoC utilizes a triage-by-name list with HMIS data to identify households with the most extended lengths of homelessness. This list is a prioritization tool, ensuring that the highest-need families are matched with available permanent housing vacancies.

3. The Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (lead agency) CE Manager oversees and implements the CoC's strategy to increase the rate of individuals and families exiting or retaining permanent housing. This role involves coordination, training, and data analysis to optimize housing outcomes within our continuum.

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. AL BoS CoC conducts in-depth data analysis of HMIS to identify individuals and families who have returned to homelessness. This analysis involves tracking patterns and trends in homelessness recidivism to pinpoint areas of concern. Our CoC collaborations allow us to share information and observations about individuals and families at risk of returning to homelessness.
2. The availability of Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG CV) funds was instrumental in our efforts to reduce returns to homelessness. These funds allowed us to rapidly rehouse households with a focus on creating long-term, sustainable housing plans. AL BoS CoC and its partner organizations have developed more strategic and realistic long-term goals for families at risk of returning to homelessness. This includes ongoing support, case management, and access to resources beyond initial housing placement.
3. The Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (Lead Agency) Coordinated Entry Manager.

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. AL BoS CoC actively promotes partnerships with various stakeholders who provide access to employment opportunities. We invite these entities to join the CoC and collaborate in addressing homelessness issues. To facilitate access to employment, our CoC conducts outreach to local business organizations. This outreach helps us recruit volunteers for the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count, fostering connections between businesses and individuals experiencing homelessness.
2. CoC members engage in partnerships with local businesses and government stakeholders to collectively address the need for affordable housing solutions and services for people without homes and those at risk of homelessness. These collaborations can include initiatives to connect homeless individuals with job opportunities within the community.
3. In conjunction with its member organizations, The AL BoS CoC leadership (Staff and Board) is collectively responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase income from employment, including coordinating efforts to engage with mainstream employment organizations, fostering partnerships, and promoting employment opportunities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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. AL BoS CoC monitors employment and non-employment income through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). We emphasize the importance of community providers seeking to increase both types of income, along with other benefits and supports like EBT, WIC, and rental subsidies. The CoC collects and shares client demographics, community housing, and employment data to illustrate the need for increased non-employment cash income. This data-driven approach informs our strategies and initiatives. CoC-funded partners conduct intake assessments that assess eligibility for various cash benefits, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), and unemployment benefits.

2. Additionally, participants are assessed for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and medical resources eligibility. For veterans, the AL BoS CoC ensures linkages to the VA (Veterans Affairs) to access benefits and support services. Linkages and assistance in accessing non-employment cash income are facilitated through case management services, ensuring that individuals and families receive the support and resources they are eligible for. The AL BoS CoC HMIS admin staff and CoC members who provide workforce development are responsible for overseeing and implementing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income. This collaborative effort ensures that individuals and families receive the necessary support to access available non-employment income sources.

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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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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications. NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	
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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.	
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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)	
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1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	438
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	15
3.	Unmet Need:	423

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. In calculating the number of Domestic Violence (DV) survivors needing housing or services for AL BOS CoC, employed a two-fold approach. Primary data sources included HMIS and our internal P-Statcrunch Triage system. By cross-referencing data from both systems, we identified 103 survivors within our community who require housing or services. However, it's important to note that this number may not fully capture the extent of DV survivor needs.

2. HMIS and P-Statcrunch

3. Despite our best efforts, barriers to meeting all survivor needs persist. A significant challenge is the reluctance of many individuals approaching Coordinated Entry to disclose their DV survivor status. We are actively working on improving outreach and education efforts to address this. Through these initiatives and the opportunity for VAWA funds, we aim to ensure that all survivors receive the necessary support and services and stakeholders are trained on VAWA. The DV shelters within our CoC operate at overcapacity and face resource constraints when swiftly transitioning individuals into permanent housing. The demand for DV shelter services has surpassed the available resources, which further compounds the difficulties faced by survivors seeking refuge and support. By securing funding for the DV Bonus project, we aim to bolster the resources available to the shelter in the black belt area of our state, enabling them to address survivors' urgent housing and service requirements more effectively. This project represents a promising opportunity to bridge the gap between the demand for DV shelter services and the capacity to provide swift pathways to permanent housing. The area that SABRA covers has many underserved individuals, limited resources, and many domestic violence victims. If funded, this project has the potential to significantly enhance our ability to meet the needs of DV survivors and contribute to a safer and more supportive environment for those seeking refuge from domestic violence within our rural communities.

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
Selma and Blackbe...

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	Selma and Blackbelt Regional Abuse Sanctuary (SABRA Sanctuary, Inc.)
2.	Project Name	TEAM Sabra DV
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	1
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	TCEEMGRXPRJ5
5.	Amount Requested	\$516,185
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors—Percentage	80%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors—Percentage	70%

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 project applicant calculated the housing placement and retention rate by tracking and documenting DV survivors' progress within the Osnium program. Specifically, for housing placement, they calculated the percentage of survivors who successfully transitioned into permanent housing within a specified timeframe. For housing retention, they assessed the rate of survivors who remained in stable housing situations for an extended period. These calculations were based on program data and participant records.
2. The reported rates take into account exits to safe housing destinations. They consider the successful placement into permanent housing and the ability to maintain that housing over time. They recognize the importance of ensuring survivors are placed in housing and remain in safe and stable environments.
3. The data sources primarily include program-specific records and participant data collected through the Osnium system. This system allows us to track the housing placement and retention of DV survivors within the program accurately. It provides a comprehensive and real-time overview of participant progress, including exits to safe housing destinations and the duration of housing retention.

