

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AL-503 - Huntsville/North Alabama CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: City of Huntsville

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	No	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	No	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	No	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	No	No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	No	No
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	No	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Organizational and individual membership in AL-503 is open to any public, private, and/or faith-based organization or individual(s) that has expressed interest and is committed to helping serve and house the homeless. This invitation is inclusive of those serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in Madison, Morgan, and Limestone counties, to address racial and gender equity. The application for membership is made available to all members and supporters of the CoC, to solicit new members to join. The annual invitation campaign is made available on the HMIS Lead and Collaborative Applicant's website in the month of December, when the CoC hosts a holiday social and can answer questions that prospective members may have regarding membership and benefits.

2. CoC meetings and events are advertised online and invitations extended via social media, email, word of mouth, and invitations are made in collaboration with other public and private events. Meetings are held virtually for ease of access. The varying modes of communication exist to ensure effective outreach to all individuals, including those with disabilities, language barriers, and differing education and comprehension levels.

3. As the Lead Agency, the City of Huntsville Department of Community Development communicates the invitation process (on an ongoing basis) to solicit new members to join the CoC, through community education, public speaking engagements (virtually and in-person) & community resource fairs that engage minorities, to include Black, Latino, Indigenous, those that identify as members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and persons with disabilities.

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 Collaborative Applicant assumes ultimate responsibility for coordination of communication, but the entire body, to include the HMIS Lead Agency, is empowered to inform and solicit opinions, input and recommendations from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness. Input is solicited during bi-monthly meetings of the local CoC and committees, the majority of which meet on a monthly basis. The Coordinated Entry Committee's Case Conferencing Working Group Sessions, held the first Thursday of each month, are another noteworthy (standing) opportunity for input, as we continually strive to improve and identify new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness in North Alabama.

2.AL-503 communicated during public hearings, town hall forums hosted by elected officials, and other meetings, such as United Way of Madison County's workforce housing initiative entitled, A Place For Everyone. Ensuring the CoC was present, and had member representation as panelists, afforded the opportunity to communicate and solicit public information used to guide outreach efforts, promote collaborations, and prevent duplication of effort(s).

3.Our CoC ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities by ensuring that in-person meetings were held at locations with ease of access for individuals with physical disabilities. Most meetings are held with virtual/remote options and, in accordance with our Language Access Plan, materials and communication can be made available in varying formats upon request.

4.Information gathered in public or private meetings and forums guides new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness. An example of such came by way of input regarding our 2023 annual Point-in-Time Count. The CoC has altered it's methodology for the 2024 count as a result of feedback from advocates, volunteers, and those with lived expertise.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The public was notified of the FY 2023 CoC NOFO Application Availability through online posting via the HMIS Lead's website, word of mouth at public events/venues, during July and August CoC committee meetings (that are open to the public), and during the publicly accessible August 16, 2023 CoC meeting of the entire body, where it was voted to allow the Collaborative Applicant to pursue the NOFO. Solicitations indicated that project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding would be considered and were encouraged.

2.The process for electronic submission, and by which date(s), was explained and individuals having difficulty reading, interpreting, or understanding the solicitation were encouraged to reach out via multiple convenient modes.

3.The criteria for new applicants was outlined and the invitation to ask questions was extended. It was communicated that project ranking, determined by an adhoc committee of the CoC, would decide which project applications would be submitted to HUD for funding.

4.The CoC continually strives to identify effective means of communicating, including making information highly accessible in electronic formats to ensure effective communication and access for persons with disabilities.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The city of Huntsville Department of Community Development is an ESG sub-recipient of the state, the Alabama Department of Community Affairs. With roughly 10 second-tier sub-recipients, that are active members of the CoC, Community Development consults with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds most often during program monitoring, through engagement with clients/residents on site.
2. A noteworthy method of evaluating and reporting performance is provided by the HMIS Administrator, that provides monthly data quality reports and quarterly reports on discharge and length of stay, for participants of all ESG funded programs.
3. PIT and HIC data are communicated first to the CoC, then to local media, posted publicly, and shared for the purpose of the Consolidated Plan and other planning documents.
4. In the fall of 2022, AL-503 began implementing a second annual internal count of the unsheltered homeless, similar to the PIT. The data captured in late summer of 2023, will provide vital information to address homelessness within your CoC's geographic area and to address any necessary Con Plan updates or Action Plan amendments.

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

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

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

5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	No
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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)

At present, the CoC collaborates with four school districts within our geographic coverage area: Huntsville City Schools, Decatur City Schools, Madison County Schools, and Madison City Schools. Each of them are active participants in the Case Conferencing Committee. Such formal partnerships exist to ensure the safety and welfare of children, youth (and vulnerable young adults) experiencing homelessness. There is also one federal Youth Education Provider- Gadsden (Alabama) Job Corps Center. As our governance charter is under revision through Technical Assistance, a reserved seat for one of the above-mentioned will be another step taken to formalize our partnership.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Current practices and procedures undertaken by the CoC, regarding informing individuals and families experiencing homelessness about eligibility for educational services, center around referrals to Homeless Liaisons for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance (where applicable) and linking the individuals and families with age-appropriate and desired educational programs, services and subsequent needs, e.g. scholarships, uniforms, transportation assistance, school supplies, work boots, hard hats and/or other trade related equipment, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Crisis Services of North Alabama and AshaKiran are the two premiere VSP's within our CoC's coverage area that are part of state DV coalitions. They both actively participate in the continuum and are ESG second-tier sub-recipients. Both agencies operate shelters with discreet locations spread throughout the CoC's geographical footprint. Both regularly collaborate with other organizations within the CoC, who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. When applicable, they provide recommendations for updates on COC-wide policies and ESG Written Standards.

