

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 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 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 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AL-502 - Florence/Northwest Alabama CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: AL-502

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: AL-502

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
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	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	No	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Faith Based Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Local University Professionals and Staff	Yes	Yes	Yes

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC effectively addresses the needs of underserved communities in a multitude of ways:

a. For starters, we have several means of representation and outreach initiatives in Franklin County, which has the highest populations of Hispanics. Through Community Action, one of our partner agencies, we have a housing counselor in this county, who actively assists this population. In addition, we have another partner agency, the Russellville Coalition for the Homeless, that is located in Franklin County and is actively serving this population daily.

b. We post bilingual literature for housing assistance, the fair housing act, and first time home buyers at locations such as DHR, Franklin County Housing Authority, medical centers/hospitals, clinics, and organizations and institutions that serve black and brown communities. We meet them where they're at.

c. We seek out people where they are, where they congregate and live, eat, shop, etc., and do not wait on clients to come to us. We are doing this through street outreach in all counties.

d. We analyze the populations that we are serving on a regular basis through the Alabama 2024 Census Data, to obtain data that would lead us to those minority populations.

e. We do not discriminate, rather, we seek to be an equitable service provider in our area. We prioritize the housing first approach with a heavy focus on our minority communities, specifically our black and brown communities, who are overrepresented in the general homeless population.

f. Our CoC conducts a needs assessment every 3 years, and that data is then used to analyze and strengthen existing programs or leads us to developing programs that are needed. Additionally, our CoC conducts a racial disparity analysis through HMIS, the PIT count, and our service providers.

g. Lastly, we've actively recruited people of color to participate on our CoC Board of Directors, where they are able to offer input and ideas.

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 your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama communicates a transparent invitation process soliciting new members year round with an invitation to join the CoC always posted on its website. We also advertise membership through our facebook page, as well as through email distribution to all of membership and potential members. When the HCCNWAL conducts membership meetings, which are open to the public, or does presentations for civic, faith, student, business, and community organizations, we emphasize the benefits of CoC membership and extend an open invitation to join our membership. Membership meeting invitees are encouraged to bring guests and to invite those that show an interest in serving our homeless population. Additionally, membership is made available in our HMIS Lead Office. The CoC maintains an active list of members and potential members in an email database, that allows for organization of membership. Lastly, the CoC looks for new members by continually seeking partnerships with City officials and community organizations within all 6 counties in our geographic area. The CoC holds regular meetings with the Mayor, City Council, has been invited to speak at City Council meetings, and serves on other Boards. These types of partnerships and networking opportunities increase public awareness, therefore soliciting new members on an ongoing basis.

2. The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama ensures effective communication and access for persons with disabilities by posting important information on our website in PDF format. Print documents are available in our office and HMIS Lead Office. Additionally, we partner with the Florence Public Library, where free computers are made available to every individual in the community.

3. The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama makes every effort to invite and include culturally specific communities in a variety of ways. HCCNWAL has members who support LGBTQ+ communities, as well as those with disabilities, black, and latino communities. We actively seek collaboration, input, and membership from other organizations to support this population. Additionally, we have someone on our Board of Directors who is the Director of a homeless coalition in a community that has a high number of Hispanic and Latino in their population.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HCCNWAL solicits and considers opinions through many outlets, with the top priority being making contact with all direct service providers, organizations, and city officials that serve the homeless population, to form partnerships and seek new ideas. We invite everyone in the community to attend our quarterly membership meetings, where we have an open forum for discussion and input of ideas and opinions. In addition to our membership meetings, our ED holds monthly meetings with a smaller group of direct service providers, with the purpose being to strategize on ideas and resources for ending homelessness. These meetings have begun in the last year, and have become an effective way to increase partnerships and exchange information. Our ED also regularly meets with city officials, business owners, and community stakeholders, all who have a vested interest in ending homelessness in our area, where ideas and input are continuously sought. Lastly, our CoC solicits and welcomes input and opinions of those who are interested in preventing and ending homelessness, at public events, health fairs, etc., and are continuing to implement our 2021 Strategic Plan.
2. The HCCNWAL communicates information during public membership meetings that are open to our membership and to the general public. We offer an open forum and networking, where people can offer insight and ideas, as well as raise any concerns and awareness that is related to preventing and ending homelessness. Our public meetings also offer educational speakers, such as direct service providers or resource officers, so that information can be communicated to the public. Our goals include increasing the discussion surrounding the topic of homelessness, while also educating the community. Also, our CoC regularly attends and participates in other community events and community council meetings, where information can be shared.
3. The HCC ensures effective communication for persons by posting all info on social media, our website, as well as email. Also, a PDF format of the NOFO and Membership Application is posted on our website. We also have case managers who are trained to assist
4. Info gathered in these meetings/forums has allowed for: meetings with city officials, business owners, and other community stakeholders, where we can present and move forward with sustainable ideas, increased participation in both membership and our Board from PLE, and increased education for the community.

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. On August 12, 2024, the 2024 NOFO was initially posted on the CoC website, as well as to social media. At a later date of September 4, but still within the required timeline, the NOFO timeline was again posted, with an updated Rank and Review Tool. The CoC stated in the timeline that it is accepting all project application proposals, including renewals as well as those that have not previously received funding. This notice contained a link to the entire NOFO, as well as a timeline and submission requirements for submission to the CoC.

2. On August 12, 2024, the CoC posted information to its website that included instructions for the process of submitting applications. The announcement was made through a 5 page document, that included all steps of the process, dates for deadlines, as well as a link to the entire NOFO 2024. This link was updated on September 4, with an updated Rank and Review Tool.

3. On August 12, 2024, the CoC notified the public through its website posting about how decision would be made regarding funding. On September 4, 2024, an updated Rank and Review Tool was posted. All applications from eligible (minimum 1 year CoC membership and participation, nonprofit status, and willingness to participate in Coordinated Entry and HMIS if not DV) are submitted to HUD, and this information is shared in the timeline notification posted.

4. The CoC ensures effective communication for persons with disabilities by posting all documents on the website in a PDF format. Additionally, we partner with the Florence Public Library, who offers free computer access to every individual in the community. Furthermore, we have case managers able to assist when necessary.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

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

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

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 family members are not separated?	No
3.	Worked with CoC and 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)	No
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

a.The Homeless Care Council has an established and positive partnership with several of our school districts, one of which is Florence City Schools. Both agree on common goals and shared expectations, of decreasing and eliminating homelessness among youth. The HCC Executive Director sees and communicates regularly with Florence City Schools social workers, through monthly community meetings, quarterly membership meetings, and phone calls and emails. In addition, these individuals have served as Point in Time volunteers.

b.The Homeless Care Council also has an established and positive partnership with one of our youth providers, Attention Homes. The HCC Executive Director maintains a positive relationship with Attention Homes through monthly community meetings, and Attention Homes has also participated in our Point in Time Survey.

c.Through both of these partnerships, the HCC is able to link students and/or families with students to the Salvation Army, Community Action, or other community providers. The HCC has quarterly membership meetings, to which school counselors, social workers, and administration are all invited to attend. The HCC also works collaboratively with the local Children’s Council to provide a coordinated opportunity to inform the community who may come in contact with homeless families with children of the educational services available. Through community engagement and open communication, we have been successful in creating impactful relationships that can in turn, support our students in our community. The CoC will continue to further strengthen the existing relationships, and collaborations within the community, as we make connections, and look for solutions.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun 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 have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Homeless Care Council has quarterly membership meetings, to which school administrators and social workers are invited to attend, as well as our direct service providers. This gives the opportunity for networking, and partnerships, so that information can be exchanged regarding educational services. This also gives us the opportunity to ensure that all school leaders have extensive knowledge of the policies and procedures in place that connect homeless youth with educational opportunities in their school districts. Additionally, any youth or person with school aged children, who contacts Coordinated Entry, is informed of their education services eligibility, as well as linked to resources they will benefit from.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		No

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 2 largest VSPs in the CoC, SafePlace and One Place of the Shoals, are the agencies to actively and directly work with CoC Committees to update policies, as well as Coordinated Entry policies. Additionally, we have a representative from Safeplace on our Board of Directors, who attends monthly meetings, and offers continuous input. Also, representatives from VSP are in attendance at our quarterly membership meetings, as well as monthly community council meetings, where we can collaborate to update policies and procedures.

2.
 a. In trying to ensure that all CoC housing and services are trauma informed and can meet the needs of survivors, the CoC collaborates with VSP- as well as coordinated entry- to offer and enforce a “No Wrong Door” policy within the protocol. All VSP, case managers, and other social workers participate in reviews, trainings, and are updated on any guidelines necessary. Victims of domestic violence are IMMEDIATELY referred to the DV shelter, for assessment at the top of the priority list. Both SafePlace and One Place of the Shoals are current members in our CoC, which allows us the opportunity to ensure that all counselors and services are trauma informed. Safeplace holds a special training once a year to all direct service staff on Trauma-Informed Care to clients that receive SafePlace services. All of the Court advocates and shelter case managers receive updated training on best practices for client care. Safeplace forms partnerships with transitional housing owners and managers to provide the best available options for safety and income level. Shelter staff has weekly meetings to discuss the needs of clients and how Safeplace can ensure that safety planning for both now, and when the client exits, is well understood.

b. Collaboration between the CoC and VSP is well in place, but sufficient housing in our area is not. The CoC will continue to look for ways to increase capacity for all domestic violence providers.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.
 - a. The CoC collaborated with VSPs to establish Coordinated Entry guidelines and protocols, that ensures a safe and confidential environment. Coordinated Entry specialists are trained, and use a confidential and safe intake and assessment process, to asses each situation. When a homeless or at risk individual or household is identified as needing domestic violence (DV) services, that individual/household is referred to the DV crisis line immediately, or the CE specialist/case manager makes the call, while maintaining an open phone call with the person in crisis. If the individual or household chooses not to contact DV services, the necessary actions are taken to link the individual to the correct resources, while maintaining the safety of that individual. Coordinated Entry specialist also stress to the client the importance of following the safety guidelines.
 - b. In addition, these VSP agencies provide trainings to those that will be working directly with the victims, including local attorneys, police officers, and social workers. Through this coordinated effort, the most accurate and up to date trainings that address safety are offered and implemented.
2. The CoC CE confidentiality protocols include: a requirement that anyone involved in CE to sign a confidentiality agreement, that is then updated every 6 months; all CE staff being trained on confidentiality; client information being recorded on paper or only in the de-identified data source; and personal information only being shared via phone between CE and housing providers.