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. SABRA has implemented a streamlined process to ensure that DV survivors experiencing homelessness are swiftly placed into safe and affordable housing. This process involves close collaboration with local housing providers and utilizing SABRA's extensive network of resources to identify suitable housing options.
2. SABRA employs a multi-pronged approach to prioritize DV survivors. This includes working with the Coordinated Entry system, which assesses and prioritizes individuals and families based on their vulnerability and housing needs. SABRA also relies on the Continuum of Care's (CoC) emergency transfer plan to ensure that DV survivors are given the highest priority for housing assistance. This approach guarantees survivors are not left on waiting lists and are promptly connected to available resources.
3. SABRA recognizes that DV survivors often require various supportive services to achieve housing stability. SABRA conducts comprehensive assessments in collaboration with partner agencies to determine these needs. These assessments consider the unique challenges and trauma experienced by DV survivors and tailor supportive service plans accordingly.
4. SABRA has established strong partnerships with local service providers, including counseling and advocacy organizations. This network of partners allows for the seamless referral of DV survivors to essential supportive services. SABRA also employs case managers who work closely with survivors to ensure they are connected to these services and receive ongoing support. This approach facilitates survivors' access to counseling, legal assistance, childcare, and other critical services.
5. SABRA recognizes the importance of housing stability beyond the subsidy period. To address this, SABRA provides comprehensive housing stability planning for DV survivors, including financial literacy education, employment assistance, and ongoing case management to help survivors transition to self-sufficiency. Additionally, SABRA leverages its partnerships with local landlords and housing authorities to explore options for long-term housing solutions, such as affordable permanent housing, to ensure survivors' continued stability.

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. During the intake and interview process, we take deliberate steps to protect survivors' privacy and confidentiality. This includes conducting interviews in private, secure settings where survivors can feel safe and comfortable sharing their experiences. Our staff is trained to handle sensitive information with the utmost discretion, and survivors are assured that their disclosures will be kept confidential
2. When deciding on placements into safe housing, we exercise extreme caution to ensure survivors' safety and confidentiality. Survivor input is paramount in these decisions, and we respect their choices regarding the type and location of safe housing. This process is conducted discreetly, and information is only shared with staff directly involved in the placement process.
3. We maintain strict confidentiality regarding survivor information and the locations of safe housing. Survivor records and personal data are securely stored and accessible only to authorized staff on a need-to-know basis. Secure housing locations are not disclosed to unauthorized individuals to protect survivors from potential harm or harassment.
4. All SABRA staff members undergo comprehensive training on safety and confidentiality policies and practices. This training emphasizes respecting survivors' privacy, the legal and ethical obligations surrounding confidentiality, and the potential risks survivors may face if their information is mishandled. Staff members are equipped to handle sensitive situations with care and empathy.
5. Whether congregate or scattered-site housing, SABRA takes security measures to support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality. These measures may include enhancing the security of housing units, implementing access controls, and ensuring that survivors' identities and whereabouts are not disclosed to unauthorized individuals. SABRA places the highest priority on safeguarding the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness. We have established comprehensive protocols, staff training, and security measures to protect survivors at every stage of their journey towards safety and stability while respecting their privacy and autonomy.

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)

SABRA has consistently assessed its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors served within the project. Through ongoing evaluations, they have identified improvement areas, focusing on staff capacity and training.

One key aspect of our evaluation process has been reviewing the staff's effectiveness in handling DV survivors' safety and security needs. While their team is dedicated and well-trained, they have recognized the need to expand staff capacity to effectively meet the growing demand for our services. As the project progresses, they will increase staff to maintain the quality and timeliness of support to survivors.

Furthermore, they have identified staff training as an improvement area. While they have implemented comprehensive training programs, they recognize the evolving nature of best practices in supporting DV survivors. Therefore, SABRA continually assesses training protocols to ensure they align with the latest industry standards and survivor-centered approaches. SABRA is committed to providing staff with ongoing training opportunities to enhance their skills in promoting the safety and well-being of survivors.

In summary, SABRA's evaluation of its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors served has identified two primary improvement areas: increasing staff capacity to meet the growing demand for services and enhancing staff training to stay current with best practices. These improvements reflect their commitment to continuously improve services and better meet the needs of the survivors they serve.

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. SABRA strongly emphasizes ensuring that program participants' wishes and stated needs are at the forefront of their housing solutions; this includes actively involving survivors in the decision-making process regarding their housing, allowing them to choose housing options that align with their preferences and safety concerns.
2. SABRA maintains a supportive and respectful environment for program participants. Punitive interventions are strictly avoided, and interactions between staff and survivors are based on principles of equality and mutual respect.
3. SABRA recognizes the importance of educating program participants about the effects of trauma. Staff members are trained to provide survivors with information on trauma, its impact, and coping strategies. This helps survivors understand their experiences and equips them with tools to navigate the healing process.
4. SABRA employs a strength-based approach to coaching and support. Assessment tools and case plans are designed to identify and build on survivors' strengths. Case plans are developed in collaboration with survivors, focusing on their unique goals and aspirations, ensuring that survivors are active participants in defining their path to recovery.
5. SABRA places a strong emphasis on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity. Staff members are trained in equal access, cultural competence, and nondiscrimination. Language access services ensure survivors from diverse backgrounds have equal access to services.
6. SABRA recognizes the importance of social connections for healing. They offer a range of opportunities for program participants to connect with others. Spiritual needs are also acknowledged and respected as part of survivors' holistic well-being.
7. SABRA provides comprehensive support for survivor parents. This includes trauma-informed resources to help survivors navigate parenting challenges after trauma. Additionally, SABRA collaborates with Legal Services Alabama to provide survivors with access to legal support, ensuring their rights and safety are protected.