2.Both agencies host trainings for trauma-informed (victim-centered) care and on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence. The CoC relies heavily on their expertise and offers optional trainings, inclusive of the entire CoC, that ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Specific annual training, inclusive of trauma-informed and victim-centered care, as well as on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence, is conducted by the VSP's in the area; by and with individuals and organizations at the local and state levels to ensure best practices are identified and customized. Community Development has negotiated for Crisis Services of North Alabama to host an annual training before the year's end. In the interim, virtual conferences, such as AshaKiran's "2023 Cultural Competency in Crisis Intervention, Exploring the Intersections of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" and trainings on safety and best practices to address the needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking survivors, have been offered and advertised throughout the CoC. Another noteworthy training hosted by AshaKiran was held during the first week of September 2023, entitled: "Disabled Survivors: How to Help Those with Adaptive Needs." Both trainings mentioned trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches intended to protect clients, staff, and others involved in the restorations process.

2. Coordinated Entry staff traditionally have been (and will continue to be) included in the coordination of annual training and identifying the best practices to address the unique needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Coordinated Entry staff has implemented safety planning and confidentiality protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors by providing the level of trauma-informed care required. Safety planning protocols such as travelling to DV shelters (where applicable), or meeting clients in discrete undisclosed locations, for their safety and comfortability. VSP's, and all other CoC members, are also provided hard copies of the coordinated entry and assessment tool, so it can be administered as is/where is in a safe and confidential manner. The ability to have the assessment rendered outside of a centralized location, by staff that has forged trust, gives the client an added sense of choice, safety, and control and that their rights, voices, and perspectives are important and incorporated.

2. A noteworthy confidentiality protocol has included locked projects, cases or data entry fields in HMIS. HMIS has the ability to restrict or lock a client's file, so that only the HMIS administrator and their designee(s) can access the confidential information, on a need-to-know basis. Charity Tracker, another database utilized by several agencies within the CoC, has similar confidential features, whereby restrictive access levels compliment confidentiality protocols. Osnum, the HMIS comparable database utilized by our VSP's locally, can only be accessed by their staff. Demographic data may be shared upon request.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The three premiere de-identified aggregate data sources utilized by the CoC to address the needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking survivors, and survivors of human trafficking are Osnum. HMIS and Charity Tracker.

2. The fore mentioned data sources are utilized to best meet the specialized needs, relative to domestic violence and homelessness, by gathering demographic, quantitative, and some qualitative data to identify trends and patterns that guide the necessity to tweak or provide safety planning protocols and specialized care, while preserving anonymity and promoting harm reduction.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Communicating an emergency transfer plan to individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance, regardless of known survivor status, is a process that has primarily been utilized within our CoC by our VSP's, shelters providers, and the local housing authority. AL-503 does not currently have policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan. Such policies and procedures will be addressed and included in our technical assistance request that is slated to begin in October of 2023.

2. The current processes for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer differ among the VSP's, emergency shelters and Huntsville Housing Authority. Future processes, after training that will include key elements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Advocacy for male victims and gender neutral individuals, and/or others that reasonably believe they are at risk of imminent harm from further violence, if they remain in their current living situation. HUD's Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking may also be utilized, along with best practices for advocacy approaches with landlords, property management, and others.

3. AL-503 has not fielded any requests from individuals or families for emergency transfer. If received, the request would be handled according to the policies and procedures of the specific COC entity.

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

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| 2. | proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. |
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. While affordable housing options in our COC are scarce, AL-503 ensures that survivors have access to all services, on a level playing field with all others experiencing homelessness, by collaborating with the case managers at the VSP's. Such collaboration assists with ensuring that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing options, programs and services available. Individuals that are not housed or receiving services from our VSP's are typically identified during the assessment administered with coordinated entry or through customized case management. VSP's are also encouraged to participate in case conferencing sessions, with the coordinated entry committee, where housing options can avail themselves to those with unique circumstances, while preserving client anonymity.

2. AL-503 proactively identifies systemic barriers within our homeless response system that create barriers to safely housing and providing services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by listening to the voices of the survivors. Each VSP emergency shelter providers has a comment box for anonymous feedback and evaluations are conducted to allow for input, consumer satisfaction, or concerns in general, but especially regarding parity, inclusivity, cultural inclusion, etc.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. AL-503 is fortunate to have staff at several of our agencies with lived-expertise, that can provide valuable insight(s) when developing COC-wide policies and procedures for program implementation. The intentional and meaningful integration of input from survivors is currently present on the Strategic Planning Committee, Coordinated Entry and Case Conferencing Committees and the COC Board Nomination Committee; that is in it's early stages of formation. Engagement, and recruitment has been handled more so at the agency level, but is also a function of COC designated staff at the lead agencies. Training and compensation has been budgeted in this year's planning grant application. Previously, compensation has been leveraged through cross-training compensation of ESG-CV volunteer incentives, meals, and unique local funding sources secured by agencies.

2. The unique and complex needs of survivors are relayed to the COC through multiple methods, to include client advocacy through case managers or program staff, telephone, hand-written and electronic feedback, and ensuring client's consent to having their feedback shared with an option for anonymity.

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

1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
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)?	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. COC-wide policies are reviewed and updated, as necessary, based on best-practices, amended regulations (and waivers), stakeholder and/or service provider(s) feedback, etc.; the anti-discrimination policy is no exception. There are not many known LGBTQIA+ organizations within our COC's footprint, however, the rights of members of the community are considered, and will be included in a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy to be formed in concert with technical assistance. The policy will serve to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQIA+ individuals and families.
2. Housing and shelter providers within the CoC develop their own project-level anti-discrimination policies. The CoC stands poised to assist and provide input and consultation. Other system stakeholders may be members of larger organizations and entities that are not able to adopt the CoC's policies and protocols, but have their own, with a separate set of adherence and compliance obligations and expectations.
3. The CoC's process for evaluating compliance with anti-discrimination policies involves hearing from stakeholders and offering training and individual, confidential, consultation to agencies where staff, or the overall culture or climate within the organization, has been the subject of complaint(s) by stakeholders, current or former staff, etc.
4. Addressing noncompliance with anti-discrimination policies requires involvement of the agency's executive director or other leadership and/or board of directors, to ensure awareness, offer training or technical assistance, or discuss the potential for putting funding in jeopardy (if applicable).