1C-5c.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

1C-5d.	Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In our jurisdiction, we follow the directives of law enforcement and DV providers. Should an individual call coordinated entry claiming VAWA, the CE specialist would call law enforcement, and the DV provider. Coordinated Entry serves as the link between the individual and the appropriate authorities, whether that be local police or DV shelter.

2. There are policies and procedures in place in the organizations that serve these individuals, and the CoC CE specialist provides the link between these. All these organizations are members of the CoC.

3.
 a. The CoC communicates the process for requesting an emergency transfer through Coordinated Entry, as well as at any time that a client states they are in an unsafe situation or potential emergency. The CoC works closely with Safeplace to ensure that all clients have equal access to housing and services available within our geographic area. If a Coordinated Entry specialist is informed of a DV situation, the client is immediately referred to the appropriate service provider and/or local authority.

b. If a victim has gone through CE for housing and does not feel safe contacting the agency with which they are housed, they should contact the Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama, or Community Action.

4. If contacted by a client to assist with an emergency transfer, the Homeless Care Council will contact the agency that had originally assisted the client, and following that agency's protocols, assist with finding alternate housing for the client, searching outside the CoC geographic area if necessary.

1C-5e.	Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services 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 ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works closely with our DV providers and Coordinated Entry, to ensure partnership and link communication between the two sources. Through this effort, we can effectively assist our clients by offering all the types of services the individual or family needs. Additionally, coordinated entry allows simple access to many resources and services for which they are eligible, without having to contact multiple agencies. Our CoC has a “No Wrong Door” policy, which allows victims to enter the CE system through street outreach or any other shelter, which is also the same process for ALL individuals experiencing homelessness. Additionally, the DV providers have an extensive list of landlord partnerships they have developed that will work with clients to secure safe housing.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers 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 ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:	
	1. identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
	2. working to remove those barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC communicates with all our direct service providers, board of directors, and membership, to identify any systemic barriers to safe housing. Our goal is to ensure that individuals are not denied access to housing or services based on their status as being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. We have an active relationship with the DV providers, who also attend our membership meetings and bring forth input and ideas. Additionally, our Board of Directors includes an employee of Safeplace, who attends all monthly meetings, and contributes to the conversations surrounding homelessness and domestic violence. These conversations allow us to identify barriers specific to survivors.

2. The CoC has partnerships with providers such as SafePlace and Community Action, both of which stay committed to removing barriers for victims by helping them with transportation, parenting classes, housing counselors, referrals for legal services, and assistance with obtaining IDs. Our goal is to increase partnerships within the community, because we believe that better partnerships between the CoC and providers will lead to more awareness, which leads to more solutions of how to proactively remove these barriers.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+—Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings.	
	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
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1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Assisting Providers–Evaluating Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance. NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	
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Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC seeks feedback and input from stakeholders and community partners and organizations on its anti-discrimination policy, to ensure that we are equally serving all people in need. We have a partnership with the Shoals Diversity Center. Additionally, we seek for our Board to have representation from all communities to ensure that all of our policies and procedures reflect equity and inclusion.

2. Our CoC shared guidance from HUD with all our members, as well as sharing information from partners such as the Shoals Diversity Center. Members in our CoC have their own non-discrimination policy, as well as a diversity statement. Our CoC requires all members in our CoC to have an anti-discrimination policy that meets HUD guidelines.

3. The CoC's process for evaluating compliance with anti-discrimination policies involves the direct service providers within our CoC being made aware there will be unscheduled drop ins throughout the year, to evaluate compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies. Also, the HMIS and Coordinated Entry teams review intake, assessments, and referrals. Any complaints or non-compliance are reported and reviewed.

4. If a complaint is received, we immediately begin an investigation to determine what has taken place. If necessary, we take appropriate actions, which could include re-training, re-educating, removal from position, or board involvement.

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.	
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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 or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 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?
Florence Housing Authority	5%	Yes-HCV	No
Sheffield Housing Authority	40%	Yes-Both	Yes

1C-7a.	<p>Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.1.g.</p>
	<p>Describe in the field below:</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>2. state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.</p>

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.
 - a. The CoC has partnerships and collaborations with both the Florence Housing Authority and the Sheffield Housing Authority, and these partnerships have strengthened in the past year. The Executive Director of the CoC/HCC has met with the ED of the FHA this year, to discuss increased collaboration. Also, representatives from both the FHA and the SHA are in attendance at HCC Membership Meetings. The CoC Coordinated Entry Specialist, as well as direct service providers in all 6 counties, work closely with the housing authorities for availability and referrals.
 - b. The SHA has the “Moving On Project”, which regularly takes referrals as designated through our Coordinated Entry.
 - c. The FHA is no longer a “public housing authority” and has transitioned to multi-family housing from public housing, which gives the housing authority more options for renovations and updates, and allows individuals and families to have a home, whether subsidized or owned. The FHA has the Housing Voucher Program, with 691 vouchers. FHA does not have any preferences.
 - d. Due to this area being a college community, there is not enough housing to cover students, low income, and homeless. This is a subject we have had and continue to have conversations with the City of Florence about.
 - e. We have a new program through the CoC, the Community Lauderdale ID Program (CLIP), that is a partnership between the HCCNWAL, Community Action, Florence Police Department, and the City of Florence. This program has funding that enables homeless individuals to obtain ID’s, that further aids them on their path to housing and employment. Thus far, this program has assisted 30 individuals with obtaining IDs, 10 with obtaining IDs and housing, and 4 with obtaining IDs and employment.

2. N/A

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.	Local Individuals with a small inventory of houses/apartment for rent	Yes

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

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

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

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.	

	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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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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems 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.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	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 2024 CoC Program Competition.	1
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 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	1
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 2024 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;
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach; and
4.	what your CoC has done to improve fidelity to Housing First.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HCCNWAL Rank and Review committee meets at least once, if not twice, and reviews every project application, during the rank and review process. We are a small CoC and often only have 1 project; however, we treat the process as we would if there were multiple projects and adhere to strict guidelines. Our committee wants to ensure that the project’s practices and policies follow a Housing First approach. Additionally, the HMIS Coordinator, ED of the HCCNWAL, direct service providers, and Coordinated Entry in our CoC regularly evaluate and review project success, the rate of return to homelessness, and how that pertains to the Housing First approach.

2. The list of factors and performance indicators that the CoC uses during its evaluation include but are not limited to: prioritizing rapid placement in housing that does not require preconditions; a successful coordinated entry system with no barriers, and reviewing the reasons for any discharged clients. Additionally, the committee looks to see that access to safety has been provided, connections to resources have been made, and that outreach teams and case managers have been trained to quickly connect individuals to the coordinated entry process. Our “No Wrong Door” policy is beneficial to these steps, and our goal is that our community has a system that is smooth and efficient.

3. The CoC has partnerships with many area service providers that are outside of the local CoC competition, and in the past year, has started meeting with these providers monthly, to ensure that all projects are using a Housing First Approach and needs are being met. These meetings have proven to be beneficial for all parties involved, as we work to end homelessness. Additionally, the CoC has regular and consistent communication with all the membership and is available for questions regarding the Housing First Approach. Lastly, the CoC meets regularly with area Mayors, City Council, and other area stakeholders, to review the greatest needs in our community.

4. To improve fidelity to Housing First, our CoC has and maintains active and positive relationships with project applicants, meeting with them monthly and visiting their site. The Coc reviews the Housing First principles with the project applicants, seeks other funding opportunities, and works to engage new landlords.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- a. The CoC has several PLE. One, an employee and housing counselor, one serves on our BOD and directs a non-profit for the homeless, and 2 more who also serve on our BOD. They offer assistance in relationship building, esp to those who are least likely to request assistance.
- b. The CoC runs a "Hydrate the Homeless" bottled water drive every year and donates bottled waters to food banks and direct service providers. Through this program, we can tailor our street outreach to more people.
- c. The CoC has and maintains active partnerships with local faith-based organizations, area food banks, and all direct service providers, who we talk to about street outreach.
- d. The CoC has a solid partnership with local law enforcement, specifically the Florence Police Department, where we have an officer, whose job is designed to offer support to the homeless population and direct service providers. This officer is trained in victim-centered practices and offers that training to other officers in the dept. This practice has helped build positive engagement between the homeless community and law enforcement.
- e. We have organizations such as Community Action, Home Free Haven, Salvation Army, Crossroads, and others, who conduct street outreach 5, sometimes 7, days per week. The street outreach teams look for and offer assistance to many homeless individuals who are not just in plain sight on streets, but also go to known congregate areas, to make sure all persons experiencing homelessness are identified and assisted.
- f. The CoC has monthly meetings including the ED of the HCCNWAL, our local law enforcement officer, HMIS Coordinator and City Case Manager, and reps from our direct service providers. These mtgs are helpful to exchange ideas and information, share resources, and look for ways to assist our homeless population. We share specific ideas on tailoring our street outreach so that we reach the most people.
- h. Our new program, Community Lauderdale ID Program (CLIP), is an effort between the HCCNWAL, Community Action, Florence Police Department, and the City of Florence. It has funding that enables homeless individuals to obtain ID's, aiding them on their path to housing and employment. This year, we have assisted 30 people in obtaining IDs, 10 with obtaining IDs and housing, and 4 with obtaining IDs and employment.
- i. Our Homeward Bound Bus Ticket Program continues to show success, and we have reunited 5 with out of town family or housing, this year.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate your CoC's strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness

1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	No	No
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
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	30	35

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. works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and

2.	promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC works with and has relationships with local healthcare organizations, our local mental health center, and several agencies who support substance abuse treatment. All of these agencies are members in our CoC, and willingly offer input and support that can assist homeless and program participants. Our membership is open to the public and has a wide array and diverse group of members, who when gathered at our quarterly membership meetings, do collaborate and partner to discuss services offered. Additionally, these organizations, as well as our other case managers and street outreach teams, can assist with linking clients to these services and resources.