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

SABRA is well-versed in providing a comprehensive array of supportive services to domestic violence survivors, with a strong focus on quickly facilitating their transition into permanent housing while addressing their safety concerns. Their highly skilled client advocates who possess extensive experience in the field, play a pivotal role in this process. They offer invaluable information, advocacy, and unwavering support to individuals who have been impacted by violence, crime, and abuse.

At SABRA, they prioritize the safety of survivors above all else. Maintaining secure and confidential shelter facilities ensures survivors have a safe haven whenever needed. Our client advocates, deeply empathetic and understanding, establish trusting relationships with survivors by actively listening to their experiences and needs, empowering them to make informed decisions.

One of our core strengths lies in housing navigation. With a proven track record, SABRA client advocates collaborate closely with survivors to identify suitable permanent housing options. They guide survivors through rental applications, assist in accessing financial aid programs, and ensure that survivors secure stable housing.

Safety planning is a cornerstone of their services. Survivors receive personalized safety plans that encompass immediate safety measures, such as obtaining restraining orders, as well as long-term strategies to safeguard themselves and their families. Additionally, survivors are provided with vital information about their legal rights, community resources, and support services available to them.

Advocacy is another integral aspect of our work. SABRA client advocates act as strong advocates for survivors, liaising with law enforcement, the legal system, and social service agencies to ensure survivors' rights are upheld and their needs are met. They are dedicated to empowering survivors to regain control of their lives, emphasizing their autonomy and providing them with the tools and resources necessary for their journey to recovery. In essence, SABRA experienced client advocates offer a comprehensive and empowering approach to support domestic violence survivors, swiftly transitioning them into permanent housing while addressing their safety needs.

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. SABRA's project will prioritize the placement and stabilization of program participants in permanent housing that aligns with their wishes and stated needs. This will be achieved through a collaborative approach involving survivors in decision-making. Program participants will have the autonomy to choose housing options that best suit their preferences and safety concerns. SABRA will work diligently to secure stable and permanent housing for survivors promptly.
2. SABRA's project will create an environment where agency and mutual respect are fundamental. Punitive interventions will be strictly avoided. Interactions between program participants and staff will be grounded in principles of equality and mutual respect. SABRA's staff training will emphasize the importance of minimizing power differentials to ensure survivors feel heard and empowered in their journey toward healing and stability.
3. SABRA will ensure that program participants can access information on trauma and its effects. Staff members will undergo comprehensive training to equip them with the skills and knowledge to provide program participants with information on trauma. The training will focus on understanding the impact of trauma and how to support survivors in their healing process.
4. SABRA's project will adopt a strength-based approach to coaching and support. Questionnaires and assessment tools will include measures that identify and celebrate program participants' strengths. Case plans will be collaboratively developed with survivors, with a strong emphasis on survivor-defined goals and aspirations. This approach ensures that survivors are active participants in shaping their recovery journey.
5. Cultural responsiveness and inclusivity will be central to SABRA's project. Staff members will receive equal access, cultural competence, and nondiscrimination training. Language access services will ensure that all program participants have equal access to services regardless of their cultural background. SABRA will continuously work to improve benefits to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed.
6. SABRA recognizes the importance of social connections for healing. The project will offer various opportunities for program participants to connect with others, including support groups, mentorship programs, and peer-to-peer support networks. Spiritual needs will be acknowledged and respected as part of survivors' holistic well-being, with options for spiritual support.
7. SABRA's project will provide comprehensive support for survivor parents. This includes trauma-informed parenting classes to help survivors navigate parenting challenges after trauma. Childcare services will be available to support parents' participation in the program. Additionally, SABRA will collaborate with Legal Services Alabama to provide survivors with access to legal support, ensuring their rights and safety are protected. SABRA's new project will be deeply rooted in trauma-informed, victim-centered practices. It will prioritize survivors' autonomy, create a supportive and respectful environment, provide access to trauma information, celebrate strengths, prioritize cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, offer opportunities for connection, and support survivor parenting. These practices reflect SABRA's commitment to empowering DV survivors on their journey to healing and stability.

4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(f)	

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and
2.	In policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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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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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/25/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/25/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/25/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/25/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/25/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/25/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/25/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/25/2023
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	HDX Competition R...	09/15/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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September 7, 2023

Attention: AL BoS CoC Board Members
P.O. Box 451
Montgomery, AL 36101

RE: ARCH Lived Experienced Committee

Dear AL CoC BoS Committee Chair,

As members of the Lived Experienced Committee, we are writing to express our support of the Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care and the FY 23 CoC applications.