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area--New Admissions--General/Limited Preference--Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with--if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Huntsville Housing Authority	30%	Yes-Both	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference--if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The PHA within the AL-503 coverage area, that the CoC has a working relationship with, is Huntsville Housing Authority (HHA). HHA has admission preferences and provisions for homeless admission of individuals and families. At present, the only formal written agreement with the CoC is the MOU for Emergency Housing Vouchers.
2. Adoption of a homeless admission preference, most desirably through the Moving On Strategy is in discussion, but has not materialized.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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.	NA

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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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

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

Name of PHA: Huntsville Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1. Foster Care	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	No
4. Correctional Facilities	No

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC assesses every new project to ensure they embrace Housing First by completing a checklist and making evaluations and recommendations where applicable. Where Housing First Principles are a new concept, training is provided to reiterate the effectiveness of the service delivery model, and to identify innovative and/or customized approaches to implementation.
2. The list of factors and performance indicators AL-503 uses during evaluation includes: low-barrier and housing first principles in tenant screening and selection; housing-based voluntary, trauma-informed optional services; and exhausting options for housing permanency to prevent returning tenants to homelessness.
3. Outside of the competition, projects are evaluated as they seek to engage with the COC, during program monitoring, and in the event clients provide feedback to the contrary of the project's commitment.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Street outreach efforts used in AL-503, to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged, are performed in concert with local agencies. In Huntsville city limits, Huntsville Police Department, First Stop, and Wellstone Behavioral Health undertake efforts, coordinated by Community Development. Together they ensure that, at least twice per week, face-to-face contact is made with the unsheltered homeless. Housing and/or services are repeatedly offered to ensure the unhoused are aware of options in Huntsville and Madison County.

Hands Across Decatur coordinates the street outreach efforts that are undertaken by volunteers and individuals with lived expertise within Decatur City limits and parts of Morgan County. Athens Family Resource Center is the premiere service provider in the city of Athens/Limestone County. Street Outreach teams employ engagement efforts that allows for quick identification, voluntary engagement, coordination of health services, food, water, and other essentials.

2. While admittedly challenging, especially within a predominately rural state (whose COC encompasses three counties; one being home to the largest metropolitan area), street outreach is conducted throughout the entire footprint of AL-503- 100% of the geographic coverage area where homelessness is a known issue.

3. Street outreach efforts differ by locale within AL-503 but are typically conducted no fewer than weekly.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	11	9

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC provides members with up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, TANF, VA benefits, substance abuse programs, food pantries, shower and laundry facilities, etc.) within our geographic area, by coordinating with the agencies and organizations that provide such services and having them to present their eligibility criteria, application process, and whether or not unsheltered homeless or unstably housed individuals can obtain preference. Where applicable, those providing mainstream resources are invited to join or align with the continuum. Technology is embraced when opportunities are time sensitive, and one of the de-aggregate data providers, Charity Tracker, has a message board component that sends information to all users (approximately 300 service providers) in real time via email.
2. The CoC works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including in-and-out-patient substance abuse/recovery services, mental health treatment, on-site vaccination(s), etc. to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services. Thrive Alabama, Huntsville Hospital, Ross Recovery, Pathfinder (a local treatment center), and Stepping Stones (an Oxford Model centered, residential, SRO type, program) are just a few of the noteworthy partnerships that exist within the CoC to inform, train, combat stigma, and assist those seeking services.
3. The promotion of benefits and providing information to assist applicants to be successful with obtaining benefits, such as SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff is the knowledge that the COC brings to bi-monthly meetings and provides links to more detailed information, free training, or applications. Additionally, several case managers within our CoC are SOAR certified and utilized when applicable.

1D-7.	Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The COC is increasing its capacity for non-congregate sheltering through advocacy and heightened awareness of the myriad of benefits that scattered site, or non-congregate shelter options can provide. This may include, preventing the spread of infectious diseases, protecting highly vulnerable individuals from exposure to those with contagious illnesses or infectious diseases, allowing individuals and/or families with special needs to have privacy that can lead to anxiety reduction, caregiver assistance from opposite gendered individuals and an overall increased sense of safety.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. At present, no CoC-wide policy exists regarding a response to infectious disease outbreaks. However, the CoC effectively partners and collaborates with state and local public health agencies to disseminate, in a timely manner, information related to CDC and local public health organization's recommendations regarding the prevention and response to the spread of infectious diseases. A noteworthy partnership began in 2022, with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), that leads the statewide Homelessness Task Force. ADPH partnered with CoC's throughout the state of Alabama, to encourage applicants to pursue grant funding earmarked for testing, screening, PPE, and other necessary responses to the most COVID-19 pandemic.

2. AL-503 proactively partners to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. Two mentionable approaches are: 1) Huntsville Hospital's mobile health clinic, that provides services routinely, on-site at the more heavily populated homeless camps and 2) Hotel/motel voucher assistance. While scarce in our CoC geographic area, the ability to provide finite nightly stays, as a means of quarantine or isolation, is yet another method of protection for unsheltered homeless individuals with compounded health concerns that put them at high risk.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1& 2. The CoC shared information related to public health measures and homelessness by ensuring that Street Outreach teams and shelter providers were equipped with the knowledge to potentially prevent or mitigate outbreaks among program participants. Disseminating pamphlets, brochures, posting signage, word-of-mouth up-to-date information, and incentives for vaccination and the promotion of proactive health measures were among the specific methods of sharing.