2. Our CoC has dedicated case managers and street outreach teams who are knowledgeable on SSI/SSDI outreach and are equipped to support clients in this capacity. Also, our Coordinated Entry team is trained to offer outreach and support in this capacity, as well as linking clients to these resources.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:

1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborates with state and local health departments, as well as our local District Medical Officer, to respond to all potential infectious disease outbreaks. Our goal is to increase these partnerships so that we have the information needed and are even better equipped for future situations.

2. Our CoC collaborates with state and local health departments by following CDC guidelines, and then communicating that information to all direct service providers, as to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among our homeless population. Also, our direct service providers have documentation posted in their lobbies regarding these guidelines. During COVID, agencies within our CoC membership supplied PPE, vaccines, hand sanitizer, safety kits, and other necessities to our community.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works to share information related to public health measures and homelessness by consistently communicating and partnering with local health departments, hospitals, and doctors, and then sharing the information we gather with direct service providers and our CoC membership. Our CoC meetings are open to the public and we often have medical representatives and local physicians in attendance at these meetings, where information can be learned and exchanged. Our goal is to increase the number of physicians we have relationships with, allowing us the opportunity to gather information that can be used to educate the community

2.
 a. The CoC facilitates communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers by maintaining partnerships and communication with both parties, holding CoC membership meetings that includes representatives from both, and by gathering information from public health agencies that we share with direct service providers. Additionally, health officials are invited to our membership meetings, where they have the opportunity to share firsthand knowledge with our providers, offer public presentations about public health concerns, as well as offer one-on-one conversations. These speaking and sharing opportunities give everyone the opportunity to be better educated and we believe that increased awareness can lead to disease prevention.

b. Street outreach teams within the CoC have also formed relationships and partnerships with local health departments and doctors, and information is able to be shared at our monthly meetings held between the ED of the HCCNWAL, and direct service providers.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
	1. can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;	
	2. uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;	
	3. collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and	
	4. is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. a. Our CoC has a CE System that covers 100% of our 6-county area, allowing for multiple access points for all clients. We use a “No Wrong Door” approach, which ensures that all persons experiencing homelessness are connected to the resources they need. This gives clients the ability to access CE through street outreach or at various agencies throughout the geographic area of our CoC. Also, all direct service providers, civic groups, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, etc. are trained on CE. Also, our CoC Case Manager works to ensure the access to and process of receiving services is as easy as possible. One effort to removing barriers includes placing notices of services with contact information at places that would most likely be frequented by our homeless population such as DHR, faith-based organizations, food banks, health clinics & direct providers.

b. A resource that is being used within our CoC is that CE has a single phone number that rings directly to a Case Manager. This is helpful, as this Case Manager can immediately start work on a case, linking the client to necessary resources. Resource Flyers, including this number, are posted on social media, & throughout our CoC in printed form at places that would most likely be frequented by our homeless population.

2. Our CoC CE continues to use a 2-step process, that combines the VI-SPDAT assessment to prioritize the severity of needs, along with also using a general CE intake form. Monthly case meetings are held with providers within the CoC to assess all information on a case-by-case basis.

3. Our CoC CE system collects information in a trauma-informed way by acknowledging the client’s difficult situation, ensuring info is kept confidential, offering compassionate practices, linking them to resources & when necessary, linking them to DV providers & assisting with creating a safety plan.

4. a. Our CoC CE System is evaluated at least annually & this feedback comes from both households that participated in coordinated entry & participating projects, from direct service providers. Household feedback is crucial for CE to provide participants with the best services & resources to meet their needs.

b. It is updated annually by feedback from HMIS participants to include data that is needed for their particular project, HIC changes & at any time the vendor updates HUD Data Quality Elements & HUD required data for reports.

c. Last, HMIS & CE attend CoC Board Mtgs to give reports.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.o.

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 needs and preferences; and
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC has a “No Wrong Door” approach & through this, our CE system can offer assistance to those who don’t have access to special outreach. Also CE has developed within the past 2 years a single phone number that rings directly to a Case Manager, who is available to assist all individuals, no matter the circumstances. We also distribute a Homeless Resource Information Flyer, and other materials, to organizations and agencies throughout our 6-county area. This flyer includes the case manager phone number, the 2-1-1 informational number, and info about all our providers who provide services to the homeless. Street outreach from these providers are available to meet clients at neutral & safe locations, if they cannot access CE through regular means, essentially meeting clients “where they are at”.

2. Our CoC CE System prioritizes people most in need of assistance through a two-step process. This includes the VI-SPDAT assessment, and a general intake form. Once a client has completed a full coordinated assessment, they are prioritized based on the criteria stated by HUD Notice CPD-16-011 & their VI-SPDAT score. Priority for placement is determined by client & family preference. Additionally, all our clients are entered & can be tracked through our HMIS system, which allows us to further enhance our support for them.

3. Our CoC has staff & programs that ensure people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner that is consistent with their needs & preferences. The CoC has a client centered approach, considering their needs & preferences, while also finding housing and services that best align with each client’s specific needs.

4. Our CoC CE system has taken many steps to reduce burdens on people using CE that include but are not limited to: fair & equal access, confidentiality, timeliness, compassion, & follow-up with all clients. Our CE team does not collect any unnecessary info or ask questions that are not pertinent to the situation of the client. Also, our street outreach teams are always ready and willing to meet clients in safe & neutral locations in order to reduce any barriers or concerns a client may have.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC through its 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. Our CoC Coordinated Entry affirmatively markets housing and services of the services available in our geographic area through all methods possible. The CoC members post on websites, social media platforms, and are listed in several community resource books that are distributed throughout the 6-county area. CoC Staff and staff of member agencies often attend community meetings, where information is shared among providers, as well as participate in public events where there are likely to be homeless individuals in attendance and information can be shared. Our CoC does not discriminate and ensures that eligible individuals understand that services are available to every individual, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, or disability.

2. Our CoC CE team ensures that all clients are provided with information about their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. Member agencies and direct service providers post this information and share it with individuals and program participants. Additionally, CE always discusses confidentiality agreements as well.

3. Thus far, our CoC has not had to report any conditions or actions that impeded fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants. If these violations were to occur, the CoC would ensure that the necessary actions are taken and the situation would be reported to the Jurisdiction responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

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.	10/01/2024

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC’s Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC’s provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC’s provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Racial Equity and disparities are being addressed in a multitude of ways within our CoC.
 - a. First, our Point in Time Count provides quantitative data that allows us to analyze if racial disparities are present. Our PIT count this year was on January 25, and was a very thorough count that allowed us the opportunity to examine and analyze data.
 - b. Secondly, our HMIS System and Coordinated Entry use a customized report to examine the racial breakdown of homeless individuals. These reports include information on the racial composition of individuals receiving housing, receiving street outreach, as well as who was counted in the Point in Time Count.
 - c. Additionally, the CoC meets often with various partners and direct service providers, to discuss and analyze racial disparities and ways we can improve our community. Specifically, our CoC Executive Director meets monthly with the Florence Police Department, the HMIS Coordinator, a Community Action representative, and area shelter directors, and discusses racial disparities, current situations in our community, as well as ideas for solutions and programs.
 - d. We are happy to have 3 people with lived experience that serve on our Board of Directors as well as others in our membership and within direct service providers, who are PLE. These individuals all offer input at various meetings.
 - e. Lastly, the HCCNWAL actively promotes equity and provides guidance to embed principles of equity throughout the implementation and design of the HMIS training and direct provider services.

2. Our CoC analyzed data to determine if racial disparities are present through HMIS reports, and ongoing community discussions. We also use the CoC Racial Analysis Tool, provided by HUD. The CoC did not identify any racial disparities within our programs. We have, however, noticed differences in the racial composition of those entering the homeless system, in a few of our counties, and programming is implemented as needed to address these disparities. We encourage our membership to be aware of any racial disparities that arise and initiate conversations that lead to solutions. We continue to do further research to address these issues.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to prevent or eliminate racial disparities.

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes

7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC 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.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.	Does your CoC have a specialized outreach group in geographic areas that include higher concentrations of unsheltered Hispanic groups?	Yes

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity. NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
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Describe in the field below your CoC’s plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC Plan includes ensuring that our Board of Directors is diverse and has representatives from all sectors of the community, so that all policies and procedures that come before the board are scrutinized for equity and inclusion. Our CoC’s plan includes our non-discrimination policies and procedures that exist within our CoC and is updated annually. Our CoC analyzed data to determine if racial disparities are present through HMIS reports, Coordinated Entry reports, and ongoing community discussions. We also use the CoC Racial Analysis Tool, provided by HUD. The CoC did not identify any racial disparities within our programs. We have, however, noticed differences in the racial composition of those entering the homeless system, in a few of our counties, and programming is implemented as needed to address these disparities. We encourage our membership to be aware of any racial disparities that arise and initiate conversations that lead to solutions. We continue to do further research to address these issues.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities. NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
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Describe in the field below:

1.	the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC uses reports from HMIS and Coordinated Entry to examine and analyze demographic data and possible racial disparities as it relates to service provision. Additionally, HMIS, Coordinated Entry, Area direct service providers, Florence Police Dept, and the ED of the CoC meet monthly to collaborate on these reviews, as well as looking at other programs to aid homeless assistance. Program outcomes are only achievable if we consistently monitor progress and partner with each other. Our CoC's goal is to initiate more conversations regarding racial disparities and equity and to provide opportunities for all of our homeless population.