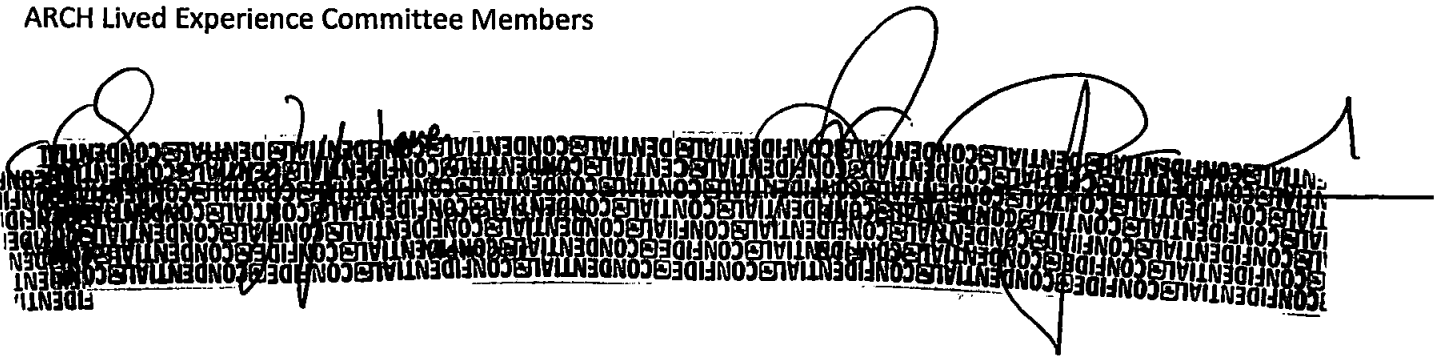
As ARCH Lived Experienced Committee Members, we work closely with the AL BoS CoC to serve as a liaison between the AL Bos CoC and homeless/formerly homeless persons, to participate in the decision-making process of the AL BoS CoC Board and Stakeholders. We are also committed to participating in the evaluation of new and renewal homeless and supportive services projects. Our meetings of this Committee are open to any individual with lived experience who would like to know more about the CoC and/or homeless services within our 42 rural Alabama counties.

As committee members we also served our homeless communities, and we share with other people in need about resources available. We are extremely grateful that ARCH allowed us to be a voice and advocate for our homeless communities and the AL BoS CoC various service programs.

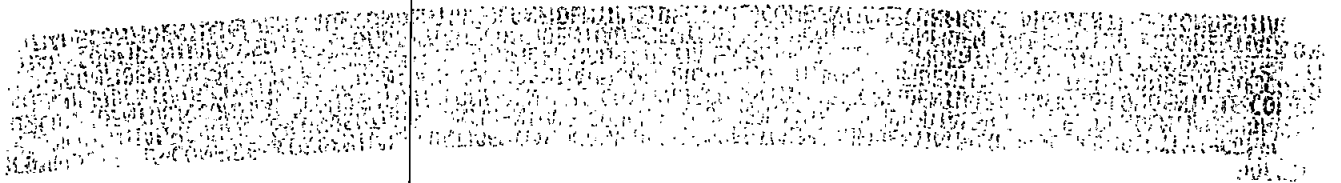
This year, we are pleased to support the CoC Agencies that have submitted applications for the HUD CoC RRH project and the DV Bonus project as well as ARCH applying for the NOFO grants so our rural Alabama communities can have more opportunities available for housing and support services for the coming year.

Sincerely,

ARCH Lived Experience Committee Members



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Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	The Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless, Inc
Acronym (if Applicable)	ARCH
Year Incorporated	2004
EIN	20-1309418
Street Address	P.O. Box 451
Zip Code	36101

Project Information	
Project Name	Coordinated Entry
Project Budget	366,929.00
Grant Number	AL018314C072102
Name of Project Director	Kim Sheffield
Project Director Email Address	kimberly@archconnection.org
Project Director Phone Number	334-273-0668
Which best describes the project * <i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	Coordinated Entry
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

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

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Assessor Phone Number	334-273-0668
Date of Assessment	Feb 08 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	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	<p>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/</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always

Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Somewhat	Not at all	Somewhat
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	<p>Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always



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This section is not applicable. Please see following section:					
Lease 1	(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.	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
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Lease 2	Participants choose to reside in:	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 project-based settings, the housing options should include roommates. Participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to change their roommates when the next room is open.	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
		Optional notes here			
Lease 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 on the property or moving to permanent housing should have access 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 legally occupancy requirement that is not like a lease that a person would not have in a normal rental unit.	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
		Optional notes here			
Lease 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.	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
		Optional notes here			

Lenses 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	<p>Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced 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>	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Lenses 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	<p>Property or building management, with services support, provides temporary housing for tenants who are unable to remain in their unit due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay out of the unit.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Lenses 7	Meeting 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 Family Management, including representative payee arrangements.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

Non-Documented Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Documented)

<i>Category</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Standard</i>
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.

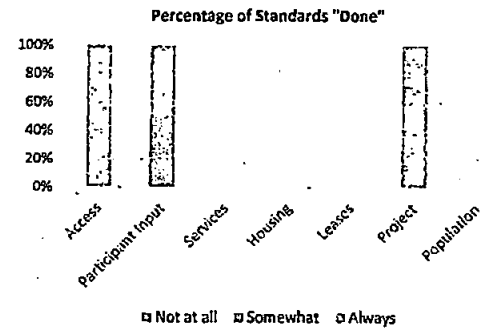
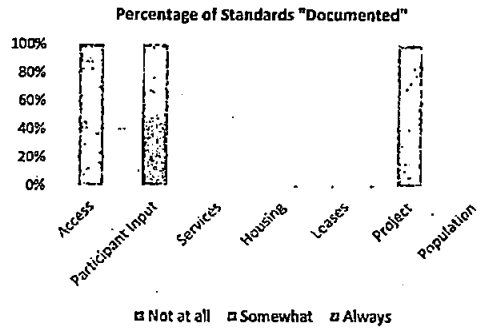
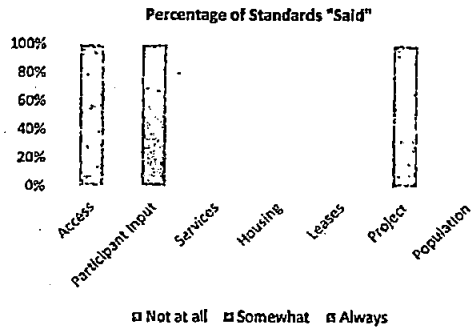
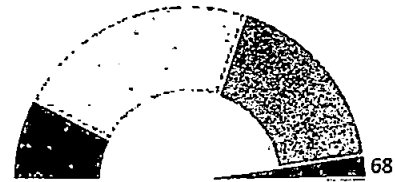
Optional notes here