The CoC promotes the strong connection between health and housing. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, communications between the CoC with federal and local public health agencies and homeless service providers increased. The CoC has provided signage in English and Spanish reminding program participants to wash their hands, social distance, and wear masks. Other efforts provided access to cleaning supplies, sanitizer, and protective equipment to prevent infectious communicable diseases, such as STI's and STD's. Health disparities that are rampant among minorities and more common among those least able to prioritize their health were addressed as was addiction and diseases spread among those sharing needles and bartering to self-medicate.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System—Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Coordinated Entry covers 100% of our geographic area.
2. Varying modes of accessibility to the standardized assessment tool, the VI-SPDAT, allows the CoC to reach those least likely to apply for homeless assistance while prioritizing those most in need of assistance. A couple of the fore mentioned modes include, phone and web access and virtual interface (where applicable).
3. The CE System and Process is evaluated on an ongoing basis. The newly formed CE Committee was established (among other reasons) to provide feedback, recommendations for updates to the processes and instrument, and diminish the number of households appearing on the By-Name List.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. AL-503's Coordinated Entry system utilizes program participant-centered approaches by meeting people where they are.
2. Street outreach workers take steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry, by going into the camps with tablets and providing on-site assessments to those who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach. Individuals and families that are receiving government assistance are able to qualify for free access to technology, such as tablets and/or phones.
3. Connecting individuals with these resources aides in ensuring those in need can apply for (and potentially receive) assistance in a timely manner. The CoC lead agencies are knowledgeable about nearly all the programs in our area. That knowledge aides in being able to triage those with time constraints to the right agency or organization that can assist.
4. The HMIS Lead Agency, North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (NACH), reduces burdensome complexities with access to CE, by ensuring that those reaching out to be assessed have options. NACH will go the extra mile (so to speak) to accommodate the mode that is consistent with client preference(s). The current assessment tool admittedly has some rather invasive questions built into the instrument. Since participating in numerous, interactive, Coordinated Entry Prioritization & Assessment Community Workshops, the lead agencies are prepared to assess and customize so that the questions asked get to the heart of what is necessary to understand in the short term while preserving dignity and managing triggers. Quite naturally, the shortage of affordable housing options poses challenges to delivering assistance that aligns with client preference(s) but putting participants at the center of their plan for housing stability, while trusting that they know what the best option for sustainability is, reduces burdens, breaks down barriers, and gets individuals in a safe place to call home.

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry—Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Upon completion of the coordinated entry process, or by request, clients seeking services are provided with a comprehensive list of all known affordable housing properties within our COC geographic area. Program participants are informed of their rights and remedies and housing market options and services reach all persons experiencing homelessness as clients are encouraged to complete CE and can access the list of properties via the HMIS Lead Agencies website.

2. Clients are also able to access the Alabama Tenant Rights Handbook, made available through the state advocacy agency LIHCA (Low-Income Housing Coalition of Alabama). Tenant rights issues that require legal assistance are referred to Legal Services of North Alabama; ensuring that program participants are accurately informed of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws.

3. Current or prospective program participants are informed of their options to report any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice by formalizing a complaint through a HUD-Approved Housing Counselor, reaching out the Fair Housing Center of North Alabama, or reaching out to HUD directly.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	No
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In July of 2021, the CoC was awarded technical assistance for Equitable Rental Assistance Program Development, from Urban Institute (www.urban.org). "The pandemic's economic and health impacts are exacerbating the nation's affordable housing and homelessness crises—adding more low-income renters to the millions already at risk of eviction and homelessness and widening racial disparities in housing instability. As states and localities allocate emergency rental assistance funds to help renters avoid losing their homes, Urban Institute has developed a tool to help make informed and equitable decisions." Urban Institute made recommendations for the design and implementation of the local Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). A key take-away from the TA Urban Institute provided, was an equity checklist that the CoC lead agencies were able to stack against numerous other homeless assistance programs in the continuum and analyze whether racial disparities were present in the provision or outcomes.

2. While we did not identify disparities, by analyzing several community resources within the CoC geographic area, we gleaned some insights for growth, modification and advocacy. For example, we discovered higher trust levels among undocumented and mixed-status households with certain faith-based entities. Another example revealed the need for greater intentionality around developing outreach strategies targeting community-based, culturally specific organizations. Lastly, we learned that services should be prioritized to the renter households most likely to be discriminated against, and to face barriers upon release into the private housing market.

1D-10b.	Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	No
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The COC is addressing disparities by heightening awareness of housing discrimination through collaboration. By partnering more closely with the Fair Housing Center of North Alabama, we will offer virtual training to the COC and community stakeholders on ways to further affirm fair housing and situations and circumstances that our target populations faces. Future partnerships and training or facilitated discussions with the city of Huntsville's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and also ways to address and possibly identify masked disparities within the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	the tools your CoC uses.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In order to prevent disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance, the CoC has sought and participated in training and workshops that inform of the often overlooked areas where disparities are thought to simply exist or occur naturally. In July of 2021, the CoC was awarded technical assistance for Equitable Rental Assistance Program Development, from Urban Institute (www.urban.org). In March of 2022, the CoC participated in a series of Equity Foundational Workshops. In May of 2022, representatives of the CoC engaged in community conversations around equity-based approaches to Coordinated Entry. Lastly, and most applicable to this year's competition, in August of 2022, CoC reps engaged in a state-wide CoC Racial and LGBTQIA+ Equity Training.

2. Gathering knowledge, disseminating, and analyzing data and outcomes from programs and services provided are the measures the CoC has in place to track progress on prevention. Official tools have not yet been identified.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Targeted outreach efforts to engage those with lived experience have been through referrals from organizations and advocates within the CoC. Social media presence is a goal that the CoC will bring to reality, tentatively by the spring of 2024. We have presented the COC with logo options as we look to brand ourselves beyond AL-503; clients aren't likely to remember the call numbers. Afterwards, social media announcements will be incorporated into our outreach efforts.

We rely heavily on word-of-mouth and personal introductions by agency staff, advocates, volunteers, and occasionally individuals with lived expertise make introductions as well.