2. Our CoC is data driven in evaluating system level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity. Our CoC's plan includes our non-discrimination policies and procedures that exist within our CoC and is updated annually. Our CoC analyzed data to determine if racial disparities are present through HMIS reports, Coordinated Entry reports and ongoing community discussions. We also use the CoC Racial Analysis Tool, provided by HUD. The CoC did not identify any racial disparities within our programs. We have, however, noticed differences in the racial composition of those entering the homeless system, in a few of our counties, and programming is implemented as needed to address these disparities. We encourage our membership to be aware of any racial disparities that arise and initiate conversations that lead to solutions. We continue to do further research to address these issues.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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 decisionmaking processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC has continued to make strides in the last year with outreach efforts to engage those with lived experience. We have a multitude of ways that we accomplish this.

- a. First, through social media announcements made by members within our CoC, there are advertisements for persons with lived experience to join our membership and Board.
- b. We promote the opportunities for persons with lived experience to join us at workshops, membership meetings, and other various community meetings.
- c. We share this information with all of membership, as well as our street outreach teams, and through word of mouth, are able to look for ways to engage those with lived experience.
- d. When building committees, we seek current or past program participants to include.
- e. We encourage all members of our CoC to employ those with lived experience, as well as look for volunteer and Board opportunities to offer to those with lived experience.
- f. As a result, we are proud to say we now have 3 persons with lived experience on our Board of Directors. Additionally, there are direct service providers in our membership who do employ those with lived experience, as well as direct service providers who have volunteers with lived experience.

1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter 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.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	4
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	4
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	3
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	2	4

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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)

Our CoC has and is providing professional and employment opportunities to individuals through several avenues.

- a. Our CoC has direct service providers in our membership, who provide programs for professional development, as well as opportunities for linking them to community colleges and programs, for furthering their education.
- b. Specifically, Community Action provides specific professional development classes, parenting classes, and connects individuals with GED programs at local community colleges.
- c. Additionally, both Mission of Mercy Shoals and A New Beginning Women's Recovery offers clients professional development, job skill training, and opportunities to return to school.
- d. Salvation Army of the Shoals also provides opportunities to clients to work in the Salvation Army family thrift stores or as bell ringers during the Christmas Season. This gives them an opportunity to give back to the community, while gaining work experience. Also, during this year, Salvation Army has clients that have graduated from their program and are now working in their shelter, as Housing and Kitchen Monitors. This is providing a proven path for others to see, that success is possible!
- e. In addition to those agencies providing unique opportunities for growth, our CoC also partners with local staffing services and local employers to assist individuals in obtaining employment, regardless of circumstances.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness in many ways. First, through our Point in Time Count, we talk face to face with individuals to gain crucial feedback on their situations. Second, we have case mgrs, social workers & street outreach that allows for weekly & monthly contact with individuals, gathering feedback from them. Lastly, our BOD includes 3 individuals who are PLE. They offer us insight & feedback, offering a different perspective & first hand knowledge of homelessness to our BOD.
2. Our CoC continuously gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness, from daily to weekly to monthly case mgmt & street outreach.
3. Our CoC gathers feedback from people through the CoC or ESG program through Customer satisfaction surveys & providing follow up care & assistance for all clients. The CoC encourages all our direct service providers, partner agencies & street outreach teams to follow up with clients that have exited the system through phone calls & in person follow up interviews. We use this feedback to enhance our program & discuss ideas for new programs.
4. Our CoC always gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC program or ESG program. This is an ongoing process, from daily to weekly to monthly, through street outreach & case mgmt.
5. Steps we have taken to address challenges raised by PLE:
 - a. A big challenge we see is homeless individuals lacking proper identification (ID), which prevents them from obtaining housing and/or employment. To solve this problem, the CoC partnered with Community Action, the City of Florence & the Florence Police Dept to form the CLIP Program- Community Lauderdale ID Program. This program allows funding that provides proper ID for individuals, who are first referred to the FPD, then to Community Action for case mgmt. This has been successful, and we have secured IDs for 30 individuals.
 - b. Another challenge we face is transportation for individuals to be reunited with family or friends. Our Homeward Bound Program allows funding that provides bus tickets for individuals to do so. In 2023-24, through the CDBG program, we reunited 5 individuals with out of town family, friends, or housing.
 - c. To fix the problem of limited communication amongst us, the HCC conducts monthly mtgs between the ED of the CoC, HMIS coordinator, Florence Police Dept, & reps from area providers.
 - d. Other steps include: more street outreach, partners, and programs.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. First, our CoC has had frequent meetings in the last year to discuss reforming zoning and housing development issues. In attendance at these meetings were the Executive Director of the Homeless Care Council, two board members from the HCC (one of which is an architect), the ED of the Florence Housing Authority, the City of Florence Mayor, and other interested parties. We know that unless we expand our pool of affordable housing, we will see an increase in homelessness. Specifically, we discussed the idea of the development of tiny homes and other transitional housing, to support our homeless population. Secondly, our CoC has meetings and partnerships with local developers and property owners, to discuss and encourage the opportunity for more housing development and rental units.

2. First, our CoC has had frequent meetings with the Building Department, Planning Department, and the City Municipalities, in the last year to discuss barriers to housing development. Some of the identified barriers include, but are not limited to: affordable housing, minimal land options, and our local University having much of the area options for housing. We are constantly seeking ideas for solving these problems, through these meetings. Secondly, our CoC has meetings and partnerships with local developers and property owners, where we educate them about these identified barriers, and seek input on solving them. Barriers to housing development is an ongoing issue that we will continue seeking answers and solutions for.

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	09/04/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	09/04/2024

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

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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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.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collects and analyzes project information retrieved from HMIS data. This review of data includes HUD housing counselors' reports, exit destination information, and project data such as demographics and characteristics. Our CoC is relatively small which allows us the ability to access information directly, such as through face-to-face meetings, and agency visits as necessary.

2. The data showing how long it takes to house people in permanent housing was retrieved from HMIS reports. A review of the data was conducted with Agencies and housing counselors for validation of reports. Should any findings be noted, the housing counselors are provided an opportunity to dispute those. Our CoC has cultivated a good working relationship with agencies and discuss ideas for more permanent housing with them several times throughout the year.

3. The CoC considered the severity of needs and vulnerabilities such as chronic homelessness/mental health, lack of affordable housing particularly for our minority population, lack of transportation, and lack of employment/job opportunity also for our black and brown community, when ranking the selected projects. Our CoC continues to work diligently with our partners in seeking solutions to these barriers which is considered during the rank and review process. Our committee for the rank and review process included a person with lived experience, who was able to offer firsthand knowledge, ideas, and input.

4. Our CoC recognizes that lack of affordable housing, lack of transportation, lack of proper ID and documentation, access to mental health services, and lack of employment/job opportunity to be severe barriers in our CoC. We considered these barriers and the ways agencies are working to improve them, when reviewing applications. Our CoC is answering these barriers in different ways, one being our CLIP program, that does provide IDs and proper documentation for our homeless population. Our CoC is a relatively small CoC and we have an extreme lack of affordable housing in our geographic area. Our goal is to increase our NOFO score each year, so that we can increase the projects we are able to fund.

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 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 that proposed 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 steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC started with HUD’s rank and review tool as a base for scoring, then reached out to other CoCs to view other tools, and finally, turned to our membership as well as our Board of Directors to make final adjustments. The CoC membership mirrors that of the homeless population in our 6-county geographic area, and our member agencies/direct service providers have staff and leadership that is diverse and reflective of the homeless population. Additionally, the CoC membership includes multiple people with lived experience, who also had input on the rating factors used to review project applications.

Ultimately, we are proud to say we introduced a new and improved rank and review tool for FY 2024 NOFO, and we will continue to make strides to improve this each year.

2. Our rank and review committee included people from different walks of life, with unique and valued perspectives. In our initial creation of our new rank and review tool, people of over-represented races and ethnicities gave input and insight on this. During the rank and review process, we consulted with those from different walks of life who are all in our CoC membership. They are all involved in volunteer work with multiple organizations, have worked directly with the homeless population in different capacities, and are vested stakeholders in the community. Additionally, one person on the committee is a person with lived experience. Our goal continues to have a larger committee that includes more diversity.

3. The CoC rank and review committee reviewed data from submitted applications this year and found no barriers to actual participation and no evidence that any complaints had been made to the CoC that ethnicity is a barrier for receiving services. Should this occur, the CoC would investigate asap. While our CoC remains relatively small in comparison to others, we know that our projects take the initiative to reduce barriers and are active in outreach programs and looking for solutions to eliminate any potential barriers.

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. The CoC did not reallocate any funding this year. We are a relatively small CoC and both our current funding and additional funding are needed. Our goal is to increase our HUD debriefing score, so that we are awarded more money, and then have the opportunity to fund more projects and, if necessary, re-allocate.

However, if a reallocation process was needed, the CoC would:

- a. Use the rank and review tool to assess scores
- b. Use HMIS data to score on the rank and review tool
- c. Encourage providers to evaluate their projects throughout the year
- d. Educate the rank and review committee on the tool, as well as on low-performing projects
- e. Then, compiling all the above resources and results, determine which projects are low scoring and in need of re-allocation.

2. Our CoC did not identify any low performing or less needed projects. We have a high performing project that does very well in supporting our homeless population, and we hope to improve our score so that this project can be awarded more money.

3. Our CoC did not reallocate any low performing or less needed projects during our local competition. We have a high performing project that is very much needed.

4. Our CoC did not reallocate any funding this year, as we did not have any projects that are low performing or not needed. We are a relatively small CoC and both our current funding and additional funding are needed. Our goal is to increase our HUD debriefing score, so that we have more money, and then have the opportunity to increase funding to our renewal project, as well as fund more projects. Our 6-county geographic area needs all the housing that we have, and more.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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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?	