Some standards have not been evaluated. Please return and complete all standards before finalizing report.

Your score: 68
Max potential score: 72

Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered 'sometimes' and 2 points for standards answered 'always'. Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.



Non-Compliant standards (Not at all to whether standard is said)

Category	No.	Name	Standard
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2023 CoC Program NOFO - Project Rating Rubric - Renewal and New Projects

Project Name:
Reviewer Name:

Type of Project:
Renewal or Expansion Project

Project Overview	4	3	2	1	0
	Chronically Homeless or Non-Chronic w/ High Service Needs	Single, non-chronic	Youth, non-chronic	Families, non-chronic	Undefined/Other
Prioritized Population Aligned with CoC Prioritization	High	Moderate	Average	Low	Unacceptable
Project impact based on numbers served and services provided (e.g. high numbers served or high level of services provided)	High	Moderate	Average	Low	Unacceptable
Benchmark/outcomes identified and reasonable			PH w/ Services	PH-No Services	Other
Description of Need for Project compelling and aligned with CoC priorities					
Experience	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrates appropriate experience for type of project and services					
Demonstrates appropriate experience for managing federal funding	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
PROJECT OVERVIEW TOTAL SCORE (22-17%)					
THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS					
CoC Participation (4-3%)	4	3	2	1	0
Level of Organization participation	Highly Engaged	Good Standing	General Member	Stakeholder	No Participation
Coordinated Entry Participation (3-2%)	4	3	2	1	0

		Committee Regularly	Attends CC Regularly	Attends CC occasionally	No Participation
Level of participation in case conferencing and/or committee work					
Housing First & Prog. Implementation (40-32%)	4	3	2	1	0
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrates prioritization of client-centered services that fit needs of program participant					
	Highly Reflected	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not submit/Not committed
Demonstrates commitment to implementing Housing First practices					
	Highly Reflected	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not submit/Not committed
Demonstrates commitment to implementing low barrier and other best practices					
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Housing First - Description of Scenario Demonstrated Understanding and Implementation of Housing First Practices					
	Highly Reflected	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not submit/Not committed
Description of Termination of Services is Grounded in Housing First, Harm Reduction, Low Barrier approaches					
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrates use and understanding of Trauma Informed Care practices in current programming					
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed
Demonstrates use and understanding of Harm Reduction practices in current programming					
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed
Supportive Services design meet the needs of the target population					
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed
Supportive Services designed support rapid obtaining of housing and/or housing stabilization					
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed

Demonstrates plan to individually assist participants to access eligible benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs					
Data Quality - Timeliness and Completeness (6-5%)	4	3	2	1	0
Use of HMIS			Already using		Not using
Demonstrated ability to timely and accurately collect data	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Project Utilization – PSH (4-3%)	4	3	2	1	0
PSH Only: Demonstrates comprehensive plan to maintain high bed/unit utilization rate	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
Project Utilization – RRH (4-3%)	4	3	2	1	0
RRH Only: Demonstrates comprehensive plan to maintain house participants within 60 days	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
Financial Management (6-5%)	4	3	2	1	0
Level of Significant Deficiencies/Material Weaknesses	None	Minor/Unconcern	Moderate	Concerning	Unacceptable/Missing
Plan for correction specific and actionable				Satisfactory/Reasonable	Unsatisfactory
Average cost per household services is reasonable for the type of project and population			Satisfactory/Reasonable		Unsatisfactory
THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS TOTAL SCORE:					
Project Budget	4	3	2	1	0
Budget Complete	Fully Complete, Detailed	Complete; More Detail Needed	Missing Information and/or Detail	Incomplete	Unacceptable/Missing
Financial Stability/Match Secured	Diverse and Complete Funding, Match identified and secured		Primarily contingent/unsecured funding sources, meets match		Unsecured funding/match or missing
	High Impact to CoC Dollars Ratio		Moderate Impact to CoC Dollar Ratio		Poor impact to CoC Dollar Ratio

Reasonable					
Budget Total Score (12-9%)					
Timeliness	4	3	2	1	0
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
Demonstrates detailed plan for rapid implementation of the program					
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
Demonstrates detailed plan for when to house first participant of the program					
Timeliness Total Score (8-6%)					
Practices Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	4	3	2	1	0
		Yes	Missing some info.	Incomplete	Did Not Submit
Was the assessment complete?					
	SMART Goals Identified		Goals Identified were Not SMART		Not Identified
Self-Assessment - Perception of Commitment to DEI					
DEI Total Score (11-9%)					
Monitoring	4	3	2	1	0
			Corrective Actions Completed	In progress/No Monitoring Occurred	No progress on corrective actions
Level of progress on corrective actions					
			No Complaints Filed	Disclosed Complaints but Made Correction	Disclosed Complaints, No Corrections Made
Formal Complaints					
Monitoring Total Score (4-3%)					
Attachments	4	3	2	1	0
				Provided	Not Provided
Applicant Eligibility Documents					
				Provided	Not Provided
Annual Performance Report				Provided	Not Provided
				Provided	Not Provided
Audit Management or Internal Control Letter					
				Provided	Not Provided
Hud Monitoring					
Attachment Score (4-3%)					
Total Score (Out of 125 Points):					