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

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	3	1
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	1
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	0	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Several organizations within the CoC have employed individuals with lived experience of homelessness providing skill-based training(s) and connecting them with opportunities for continuing education and access to affordable housing and livable wages. As AL-503 receives more guidance and technical assistance around formalizing the collaboration and engagement of those with lived experience with homelessness, we will stand poised to create better partnerships and opportunities for professional growth and development.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and	
3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Many of the organizations within the CoC lack the capacity to routinely gather feedback from people experiencing homelessness, or from those that have received assistance through the CoC or ESG programs. Pre-pandemic, AL-503 would traditionally host quarterly dinners. Food often incentives attendance and conversation prior to the meal would allow for hearing and addressing challenges. As it feels safe to do so, AL-503 will seek to reinstate such traditions. There are a handful of individuals that maintain contact with service providers and that have the ability and desire to provide input and advocacy. The CoC has taken proactive steps or measures to learn about the challenges raised by those who give back, such as the need for assistance with transportation, compensation (providing a stipend or honorarium that aligns with what individuals with other areas of expertise would be compensated), training, access to technology, etc.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Two steps that have been taken within the last 12 months, to engage local government within our COC geographic area of the need for reform around zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development are reduce regulatory barriers to housing development are:

- 1.COC staff have been educating themselves on the issues that vary distinctly from city to county/urban and rural. It is challenging to advocate effectively without facts.
- 2.Conducting literature reviews on housing regulation and zoning and land use policy reform.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/26/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/26/2023

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

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	170
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	3
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	HMIS

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Given that our CoC is rebuilding, at present, there are some complexities that made project ranking a bit challenging. There is only one PSH project that receives CoC funding. That project serves one of the more difficult to house populations of low-income, disabled individuals, with severe mental illness. Their target population, along with the complexities and stigma associated with housing said individuals, undoubtedly impacts their placement and performance levels. Comparing a housing program to a database or supportive services only is admittedly challenging.

2. How long it takes to house people in permanent housing was not a factor that was taken into consideration during the current competition because there was only one PSH renewal project to rank.

3. The specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing, or the ability to maintain permanent housing, was taken into consideration when the renewal and bonus projects were ranked.

4. The PSH renewal project is a necessity in our CoC's geographic area. Special considerations to identifying partnering landlords to providing housing and services has undoubtedly resulted in lower performance levels.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The review and ranking committee was intentionally diverse and equitable in race, gender and other factors. Determining how to rate and review applications was not complicated, given that the local competition was heavily comprised of renewal projects and one new bonus project. In the coming years, it is the goal of the lead agency to identify barriers to participation and encourage, educate and empower diverse responses from individuals and organizations that might aspire to align with the CoC and apply for federal awards; making our competition more robust and calling for emphasis on equity, parity and inclusion.

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)

While our ranking and reviewing process was prepared to account for identifying and determining candidates for reallocation, e.g. due to low system performance, greater or less need, etc. this was not a factor of this year's competition.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	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?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/12/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/26/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

In the field below:

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VSPs were provided the FY2024 HMIS Comparable Database Manual by the HMIS Lead.
2. DV housing and service providers in our CoC currently utilize Osnum, a HUD-compliant comparable database—with FY 2022 and current HMIS Data Standards
3. The CoC's HMIS, and the comparable database utilized by VSP's, are compliant with the 2022 and current HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.

NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	400	29	171	46.09%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	30	0	22	73.33%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	8	0	8	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	39	0	39	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a. Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.

NOFO Section V.B.3.c.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Steps that AL-503 can take over the next 12 months, to increase our bed coverage rate, will require greater understanding; such that we intend to achieve through impending technical assistance, that is slated to start next month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2B-3.

1. AL-503 regularly met with and engaged with youth serving organizations in PIT Committee Meetings. Family Services Center, a family and youth-serving organization, provided a leadership role in the planning process for the 2023 PIT Count. Other organizations provided much guidance, insight and reporting data throughout the 2023 PIT Count process.

2. After consulting with youth-serving organizations, the PIT Committee was able to more accurately identify select locations and organizations to encounter unaccompanied youth.

3. During the PIT planning process, youth-serving organizations were able to provide reliable data and information to include youth experiencing homelessness as counters for the annual 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 2022 and 2023, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. AL-503 made changes to our sheltered surveys for data quality however the implementation and methodology remained the same as 2022.

2. The unsheltered surveys were adjusted for data quality, while methodology remained the same. However, the PIT Committee made changes to the implementation of the unsheltered survey. In previous years, the count was implemented in the morning hours between 7am-10am. In 2023, the Committee voted to move the count to mid-early evening hours, as opposed to late evening hours, due to safety concerns and availability of staff and volunteers.

3. The survey changes improved accuracy and data quality. There is concern that the implementation changes for the unsheltered count may have impacted the accuracy of the number of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