	<p>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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.</p>	
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<p>1E-5a.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
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	<p>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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.</p>	<p>09/24/2024</p>
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<p>1E-5b.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
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	<p>Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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<p>1E-5c.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
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	<p>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.</p>	<p>10/23/2024</p>
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<p>1E-5d.</p>	<p>Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email 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.</p>	
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	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	10/23/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Well Sky
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/01/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases 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; and	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC maintains regular and consistent communication with Victim Service providers, specifically Safeplace and One Place of the Shoals, to ensure that all data is being adequately collected and entered into a database that meets HUD requirements. Our HMIS Coordinator provides ongoing support to VS Providers, as needed. Additionally, a Safeplace employee serves on our Board of Directors, which allows even more regular communication with the agency.
2. Yes, DV housing and service providers in our CoC are using Osnium, which is a database that is compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	85	40	117	93.60%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	26	60	86	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	35	0	35	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. N/A, because our coverage rate is 93.60%-100%.
2. N/A, because our coverage rate is 93.60%-100%.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 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 January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/25/2024
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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 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/08/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC maintains good relationships with many of the school systems in our area, which enables us to engage them in our PIT count planning process. We work closely with Florence City Schools social workers, strengthening our relationships. Through these partnerships, relationships, and communication with both city and county schools, the school liaisons/social workers were able to provide the CoC with accurate numbers of youth being affected by homelessness. Additionally, we also work closely and partner with one of our shelters for youth during PIT, Attention Homes of NW Alabama. Having this information, through these relationships, allows us to have a more thorough Point in Time count, as well as more effectively serve the youth in our area.

2. Prior to the January Point in Time Count, the CoC began seeking information from direct service providers, youth-serving organizations, churches, street outreach teams, and schools, regarding potential locations of homeless youth. Specifically, we communicate regularly with Attention Homes, one of our primary youth serving organizations, to have accurate youth numbers. The CoC was then able to use this information when making a map of locations to be used for the PIT.

3. Currently, our CoC is a relatively small CoC and we have not had youth experiencing homelessness as counters. Additionally, some youth may be at Victim Service Provider locations, and we would not want to put those youth at risk. However, it is a goal of the CoC to include youth experiencing homelessness as counters during a future PIT count.

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

In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and
4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. N/A; there were no changes to the sheltered PIT count implementation.
2. N/A; there were no changes to the unsheltered PIT count implementation.
3. Our PIT count was not affected by any natural disasters. However, our numbers did slightly increase due to individuals coming to our area to seek short term-shelter or housing assistance.
4. The changes of individuals arriving in our area only slightly increased our PIT count results. We are doing all we can in our area to assist these individuals and are thankful for all funding and all resources.

2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reducing 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. The CoC determined first time homeless risk factors by reviewing data quality and completeness reports from HMIS. We also met with job task force committees in each county, housing counselors, and direct service providers, to determine risk factors for becoming homeless for the first time. Information gathered showed a variety of risk factors, including but not limited to: alcohol or drug abuse, mental health issues, domestic violence, little to no family support, criminal history, and unemployment. If 2 or more of these barriers are present, the risk of first time homelessness increases.

2. The effort to effectively implement strategies addressing the risk of becoming homeless starts with communication between organizations, community leaders, civic leaders, direct service providers, social service providers, law enforcement, DHR, and many others. Members of our CoC work closely together in a coordinated team effort, on behalf of the homeless population. Additional partners include faith based organizations, business owners, school districts, local colleges, and individuals who have an interest in serving our homeless population. Constant and consistent communication is vital in fulfilling any strategies aimed to assist the homeless population. Other strategies include:

- a. Quarterly membership meetings, where we can educate the community, as well as have the opportunity for networking among providers.
- b. Increasing awareness of coordinated entry and our resources.
- c. Monthly meetings between the HCC director and area providers, to identify risks, as well as solutions.
- d. Initiate and implement new programs to assist the homeless population, such as Homeward Bound and the CLIP Program.

3. The Homeless Care Council is responsible for oversight of CoC strategy to reduce the number of first time homeless.

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

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

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area?	Yes

(limit 2,500 characters)

The number of first time homeless in our CoC was not affected by any natural disasters, but was likely affected by people having recently arrived in our geographic area. As a 6 county area that has many passing through, we often do see first time homeless throughout the year. Our total number of homeless in our PIT count did slightly increase due to this factor. We have implemented different programs to assist the homeless population and to reduce the number of homeless, including the CLIP Program and the Homeward Bound Program.

2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless—CoC’s Strategy.	
	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. The CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time people remain homeless is an ongoing strategy and vigilant process. We continue to maintain relationships and strong partnerships with all agencies and organizations within the CoC. Specific steps taken from our strategic plan that we are implementing include:
 - Monthly board meetings and quarterly membership meetings, where we discuss both risk factors and solutions.
 - A “No Wrong Door” policy, where individuals are met where they are and when necessary.
 - Monthly meetings between the CoC Executive Director, Florence Police Dept, the HMIS Coordinator, and representatives from direct service providers.
 - Increasing awareness of coordinated entry through social media and revised informational flyers.
 - Conversations and meetings with community stakeholders to increase public awareness and discuss potential housing sources.
 - Researching AND implementing resources available to increase access to transportation services, such as the Homeless Care Council Homeward Bound Program, partnerships with NACOLG, and other direct service providers’ rideshare programs.
 - Collaboration with both Community Action and Salvation Army and their housing counselors.
 - New and continued conversations and partnerships with City and County officials and commissioners, to increase awareness of the homeless population, as well as with the Planning Departments, where we apply for CDBG funds for programs.

2. The CoC utilizes data gathered from HMIS, intake forms, and the Point in Time Count, to identify those with the longest lengths of time homeless.

3. The Homeless Care Council is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The strategies are through a variety of ways & agencies. These agencies include but not limited to Community Action, Salvation Army & Home Free Haven. They have case managers, social workers & street outreach teams that work directly with individuals & families, guiding their success in their daily lives, to help them retain housing. All our agencies within our CoC work together & collaborate, to do what will provide the best outcome for the client(s), making referrals on behalf of individuals to obtain housing, assigning HUD-certified counselors to the client(s), & partnering with other members in the community who are willing to assist with financial deposits and/or first month's rent, to secure more permanent housing.

Additional steps:

- a. Identifying lack of ID as a barrier to permanent housing & providing a way to overcome this issue. Our CLIP program, Community Lauderdale ID Program, has assisted 30 individuals obtain IDs this year, with 10 of those also obtaining housing.
- b. Identifying transportation as a barrier to permanent housing and providing a way to help overcome this issue. Our Homeward Bound Program provided 5 individuals with bus tickets this year, to reunite them with out-of-town family or friends, & permanent housing.
- c. Increasing our membership base, which therefore increases known resources and opportunities for referrals & networking.
- d. Work collaboratively with all direct service providers & their housing counselors, to ensure we are providing an appropriate timeline for people to exit from transitional housing into permanent housing.

2. The CoC's strategies are to support Community Action, Salvation Army, & direct service providers, as they work with individuals and families, seeking ways they can become self-sufficient & have success in permanent housing.

This includes:

- a. Partners within the community that result in strong supportive services, job opportunities & landlords.
- b. Case mgmt including assisting clients with housing, healthcare, mainstream benefits & job opportunities.
- c. Identifying lack of ID as a barrier to retaining permanent housing and providing a program to overcome this issue. CLIP Program, Community Lauderdale ID Program, has assisted 30 individuals obtain IDs this year, with 10 of those also obtaining housing.
- d. Identifying transportation as a barrier, and providing our Homeward Bound Bus Ticket Program.
- e. Budgeting, parenting, & job training classes.

3. The HCC is responsible.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy.
	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;
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	2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and families return to homelessness; and
	3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness includes depending heavily on HMIS Data, Coordinated Entry, Street Outreach Teams & monthly meetings with both direct service providers & local police department.

a. Through HMIS, we are able to track clients in our data system & identify who returns to homelessness.

b. During Coordinated Entry meetings, case mgrs. discuss clients who are at risk of returning to homelessness & potential solutions for said client(s).

c. The CoC has several direct service providers & agencies who have street outreach teams that are consistently doing street outreach & personally know members of our homeless population, which gives them direct knowledge of which clients have returned to homelessness.

d. HCC hosts monthly meetings with the HCC ED, reps of direct service providers, HMIS Coordinator, & Florence Police Department. At these meetings, we are able to discuss clients on a case by case basis, as well as strengthen our partnerships amongst each other. These meetings give us opportunities to identify who is returning to homelessness.

2. The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate that individuals & families return to homelessness is through several outlets. First, our outreach teams and case mgrs from direct service providers provide consistent outreach, care & assistance to our clients, to guide them in their path to independence. Many of these clients are working with HUD counselors in these efforts. Also, through partnerships within the community, we are able to link client(s) to both housing & job opportunities. Lastly, we also have several programs within our CoC that are helping aid client(s) on a path to success & are designed to support newly housed individuals & families, including budgeting classes, parenting classes & job skill training.

3. The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama and its members are responsible for overseeing these strategies.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

In the field below:

	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
	2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and
	3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC’s strategy to access employment cash sources primarily consists of building and maintaining partnerships throughout the community, which then leads to opportunities for connecting individuals to employment opportunities. We have strong relationships with the City Council, the Mayor and Municipalities, direct service providers, private citizens, business owners, and faith-based organizations. Through these relationships, we are more equipped to help individuals locate employment. We partner with several local businesses who will employ clients regardless of their background, to lead them on their path to self-sufficiency. City and community leaders are aware of the need to increase our opportunities for employment and partnerships.

Secondly, the CoC has counselors, social workers, and case managers who partner with local colleges to help clients become students and enroll in classes, which then leads to employment. Lastly, we maintain community partnerships, express the need for job opportunities for our homeless populations, and increase public awareness through networking at Community Service Meetings, as well as our quarterly Membership Meetings.