CoC 2023 Competition - Domestic Violence Project Evaluation Standard

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Scoring guidance:

Full points – All standards were met

Partial points – Some standards were met

Zero points – None of the standards were met

HUD Eligibility Threshold

Pass/Fail	All projects must meet the HUD eligibility threshold to be considered. New permanent housing projects must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. New permanent housing projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.
	1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).
	2. The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
	3. The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
	4. Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).

Experience

Points Available	Category	Score
5	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in providing services including but not limited to housing support, behavioral health, case management, and employment to the proposed population.	
5	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in providing housing to the proposed population.	
5	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in applying a Housing First approach	
5	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in providing services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.	
5	Experience effectively using federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns, and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of sub-recipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.	
Total Experience Pts.		

Maximum Points (25)

Design of Housing and Supportive Services

Points Available	Category	Score
5	Alignment with CoC Priorities	
10	Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable. Plan should specifically address landlord recruitment and retention as well as property management including tenant selection, routine maintenance, and managing rent and utility payments.	
10	Commitment to the Housing First Approach: Per review of Housing First Addendum	
10	Describe the plan to provide trauma-informed, victim centered services.	
5	Describe the plan to provide supportive services to the proposed population including the type and scale, assistance to obtain mainstream benefits and employment, community integration, connection to additional support services such as home health care and behavioral health, low barrier access, and personcentered goal plan.	
Total Design Points		

Maximum Points (35)

Contribution to CoC System Performance Measures

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe in the project application how the proposed project will contribute to better outcomes for all populations experiencing homelessness.	
5	Extent to which the project reduces the average length of time homeless.	
5	Extent to which the project increases exits to permanent housing.	
5	Extent to which the project reduces returns to homelessness.	
5	Extent to which the project increases retention in permanent housing.	
Total Sys. PM Points		

Maximum Points (20)

Timelessness

Points Available	Category	Score
10	Describe the plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule for proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after the grant award.	
Total Timelessness Pts.		

Maximum Points (10)

Financials

Points Available	Category	Score
15	Project is cost-effective when cost per household is compared to the average cost of RRH in the CoC.	
10	Financial audit findings: 10pts- No unresolved findings or no audit conducted 0 pts- Any unresolved findings.	
Total Financial Points		

Maximum Points (25)

CoC Participation

Points Available	Category	Score
5	100% of referrals will come from the Coordinated Entry System	
Total CoC Part. Pts.		

Maximum Points (5)

Coordination with Housing and Health Care

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe in the project application how housing and healthcare resources will be leveraged.	
5	Leveraging Housing Resources: The extent to which the project uses non-CoC and non-ESG-funded housing resources.	
5	Leveraging Health Care Resources: The extent to which the project uses healthcare resources to provide supportive services or funding.	
Total Coordination w/H &HC Points		

Maximum Points (10)

CoC 2023 Competition – Joint TH/PH-RRH

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Scoring guidance:

Full points – All standards were met

Partial points – Some standards were met

Zero points – None of the standards were met

HUD Eligibility Threshold

Pass/Fail	New Joint TH/PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 6 out of 8 points available for this project type. New Joint TH/PHRRH component projects that do not receive at least 6 points will be rejected.
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Joint TH/PH-RRH

Points Available	Category	Score
1	The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)	
2	The proposed project will provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the RRH portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.	
1	The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.	

1	The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply, and which meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).	
1	Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case Page 57 of 124 management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing)	
1	The project adheres to a Housing First model as defined in section I.B.2.b.(15) of this NOFO.	
1	The average cost per household served is reasonable, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (8)

CoC 2023 Competition – HMIS

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Scoring guidance:

Full points – All standards were met

Partial points – Some standards were met

Zero points – None of the standards were met.

New Project Application Rating Factors

Pass/Fail	New HMIS project applications must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. New HMIS projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.
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HMIS

Points Available	Category	Score
1	How the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that is consistent with the CoC's funding strategy for the HMIS and furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation.	
1	The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.	
1	The ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.	
1	The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (4)

CoC 2023 Competition – SSO-Coordinated Entry

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Scoring guidance:

Full points – All standards were met

Partial points – Some standards were met

Zero points – None of the standards were met

New Project Application Rating Factors

Pass/Fail	New SSO-CE project applications (also known as centralized or coordinated assessment) must receive at least 2 out of the 4 points available for this project type. New SSO-CE projects that do not receive at least 2 points will be rejected.
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SSO-Coordinated Entry

Points Available	Category	Score
1	The centralized or coordinated assessment system is easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.	
1	There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach individuals experiencing homelessness with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area.	
1	There is a standardized assessment process.	
1	Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (4)

2023 CoC Program NOFO - Project Rating Rubric - Renewal and New Projects

Project Name:
HMIS
Reviewer Name:
[REDACTED]