2C. System Performance

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

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless--Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is able to determine risk factors to identifying persons experiencing homelessness for the first time, by soliciting data and feedback from our Emergency Rental Assistance providers, ESG providers, emergency shelters (that receive no federal funding), faith-based rental assistance providers, Homeless Liaisons within the schools districts, and from data gathered during Coordinated Entry.
2. The CoC's strategy to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless is to identify the need(s), prioritize those with the greatest need(s), and triage them to the program or agency that is most likely to have the funding and capacity to prevent the individual or family from becoming homeless.
3. The Collaborative Applicant, the City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, in concert with the HMIS Lead Agency, North Alabama Coalition for the Homelessness, assumes responsibility to provide oversight to AL-503's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
	Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Feedback from local service providers and members of our unsheltered homeless community has been consistent, that many arrived in our COC geographical footprint without a plan for housing. Some have been provided assistance, e.g. bus tickets and gas vouchers, while others have indicated having arrived seeking stable employment, a livable wage, and housing assistance, among other known available services.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The strategy to reduce the length of time individuals, and persons in families, remain homeless aligns with the strategy to identify and/or develop more affordable housing options.
2. Our CoC identifies individuals and people in families with the longest lengths of time homeless, using the By-Name List generated through the Coordinated Entry process. With case conferencing, a function of the CE Committee, service providers are able to collectively strategize options to present the client in hopes of housing them. Partnerships with the Housing Authority and other subsidized housing programs and providers have also proven essential to the strategic process.
3. The Collaborative Applicant, the City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, in concert with the HMIS Lead Agency, North Alabama Coalition for the Homelessness, and the Strategic Planning workgroup, assumes responsibility for overseeing our CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. AL-503's ad-hoc strategic planning committee will soon re-convene to determine what can be done 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. Representatives from AL-503 advocate at the local and state levels for an increase in funding for affordable housing development and/or rehab as well as for empathy from landlords and developers. While HOME ARP is hopeful to provide some relief, there is much work to be done to combat the stigma associated with affordable housing.
3. The Lead Agency, Community Development, is overseeing the strategic planning process, with input from numerous stakeholders, and assumes responsibility for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC relies upon HMIS data and local case managers to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness; either because they require additional services or because housing providers are no longer able to assist.
2. The strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness is to increase the capacity of existing case managers and better equip providers to support their client's to remain stably housed. The ability to ensure that formerly homeless individuals have been linked to all qualifying mainstream benefits, assisted with access to applications (and thorough completion) for beneficial services such as childcare, education and training. Incentivizing prioritizing health, and setting tangible, fluid financial goals.
3. The City of Huntsville Department of Community Development assumes responsibility for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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;
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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 increase access to employment cash sources is to make clients aware of options. Alabama Career Center is where many will refer clients for mainstream job referrals, as well as through local temp agencies.
2. The COC works not only with the mainstream workforce but promotes training and development programs that encourage individuals to choose a career path over a job. Programs like HATCH, Christian Job Corps, and Hardhat in Hand (in partnership with our local Historically Black Community College, JF Drake State Technical College), are among the noteworthy options that certify individuals and provide hands-on experience and training that can lead to livable wages and sustainability. Teens and young adults (either within a household or that are leading a household) that have not earned their high school diploma can also be encouraged to consider Job Corps or Youth Build. Recognizing not all individuals have the desire or capacity to focus on the pursuit of higher education, but for those that can, there are several colleges and universities within the CoC's geographical coverage area, with programs that meet individuals where they are academically, and assist with getting them to the next level. Lastly, financial literacy is a critical component to retaining income. Referrals to programs like Faith and Finance through the Cornerstone Initiative, to one of several HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies within the CoC area, or web-based instruction like FDIC Money Smart will help families experiencing homelessness increase their cash income once employed and housed.
3. The City of Huntsville Department of Community Development accepts responsibility for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has several agencies that are SOAR certified to assist with applications (and or appeals) for SSI and SSDI. TANF is another program that can provide limited non-employment cash income for a finite period of time. Those that experience a sudden or significant loss of income can be assisted with unemployment applications. VA benefits are leveraged through the local Veterans Administration and other means of non-employment cash income are sought on a case-by-case basis.
2. The City of Huntsville Department of Community Development assumes responsibility for overseeing AL-503's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Non-applicable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Non-applicable

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	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		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/26/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/26/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/26/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/26/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/26/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/26/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/26/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Final Project Sco...	09/26/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting- CoC ...	09/26/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Notification of C...	09/26/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2023 HDX Report	09/20/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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HUNTSVILLE

Scott Erwin
Manager

Community Development

September 25, 2023

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY 2023
Continuum of Care (COC) Competition and Renewal
FR-6700-N-25

Dear Review(er),


The following letter was drafted to meet the requirements of section 1D-11a. of AL-503's FY 2023 NOFO submission for the COC Competition.

AL-503 solicits and garners active feedback and participation from individuals with lived expertise of homelessness. Our COC recognizes the importance of hearing from and validating the voices of those currently experiencing or having recently overcome housing instability. Recruitment efforts have not been as successful as we've hoped, yet we continue to try new approaches and identify best practices that align with the severe and/or unmet service needs of our CoC geographic area, which is comprised of the largest metropolitan area in the state of Alabama and two predominately rural counties.

The Strategic Planning workgroup is fortunate to have representation of an individual with lived experience of homelessness, that provides input and recommendations for decision making. Three active members of the Strategic Planning workgroup, that can attest to our efforts and the inclusion of persons with lived experience within our COC, are cited below.

Thank you for the opportunity to pursue and/or retain funding that is critical to eradicating homelessness in North Alabama.


Laurretta P. Moore, Planner II, Community Development


Sherry McFerrin, Director of Housing and Financial Literacy Programs/HUD Certified Housing Counselor,
Family Services Center


Ra'Jahmel White, Bridge Team Manager, Wellstone Behavioral Health


Davina Patterson, Executive Director, Disability Resource Network

The Star of Alabama

AL-503 Housing First Checklist

Insert agency/program name in each blank space and check only the boxes that correspond to Housing First, evidence-based practices, that the ESG or COC program/project agrees to implement or maintain.

Tenant Screening

- ☒ If A Hand Up cannot accept an individual or family, they will be referred to North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless, the COC HMIS Lead Agency, to undergo the coordinated entry process to ensure that the individual(s) or family has access to all known housing and service options.
- ☒ A Hand Up commits to doing everything possible to prevent rejecting an individual or family based on circumstances such as, but not limited to: compromised credit, poor rental history, program entry fees, non-violent criminal convictions, sobriety or completion of treatment, participation in specific services, or behaviors and situations that are interpreted as indicating a lack of “housing readiness” or an inability to sustain within housing.
- ☒ Individuals or families seeking tenancy with A Hand Up, with household member(s) with disabilities are offered opportunities to request reasonable accommodations within the program application, screening and intake processes, and during tenancy. The building or unit(s) include physical features that accommodate disabilities. Service animals, as defined by the ADA of 1990, trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities, are welcomed.