2. Our CoC works with mainstream employment organizations mainly through partnerships within the community. We have worked hard in the past few years to create & maintain consistent partnerships with community stakeholders & we know that this increases public awareness, which in turn helps increase employment opportunities. Our CoC meets with various agencies to advocate employment for clients & we also invite these agencies and partners to present at Membership Meetings, where they can publicize their job opportunities.

Also, our CoC works collaboratively with Northwest Shoals Community College and the Lead HMIS Agency (Community Action) to provide on-site GED classes, ready to work classes & in partnership with local career centers & job fairs. We work with the local community college to help potential clients enroll in & attend short term certification classes. Our CoC has case mgrs, social workers & street outreach teams who are advocating for client(s) & linking them directly to GED Classes, job opportunities & job fairs. We are constantly looking for new avenues to educate the homeless population on job opportunities & how to acquire & retain employment.

3. The Homeless Care Council of NW Alabama is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC’s strategy to access non-employment cash income also consists of growing and maintaining consistent partnerships within the community. Through these partnerships, we know that public awareness is increased, which links us to more resources that can benefit our homeless population. Some of the specific ways we are doing this include:
 - a. Encouraging all direct service providers to link clients to mainstream benefits such as SNAP and TANF.
 - b. During the initial Coordinated Entry Process, coordinated entry specialists and case managers evaluate the needs assessment, and link clients to resources and applications as needed.
 - c. A partnership with the Florence Public Library, who offers free computer access to all members of the community, where clients can complete online applications.
 - d. Street outreach within our direct service providers, who will take applications directly to clients.
 - e. Working collaboratively with DHR and the SSA to ensure clients are enrolled in non-cash benefit services for food, disability, and any childcare options that are needed.
 - f. Our CoC invites representatives from agencies such as SNAP, SSA/SSI, Public Housing, etc, to speak at membership meetings, to educate the community on these services.

2. The Homeless Care Council is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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.r.	

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)

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

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serve 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.	Cost Effectiveness of 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)

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
This list contains no items		

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
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.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
 - . 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).
 - . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7. After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.
8. Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	FHA Admin Plan Ho...	10/23/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/16/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	10/23/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/11/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Form for C...	10/11/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/11/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/11/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/11/2024
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 Report 2024	10/11/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	Screenshot of Pub...	10/11/2024

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Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool 2024

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Document Description: Scored Form for Community Action

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Accepted (none rejected)

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Document Description: Notification of Project Accepted Community Action

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Document Description: Local Competition Results AND Screenshot of Public Posting of Results/Ranking

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Submission Summary

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

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Submission Summary	No Input Required



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To Whom It May Concern:

We are a group of individuals who serve both on the CoC Board of Directors, as well as in other direct service agencies. We have all experienced unsheltered homelessness, some of us spending years unsheltered. We are People with Lived Experience and are dedicated to helping find solutions to reduce unsheltered homelessness. We come from diverse backgrounds, different education levels, but we all share the same end goal.


Over the years, we have participated in focus groups, boards, and committees, all who share the same goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness. Our CoC recently finished a Strategic Plan, and we commit to helping implement the Strategic Plan. We know that our input and firsthand knowledge of unsheltered homelessness has the potential to educate not only the CoC Board of Directors and Membership, but also the entire community.

We respectfully ask for consideration for HUD funding for our CoC, and also note that we are moving forward with community conversations to gain more support and partnerships, through sharing our experiences.

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve our CoC in this capacity and look forward to continuing to serve.

Thank you.

Jackie Baker 

Betsy Green 

April Lovelace-Morgan 



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

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

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

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

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

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

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

- “Say It” means that project and agency staff can describe verbally what they do concerning each standard. The assessor should be able to identify that the organizational culture supports the standard by how staff talks about what is done.
- “Document It” means that there is written documentation that supports the project’s compliance with each standard. Written documentation could include Policies and Procedures, Personnel Handbooks, Professional Development Plans, Project Rules, etc.
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Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as

Tab	Description	Purpose
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Instructions	Tool overview and aim	Offers instruction to users on the assessment tool
Provider Info	Input provider, project and general assessment information	Determines project-specific standards for consideration
Standards - Access & Evaluation	Input compliance with standards concerning participant access to the project and input, project evaluation and performance management	Assesses whether access and evaluation are compliant with Housing First principles
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Report Summary	Displays assessment scores and conclusions, and highlights non-compliant standards	Printable summary of the assessment



Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.
Acronym (If Applicable)	CAANW-AL
Year Incorporated	1965
EIN	63-0505905
Street Address	745 Thompson St.
Zip Code	35630

Project Information	
Project Name	CHANCE
Project Budget	\$381,700.00
Grant Number	AL0044L4C022316
Name of Project Director	David Crosby
Project Director Email Address	d.crosby@caanw.org
Project Director Phone Number	2567664330
Which best describes the project *	Rapid Rehousing
<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>	
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

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

Management Information	
Name of CEO	David Crosby
CEO Email Address	d.crosby@caanw.org
CEO Phone Number	2567664330
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	Jackie Baker
Staff Email Address	j.baker@caanw.org
Staff Phone Number	2567664330

Assessment Information	
Name of Assessor	Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	Executive Director
Assessor Email Address	hccnwal@gmail.com
Assessor Phone Number	2564158845
Date of Assessment	October 17,2024



Housing First Standards

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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	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.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.	Always	Always	Always
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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

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



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Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1 Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 2 Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 3 Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 4 Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

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

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Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.	Always	Always	Always
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Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.	Always	Always	Always
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	Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 2	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid re-housing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 3	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
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Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.
October 17,2024

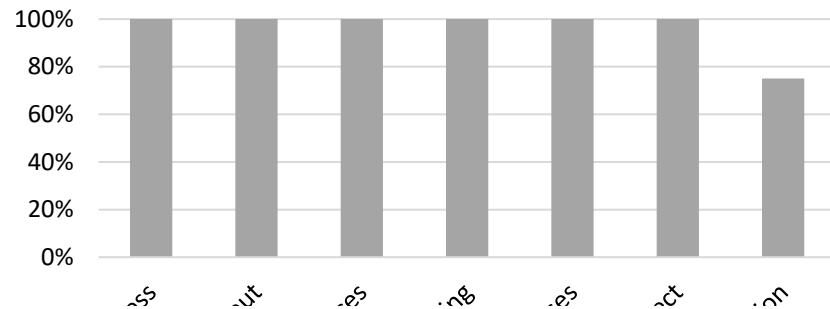
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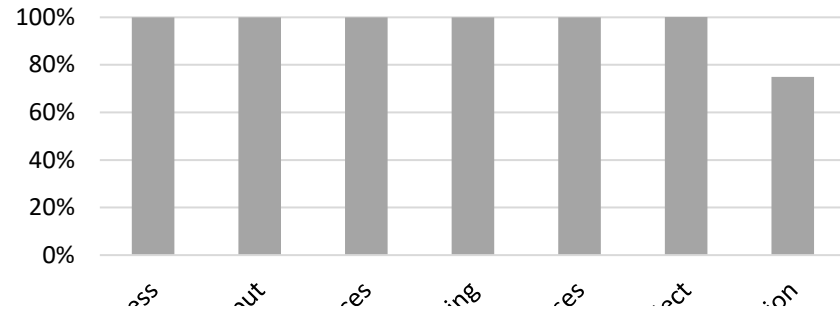
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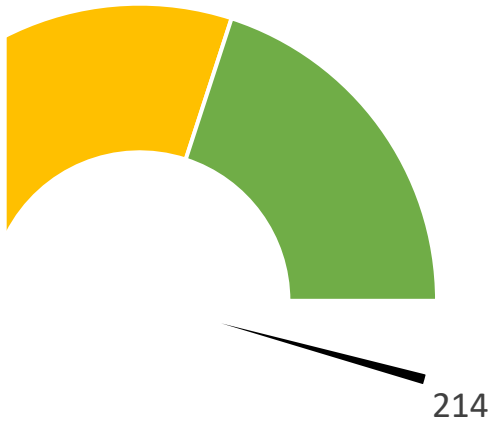
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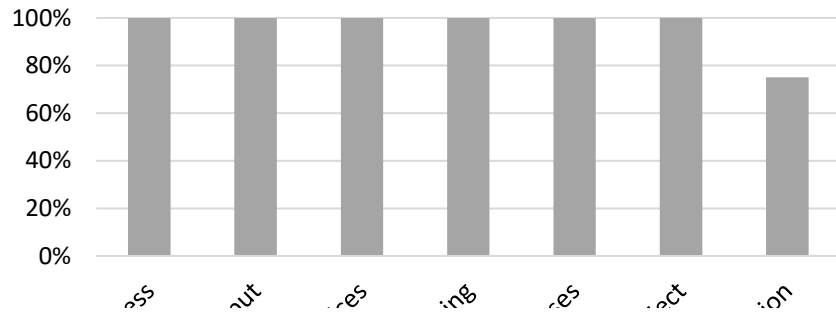
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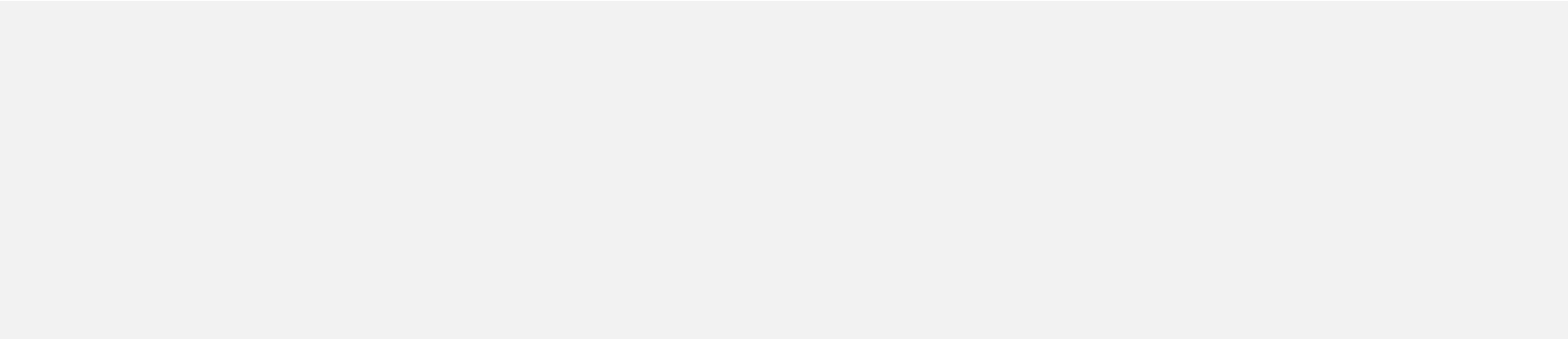