Type of Project:
HMIS
Renewal or Expansion Project:
Renewal

Project Overview	4	3	2	1	0
	Chronically Homeless or Non-Chronic w/ High Service Needs	Single, non-chronic	Youth, non-chronic	Families, non-chronic	Undefined/Other
Prioritized Population Aligned with CoC Prioritization	4				
	High	Moderate	Average	Low	Unacceptable
Project impact based on numbers served and services provided (e.g. high numbers served or high level of services provided)	4				
	High	Moderate	Average	Low	Unacceptable
Benchmark/outcomes identified and reasonable	4				
	PH w/ Services	PH-No Services	Other		
Description of Need for Project compelling and aligned with CoC priorities	4				
Experience	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrates appropriate experience for type of project and services	4				
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrates appropriate experience for managing federal funding	4				
PROJECT OVERVIEW TOTAL SCORE (22-17%)					
THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS					
CoC Participation (4-3%)	4	3	2	1	0
	Highly Engaged	Good Standing	General Member	Stakeholder	No Participation
Level of Organization participation	4				
Coordinated Entry Participation (3-2%)	4	3	2	1	0

		Committee Regularly	Attends CC Regularly	Attends CC occasionally	No Participation
Level of participation in case conferencing and/or committee work		3			
Housing First & Prog. Implementation (40-32%)	4	3	2	1	0
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrates prioritization of client-centered services that fit needs of program participant	4				
	Highly Reflected	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not submit/Not committed
Demonstrates commitment to implementing Housing First practices	4				
	Highly Reflected	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not submit/Not committed
Demonstrates commitment to implementing low barrier and other best practices	4				
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Housing First - Description of Scenario Demonstrated Understanding and Implementation of Housing First Practices	4				
	Highly Reflected	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not submit/Not committed
Description of Termination of Services is Grounded in Housing First, Harm Reduction, Low Barrier approaches	4				
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrates use and understanding of Trauma Informed Care practices in current programming	4				
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed
Demonstrates use and understanding of Harm Reduction practices in current programming	4				
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed
Supportive Services design meet the needs of the target population	4				
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed
Supportive Services designed support rapid obtaining of housing and/or housing stabilization	4				
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Did not Submit/Not Committed

Demonstrates plan to individually assist participants to access eligible benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs	4				
Data Quality - Timeliness and Completeness (6-5%)	4	3	2	1	0
Use of HMIS			Already using		Not using
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unacceptable
Demonstrated ability to timely and accurately collect data	4				
Project Utilization – PSH (4-3%)	4	3	2	1	0
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
PSH Only: Demonstrates comprehensive plan to maintain high bed/unit utilization rate				1	
Project Utilization – RRH (4-3%)	4	3	2	1	0
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
RRH Only: Demonstrates comprehensive plan to maintain house participants within 60 days				1	
Financial Management (6-5%)	4	3	2	1	0
	None	Minor/Unconcern	Moderate	Concerning	Unacceptable/Missing
Level of Significant Deficiencies/Material Weaknesses	4				
				Satisfactory/Reasonable	Unsatisfactory
Plan for correction specific and actionable				1	
			Satisfactory/Reasonable		Unsatisfactory
Average cost per household services is reasonable for the type of project and population			2		
THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS TOTAL SCORE					
Project Budget	4	3	2	1	0
	Fully Complete; Detailed	Complete, More Detail Needed	Missing Information and/or Detail	Incomplete	Unacceptable/Missing
Budget Complete	4				
	Diverse and Complete Funding, Match identified and secured		Primarily contingent/unsecured funding sources, meets match		Unsecured funding/match or missing
Financial Stability/Match Secured	4				
	High Impact to CoC Dollars Ratio		Moderate Impact to CoC Dollar Ratio		Poor impact to CoC Dollar Ratio

Reasonable	4				
Budget Total Score (12-9%)					
Timeliness	4	3	2	1	0
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
Demonstrates detailed plan for rapid implementation of the program	4				
	High	Moderately High	Average	Below Average	Missing
Demonstrates detailed plan for when to house first participant of the program	4				
Timeliness Total Score (8-6%)					
Practices Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	4	3	2	1	0
Was the assessment complete?		Yes 3	Missing some info.	Incomplete	Did Not Submit
	SMART Goals Identified		Goals Identified were Not SMART		Not Identified
Self-Assessment - Perception of Commitment to DEI					
DEI Total Score (11-9%)					
Monitoring	4	3	2	1	0
			Corrective Actions Completed	In progress/No Monitoring Occurred	No progress on corrective actions
Level of progress on corrective actions				1	
			No Complaints Filed	Disclosed Complaints but Made Correction	Disclosed Complaints, No Corrections Made
Formal Complaints			2		
Monitoring Total Score (4-3%)					
Attachments	4	3	2	1	0
Applicant Eligibility Documents				Provided 1	Not Provided
Annual Performance Report				Provided 1	Not Provided
Audit Management or Internal Control Letter				Provided 1	Not Provided
Hud Monitoring				Provided 1	Not Provided
Attachment Score (4-3%)					
Total Score (Out of 125 Points):	116				

The AL BOS CoC did not reject or reduce any projects for the FY2023 Competition.

collaboration and diligence in submitting an application during this year's competition. Please look out for future correspondence as they will include dates of important deadlines.