Housing-Based Voluntary Services

- ☒ If serving special populations experiencing homelessness, A Hand Up agrees to provide trauma-informed care and culturally competent services to engage with tenants.
- ☐ Services at A Hand Up are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes that substance use/ addiction are a part of some tenants' lives. Tenants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding substance use and are offered education regarding safer practices and how to avoid risky behaviors.
- ☒ Participation in services or compliance with service plans are not conditions of tenancy at A Hand Up, instead options are reviewed with tenants and regularly offered as a resource. Housing and individualized case plans are undergirded by goals and plans that are highly tenant driven. Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem solving over therapeutic goals.

Acknowledgement: This evaluation was inspired by the Housing First Checklist made available online by the Homekey Program of the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Minor revisions were made.

AL-503 Housing First Checklist

Housing Permanency

- ☐ Substance use, in and of itself, without other program violations is not considered a reason for eviction from A Hand Up.
- ☒ Tenants of A Hand Up, with cost-sharing obligations, are given reasonable flexibility in paying on time and offered special payment arrangements for arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including potential representative payee arrangements.
- ☒ Every effort is made to provide a tenant of A Hand Up the opportunity to transfer from one housing situation, program, or living arrangement to another if tenancy is in jeopardy. Whenever possible, eviction back into homelessness is avoided.

Observations: clean and newly renovated facility. Alarm systems being installed. The organization is hoping to open their doors by Monday September 4, 2023 - Labor Day. There are safety concerns regarding substance use tolerance. A congested family shelter where are also concerns about support declining if compliant w/ service plans are not progressing towards the goal of permanent housing.

Outcome(s): A Hand Up is willing to adopt COC practices, e.g. the use of coordinated entry, accepting referrals from the local agencies and other participating COE members. They are open to using HHS to prevent duplication as well.

Recommendation(s): Invite A Hand Up leadership to participate in annual Housing First training and send articles showing the effectiveness of the model.

Completed by: [Signature]

Date: 9/1/2023



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HUD 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Released July 5, 2023

AL-503, the North Alabama Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to formally notify the public of the HUD- FY 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.

All currently funded CoC projects have committed to renew!

Entities interested in submitting new projects, that are not currently funded by the CoC, are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Visit: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=345091> to view the opportunity and use the following link for additional information:

https://www.hud.gov/pi/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

Eligible organizations must be a current, participating member of the CoC, possess (verifiable) non profit status with the IRS, and suggested projects must align with the goals of the CoC and City of Huntsville's Consolidated Plan, and will be ranked accordingly. Ranking will be undertaken by an ad-hoc committee of the CoC to determine which project applications will be submitted to HUD for consideration of funding.

All renewal and new projects are due to Community Development by or before the COB on August 29, 2023. This shall serve as the deadline for the local competition.

All accepted projects will need to be uploaded into e-snaps, an electronic CoC Program Application and Grants Management System.

Completed projects will be available for review by the local COC (and all others) by no later than COB on September 26, 2023; two days prior to the September 28, 2023 national competition deadline.

The anticipated date of final submission on behalf of AL-503 is noon (CST) on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

For additional information, please contact the CoC lead agency, the City of Huntsville Department of Community Development via email at: lauretta.moore@huntsvilleal.gov or call (256) 427-5433.

If you have trouble reading, interpreting, or understanding any portion of this communication, please call the phone number above or email the address above.

Thank you for your time and consideration as we uphold the commitment to eradicate homelessness in Huntsville City and Madison, Morgan and Limestone counties.

For Housing Assistance

Walk-In: Downtown Rescue Mission
1400 Evangel Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35816

Volunteer

For Administrative Assistance

Apply for
Help

Telephone: 256-261-3029
Option 2

Donate

FY 2023 NOFO Competition

Scoring Sheet for New Projects

Project Name: _____

Threshold Review Criteria <i>Applicants must fully meet threshold criteria. Projects not meeting all the specified criteria will not be reviewed further.</i>	Meets Criteria? Yes or No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project is in, and serves a jurisdiction, that is part of AL-503 CoC 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project must be for rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing (PSH), or transitional housing to rapid rehousing (TH-PH-RRH) projects or DV SSO (Supportive Services Only) – CE (Coordinated Entry) or expansion of SSO-CE. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The population served must meet program eligibility requirements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSH: All projects must primarily serve chronically homeless individuals and/or families, as defined by HUD OR RRH: All projects must serve 100% literally homeless families and/or single adults coming from emergency shelters and/or unsheltered locations or those fleeing domestic violence. TH-PH-RRH. All participants must be literally homeless or fleeing domestic violence. SSO-CE: All participants must be category 1, 2 or 4 homeless. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects can request funds in these categories for a term of one year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSH: Rental assistance (tenant, sponsor, or project based), leasing or operating funds, supportive services, HMIS and administrative costs RRH: Rental assistance (tenant based only) supportive services, HMIS and administrative costs TH-RRH: Operating or leasing assistance and supportive services for the TH phase; tenant based rental assistance plus supportive services for the RRH phase. SSO-CE: Assess, divert and prioritize clients based on coordinated entry. 	