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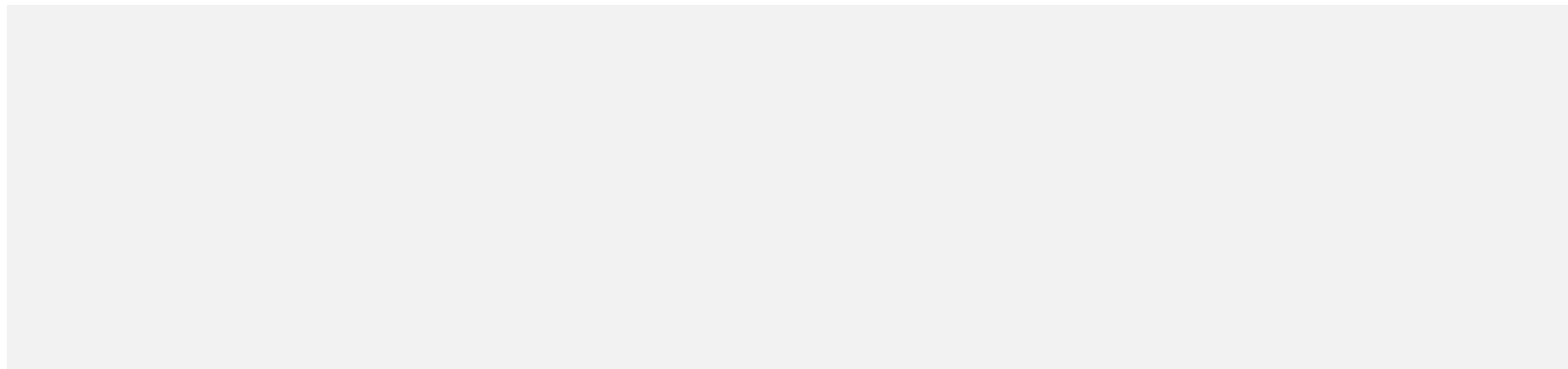
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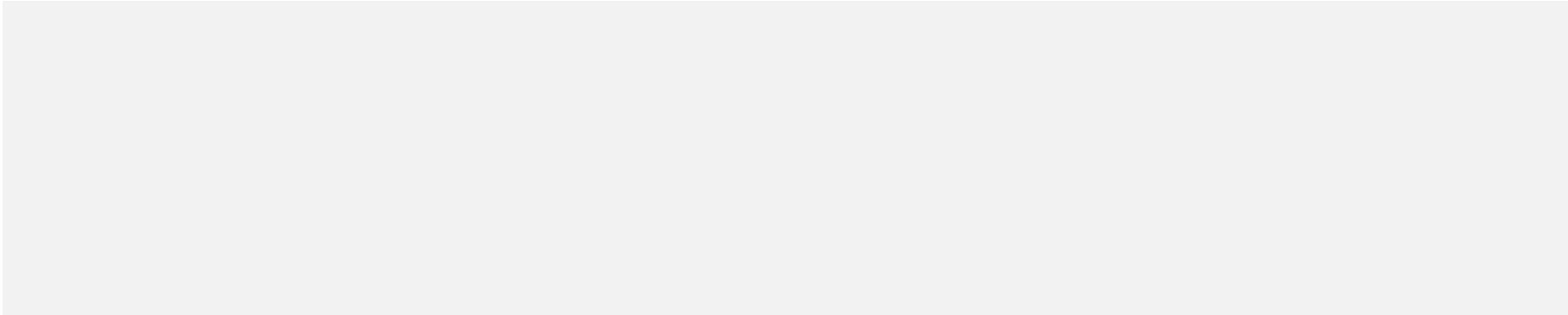
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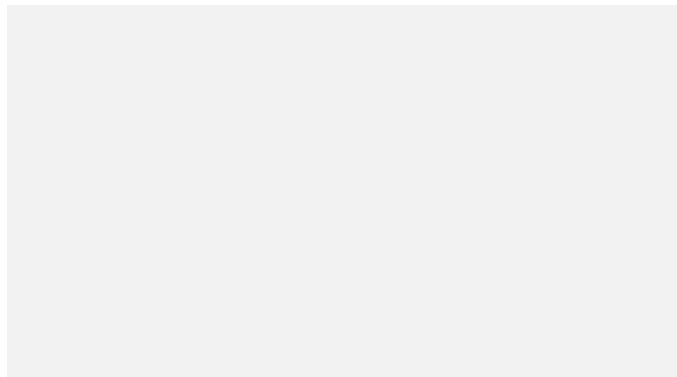
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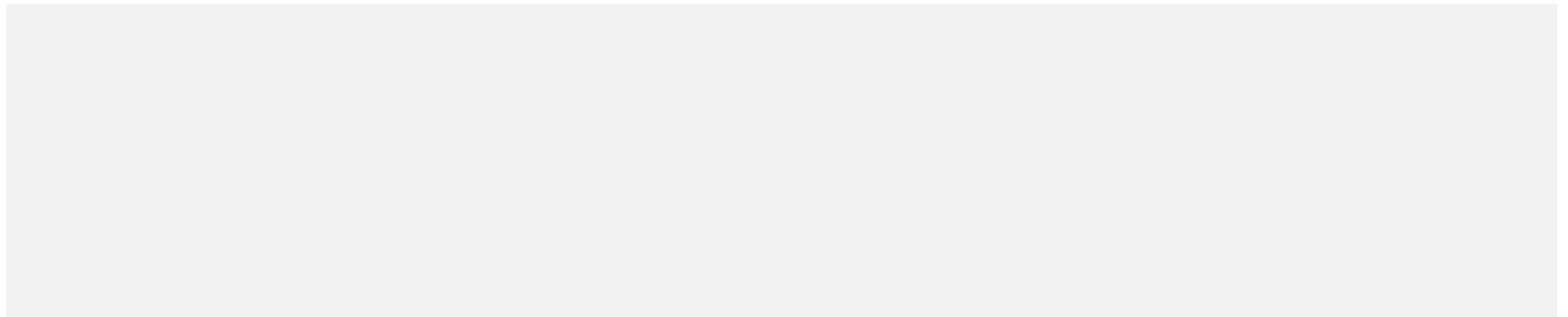
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'Say It'

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Somewhat	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Always	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	233%

Check -

'Document It'

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'Do It'

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Supportive Housing Standards Rating		Pointer	
Start	0	Value	214
Initial	15	Pointer	3
Middle	45	End	180
End	40		
Max	100		

Score: 214

Standard Numbers	With special pop	Without special pop
Coordinated entry	16	12
Street outreach	16	12
Emergency shelter	27	23
Transitional housing	34	30
Rapid rehousing	34	30
Permanent supportive housing	34	30

Max answer score (for 'always') 6 3 categories (say, document, do) x 2 max points for 'always'

Answer Numbers	With special pop	Without special pop	
Coordinated entry	96	72	1
Street outreach	96	72	1
Emergency shelter	162	138	2
Transitional housing	204	180	3
Rapid rehousing	204	180	3
Permanent supportive housing	204	180	3

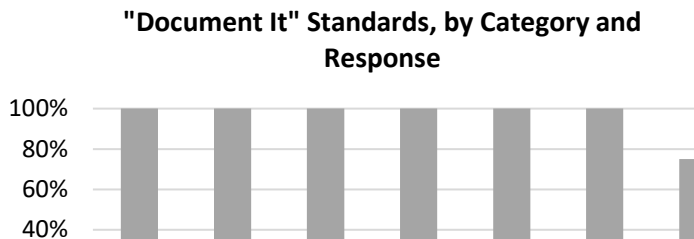
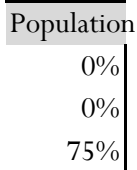
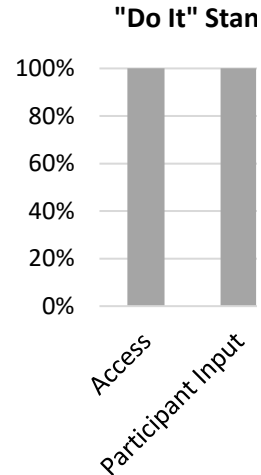
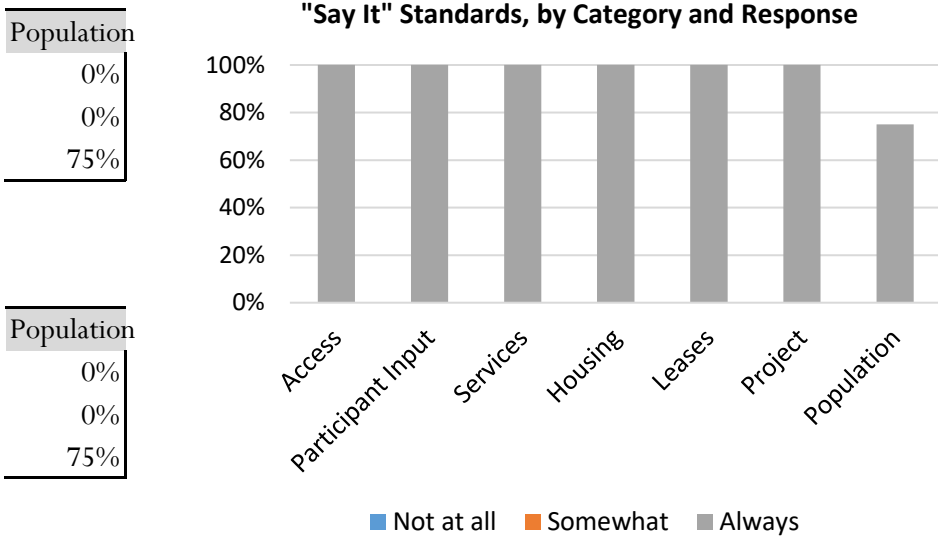
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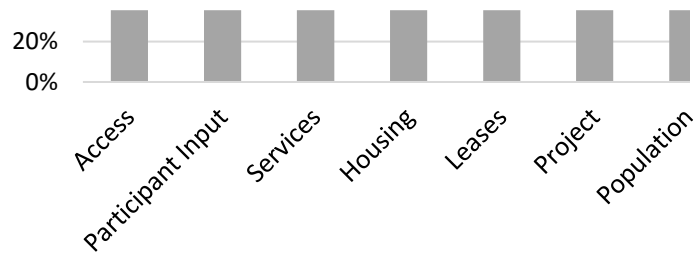
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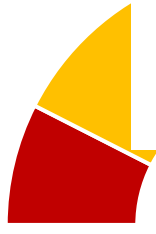
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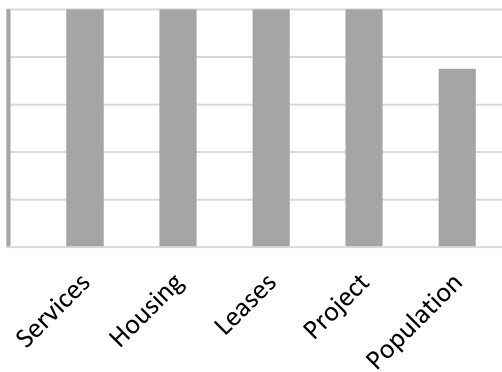
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Standards, by Category and Response