FOR RECORD KEEPING PURPOSE ALL CORRESPONDENCE MUST BE SENT TO AAC@ARCHCONNECTION.ORG

Ranking and review committee members demographics:

- State Mental Health Representative
- Community Advocate Representative
- Board Member Representative
- Person with Lived Experience Representative
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Counseling Representative, West Alabama CoC Geography
- Community Organization, East Alabama CoC Geography
- Community Organization, Faith Based Charitable Organization Representative

Ranking and Review Committee Members have a signed code of ethics forms on file with the CoC.

Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care 2023 Ranking and Scoring

Project Name and Agency	Score	Type	Ranking	Funding Amount
LIST 1				
ARCH Coordinated Entry	CoC Required	Renewal	1	\$369,939.00
ARCH HUDS	CoC Required	Renewal	2	\$131,211.00
*SABRA Sanctuary, Inc	99	DV Bonus	3	\$516,185.00
My Real Life Connection	97	Restoration	4	\$88,304.00
LA Dream	95	Restoration	5	\$100,972.00
*SLACAP	94	Restoration	6	\$31,027.00
Life Resources of Jackson County	91	Restoration	7	\$124,800.00
ARCH Coordinated Entry Expansion	88	Restoration	8	\$150,000.00
ARCH HUDS Expansion	87	Restoration	9	\$200,274.00

ARCH Reallocated \$743,456 of funding Permanent Supportive Housing Funding
 ARCH Reallocated \$161,026 of funding from Rapid Re-Housing

*** New Projects**

No rejected projects during this competition.
 No reduction of funds occurred during this competition.

Alabama Balance of State Contracts of Case 2023 Ranking and Scoring

Project Name and Agency	Score	Type	Ranking	Funding Amount
ALCOA Corporation	1	Local Government	1	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	2	Local Government	2	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	3	Local Government	3	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	4	Local Government	4	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	5	Local Government	5	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	6	Local Government	6	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	7	Local Government	7	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	8	Local Government	8	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	9	Local Government	9	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	10	Local Government	10	\$1,000,000

ALCOA Requested \$10,000,000 of Funding from Rapid Rehousing
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*New Projects
 No rejected projects during the competition.
 No reduction of funds occurred during the competition.

ALCOA CORPORATION

Alabama Balance of State Contracts of Case 2023 Ranking and Scoring

Project Name and Agency	Score	Type	Ranking	Funding Amount
ALCOA Corporation	1	Local Government	1	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	2	Local Government	2	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	3	Local Government	3	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	4	Local Government	4	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	5	Local Government	5	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	6	Local Government	6	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	7	Local Government	7	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	8	Local Government	8	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	9	Local Government	9	\$1,000,000
ALCOA Corporation	10	Local Government	10	\$1,000,000

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 No rejected projects during the competition.
 No reduction of funds occurred during the competition.

2023 HDX Competition Report
 PIT Count Data for AL-507 - Alabama Balance of State CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	398	190	935	283
Emergency Shelter Total	112	59	340	140
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	94	33	16	38
Total Sheltered Count	206	92	356	178
Total Unsheltered Count	192	98	579	105

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	10	11	22	5
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	5	3	11	0
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	5	8	11	5

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Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	63	21	212	34
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	50	16	58	28
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	13	5	154	6

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	63	5	9	17	9
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	50	1	4	11	4
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	13	4	5	6	5

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

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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	159	46	63	73.02%	96	96	100.00%	142	89.31%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	27	27	27	100.00%	0	0	NA	27	100.00%
RRH Beds	24	24	24	100.00%	0	0	NA	24	100.00%
PSH Beds	4	4	4	100.00%	0	0	NA	4	100.00%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	214	101	118	85.59%	96	96	100.00%	197	92.06%

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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 ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").
 In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	3	1	1	0

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	19	9	28	8

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	107	55	137	24

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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	436	558	36	101	65	22	81	59
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	484	597	67	120	53	29	84	55

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 Standard's 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")	539	698	257	277	20	74	148	74
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	657	801	257	277	20	74	148	74

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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	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from TH	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	15	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	23	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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	190	935	745
Emergency Shelter Total	59	340	281
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	33	16	-17
Total Sheltered Count	92	356	264
Unsheltered Count	98	579	481

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	542	657	115
Emergency Shelter Total	493	618	125
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	49	39	-10

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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)	27	17	-10
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	0%	0%

Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	27	17	-10
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	8	3	-5
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	30%	18%	-12%

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)	27	17	-10
Number of adults with increased total income	8	3	-5
Percentage of adults who increased total income	30%	18%	-12%

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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)	48	45	-3
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	2	1	-1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	4%	2%	-2%

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)	48	45	-3
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	8	8	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	17%	18%	1%

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)	48	45	-3
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	10	8	-2
Percentage of adults who increased total income	21%	18%	-3%

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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.	525	390	-135
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	17	8
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)	516	373	-143

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.	746	688	-58
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.	15	62	47
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.)	731	626	-105

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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	439	477	38
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	298	219	-79
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	76	118	42
% Successful exits	85%	71%	-14%

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	313	973	660
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	167	599	432
% Successful exits	53%	62%	9%

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	41	31	-10
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	40	30	-10
% Successful exits/retention	98%	97%	-1%

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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	41	18	259	92	34	18	76	51	44	107	55	137			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	5	1	239	88	30	14	76	51	44	107	55	137			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	12.20	5.56	92.28	95.65	88.24	77.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	18	507	627	64	32	39	61	44	39	183	426	853	0	509	746
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	16	274	608	33	12	18	22	12	13	120	96	458	0	460	741
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	1
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	0.00	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.17	0.66		0.22	0.13

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Date of PIT Count

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

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	1/10/2023	Yes