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Project standards

Standards	Coordinated Entry	Street Outreach
Title	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for perceived barriers	Projects screen for health and safety needs
Project 1	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for assistance due to perceived barriers related to housing or services, including, but not limited to, too little or no income, active or a history of substance use, domestic violence history, minimal linkages to other services, the type or extent of disability-related services or supports that are needed, or criminal justice history.	Outreach projects screen people contacted through outreach as soon as possible for critical health and safety needs, providing immediate response to people with the most severe needs.
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Title	Process to assess project-level policies and alert CoC	Street outreach projects are focused on providing access to housing and services

Project 2

Written policies and procedures exist to determine which projects have project-level policies that screen out “high barrier” households, and the steps that the coordinated entry provider will take to alert the CoC of these projects, thereby enabling the CoC to take steps to assist these projects in adopting Housing First principles.

Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of street outreach are to provide access to temporary housing and services and/or re-housing participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers. Street outreach projects reflect the low-barrier orientation of the Coordinated Entry process.

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Title

RRH as a bridge to permanent supportive housing

Street outreach is linked to Coordinated Entry

Project 3

Rapid Re-Housing is made available to serve as a bridge to other permanent housing options so that persons with high service needs or vulnerabilities can be housed more quickly. (See HUD's Rapid Re-Housing Brief here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf>)

Written policy and procedures detail a process by which street outreach staff ensures that persons encountered on the streets are offered the same standardized processes as persons assessed through site-based access points. Outreach teams are coordinated, trained, and have the ability to engage and quickly connect people experiencing homelessness to the local coordinated entry process in order to apply for and obtain permanent housing. Based on the CoC's decision about how street outreach is incorporated into the assessment process, street outreach projects must comply with the CoC's decision.

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Title

Street outreach continuously engages those experiencing homelessness and on the street

Project 4

No additional standards

Through continuous engagement strategies, a street outreach project provides quick linkage to housing and services when a person is ready to engage.

Title

Street Outreach engagements inform the community's efforts to improve their crisis response system

Project 5	No additional standards	Communities use street outreach engagements with those on the street and in encampments to understand and remove barriers to those accessing the crisis response system.
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Title
Project 6 No additional standards No additional standards

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Project 7 No additional standards No additional standards

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Project 8 No additional standards No additional standards

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Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Rapid Rehousing
Focus of emergency shelter is on safe and responsive temporary shelter	Quick access to TH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance
Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of the emergency shelter are to provide temporary accommodation that is safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs and that participants are offered permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	A transitional housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and services based on participant choice.	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.
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Housing comes first

Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transitions to permanent housing

RRH services support people in maintaining their housing

If a temporary shelter placement is made, assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as quickly as possible. People who are unsheltered are not required to first enter an emergency shelter in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.

Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the service needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.

Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid re-housing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.

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TH projects provide appropriate services

Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance

No additional standards

TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participants health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery; domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations) when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing.

On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.

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Housing comes first

No additional standards

No individuals or families, including those who are unsheltered, are required to enter a transitional housing project in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.

No additional standards

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Permanent Supportive Housing	Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing
Quick access to PSH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance
A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability.	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.
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PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing

Project standards

Title
Population 1
Title

Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers.

Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid re-housing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.

Population 2

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Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management

Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance

Title

In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.

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On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.

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Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transitions to permanent housing

Population 3

Title

No additional standards

Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the services needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.

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TH projects provide appropriate services

Population 4

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Youth and Young Adults	People in Recovery	Domestic Violence Survivors
<p>Services are offered</p> <p>Services are focused on ensuring that youth transition to independence.</p> <p><i>Type notes here, if required</i></p>	<p>Recovery housing is offered as one choice among other housing opportunities</p> <p>Connection to recovery housing reflects individual choice for this path toward recovery.</p> <p>Abstinence-only spaces are incorporated into a Housing First model wherever possible, thus providing this type of recovery option to those who choose it. Recovery supports are offered, particularly connections to community-based treatment options.</p> <p><i>Type notes here, if required</i></p>	<p>Participant safety is a priority at all points of engagement and in all planning processes</p> <p>Led by the survivor, a safety plan is developed that includes an assessment of danger, particular points of vulnerability, and best approaches to increasing safety.</p> <p><i>Type notes here, if required</i></p>

Projects include positive youth development principles

Services include relapse support

Survivor-driven advocacy is available

Youth projects should include positive youth development orientation. Positive youth development builds on strengths and resiliency. By focusing on strengths and assets, rather than what might be “wrong,” youth are empowered and are equipped to make positive decisions.

Housing and services include relapse support that does not automatically evict or discharge a participant from the project for temporary relapse. Relapse support might include referrals to outpatient treatment or direct provision of outpatient services or the ability to hold a unit for a certain period of time (30-90 days) while the participant undergoes residential treatment.

The unique needs and strengths of each individual survivor and their children are taken into account with regard to the types of services that are available and offered. Project uses flexible and survivor-focused approaches to overcome barriers survivors may face in accessing services through traditional models.

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Staff use harm reduction practices and approaches

Services support sustained recovery

Housing stability is a priority

Youth models employ a harm reduction and recovery orientation, including those developed for youth and young adults with substance use and addictions. Projects may make abstinence-based models available for youth and young adults; however, the choice should lie with the participant, not with the project.

Recovery housing projects provide services that align with participants' choice and prioritization of recovery, including but not limited to abstinence from substances (if that is a personal goal), long-term permanent housing stability, and stable income through employment or benefits. Support is offered through connections to community-based treatment options.

Providers support survivors and their children to retain or obtain safe, stable housing. Survivors choose the type of housing and location of housing. Housing is located in an area that is considered safe from the abusive relationship.

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Project design accounts for the age of youth and young adults to be served

Developmentally-appropriate project design ensures that project entry and on-going participation is not predicated on behaviors or experiences that youth and young adults may not currently have or if they were older would not result in consequences. For example, projects should accept and allow continued participation for youth who do not have income or immediate prospects of income because their age has not allowed them the opportunity to gain employment.

No additional standards

No additional standards

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None of the above

**Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama
Rating and Review Score Sheet**

Date:	9/19/2024	
Grant Requested:	Community Action of NW Alabama RRH and PH	
Agency Name:	Community Action of NW Alabama	Comments
<i>Is Applicant an active CoC participant? If "Yes," proceed to next question. If "No," disqualify.</i>	YES	
<i>Will funding this project duplicate services already funded? If "No," proceed with Rating and Review</i>	NO	
Project Performance (40% of Total Score)		
	Rating	
Housing First Orientation (0-10 points)	10	Page 29, 3d
Exits to permanent housing (0-10 points)	10	Page 28, 3a
Bed Utilization (0-10 points)	9	Cover Letter, Item 9, Request more reporting
Increase in income for participants (0-10 points)	5	Request more reporting
Total	34	
Serving Priority Populations (20% of Total Score)		
Chronically homeless (0-5 points)	5	Page 28, 2
Youth (0-5 points)	5	Page 28, 2
Families with Children (0-5 points)	5	Page 28, 2
Veterans (0-5 Points)	5	Page 28, 2
Total	20	
Project Type Priority (15% of Total Score)		
Permanent Supportive Housing (15 points)	10	
Rapid Rehousing (10 points)	5	
Transitional Housing (5 points)	0	
Total	15	
Grant Management (15% of Total Score)		
Spending of awarded funds (0-5 points)	5	Cover, Item 11
Documented Community Match meets HUD Requirements (0-5)	5	CSBG & Bombas
Timely Annual Performance Report submission (0-2.5 points)	2.5	Request more reporting
HMIS Data Quality (0-2.5 Points)	2.5	
Total	15	
Coordinated Entry Participation (10% of Total Score)		
Full Participation (10 points)	10	
Partial Participation (5 points)	0	
No Participation (0 points)	0	
Total	10	
Score	94	
Rank	2	HMIS Project is Ranked #1

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