Project meets threshold eligibility criteria?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Application Scoring

Scoring Factor	Maximum Points	Score Assigned
History and Experience (40 points): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant and subrecipient(s)' prior experience in serving homeless people, or in providing housing, or serving special and/or vulnerable populations. Experience of relevant staff – even if at a different agency – will count toward agency experience. (20 points) Satisfactory experience with prior HUD grants and other public contracts, including satisfactory drawdowns, utilization rate, match, leverage and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of APRs on existing grants. (20 points) 	20 20	
Project Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSH: Prioritizing Highest Need (15 points) – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the project target a high priority, literally homeless population? Are all units designated for chronically homeless? Will participants be offered housing based on their severity of need and length of time homeless? (9 points) Clearly describes the assessment and process it currently uses to determine severity of need for the chronically homeless. (2 points) Clearly describes its process for prioritizing persons with the most severe needs. (2 points) Clearly describes the outreach process used to engage chronically homeless persons living on the streets and in shelter. (2 points) <p>Questions to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the applicant demonstrate a clear understanding of the order of priority established in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons? Does the applicant describe a specific plan for how the project will participate in the CoC's coordinated entry system? Does the applicant describe a plan for an outreach process to engage those persons that is adequate and consistent with the Notice? Does the applicant identify specific and appropriate programs (street outreach, 	15	

Scoring Factor	Maximum Points	Score Assigned
<p>shelters) from which it obtains referrals of potential eligible program participants that will ensure the project operates at full capacity and that eligible persons are served with the most severe needs are served?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRH and TH-RRH: Effective outreach and placement system (15 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Extent to which the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes how its activities will be targeted toward literally homeless individuals and families. The applicant should describe how it will receive referrals and provide notification of available (5 points) • Clearly describes how households will be assisted to obtain housing as quickly as possible. (10 points) b. Questions to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the applicant describe a specific and viable plan for how the project will participate in the CoC's coordinated entry system utilizing HMIS or a comparable database? • How will participants obtain housing? What assistance is provided? 	15	
<p>Housing First (15 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent to which the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has successfully operated a program that is based on Housing First principles. (5 points) ○ Clearly describes a program design that is consistent with a Housing First/low barrier approach (i.e., A model of housing assistance that is offered without preconditions, such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold, or service participation requirements, and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals. Participants are only terminated from the program based on violation of standard lease terms not due to program requirements.) (10 points) • Questions to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extent of experience and outcomes of projects operated by applicant that follow Housing First. 	15	

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Factor	Max Points	Explanation	Meets Factor Yes No
Threshold Requirements			
1 Feasibility	0	Project is financially feasible	
2 Documented match	0	Project meets minimum match requirements	
3 No unresolved HUD Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitorings that have not been resolved	
4 No unresolved Monitoring Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitoring that have not been resolved	
5 No outstanding Audit Findings	0	The audit either had no findings or any findings in the audit have been resolved	
6 No outstanding obligation to HUD in arrears	0	HUD has not determined that the grantee needs to repay any funds or the grantee is current on any required repayments to HUD	
7 Participation in HMIS	0	Applicant regularly submits data to HMIS including data on project participants and applicant participates in and contributes data for PIT and HIC	
Scoring Factors			Points Awarded
1 Coordinated Entry / Assessment	10	Participants are assessed prior to entering; 100% prior to entry = 10 pts; 90-99% = 5 pts.	
2 Meets Housing First requirements	10	Most recent HUD application must be classified as "Housing First" = 10 points Based on the APR, no UDE is missing or null for more than 5% of participants = 10 points; no UDE missing or null for more than 10% of participants = 5 points	
3 HMIS Data Quality (also SSO-CE)	10		
4 Admits participants with appropriate service needs (also SSO - CE)	10	Percent of persons who are literally homeless - based on prior living situation at the time of program intake: 75% or greater coming from streets/shelters = 10 points; 50% or greater coming from streets/shelters = 5 points	
5 Exits to permanent housing	10	95% or greater = 10 points; 90-94% = 5 points	
6 Households who exit and return to homelessness or unknown at exit	10	5% or fewer exit to homelessness or unknown = 10 points; 8% or fewer return to homelessness, 5 points	
7 Households who exit and return to homelessness within 12 months of program exit	10	5% or fewer return to homelessness within 12 months of program exit = 10 points	
8 % of households who increase total income	5	25% of adults gain or maintain income from entry to exit	
9 % of participants that gain or maintain earned income	5	10% and above gain or maintain earned income = 5 points	
10 Utilization rate	10	On 4 PIT dates on the APR; 90% and above = 10 points; 85-89% = 5 points	
11 Use of HUD Resources (also HMIS & SSO-CE)	10	95% or more of HUD funds expended in last grant cycle = 10 points; 90% or more of HUD funds expended in last grant = 5 points	
Total Points	100		
12 HMIS Only	70	Collects all required data elements, is able to deduplicate and produce required data reports for HUD and other Federal Partners.	
13 SSO - Coordinated Entry Only	50	Low barrier and easily accessible. Has a standardized assessment process and ensures participants are directed to appropriate housing and / or services	
14 Bonus -	20	Addressed severe barriers to housing and services HMIS Comparable database utilized: _____	
TOTAL			

Renewal Scoring Factors for FY 2023

Project Name:

HMIS Renewal

Factor	Max Points	Explanation	Meets Factor Yes No
Threshold Requirements			
1 Feasibility	0	Project is financially feasible	X
2 Documented match	0	Project meets minimum match requirements	X
3 No unresolved HUD Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitorings that have not been resolved	X
4 No unresolved Monitoring Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitoring that have not been resolved	X
5 No outstanding Audit Findings	0	The audit either had no findings or any findings in the audit have been resolved	X
6 No outstanding obligation to HUD in arrears	0	HUD has not determined that the grantee needs to repay any funds or the grantee is current on any required repayments to HUD	X
7 Participation in HMIS	0	Applicant regularly submits data to HMIS including data on project participants and applicant participates in and contributes data for PIT and HIC	X
Scoring Factors			
1 Coordinated Entry / Assessment	10	Participants are assessed prior to entering; 100% prior to entry = 10 pts; 90-99% = 5 pts.	10
2 Meets Housing First requirements	10	Most recent HUD application must be classified as "Housing First" = 10 points	
3 HMIS Data Quality (also SSO-CE)	10	Based on the APR, no UDE is missing or null for more than 5% of participants = 10 points; no UDE missing or null for more than 10% of participants = 5 points	
4 Admits participants with appropriate service needs (also SSO - CE)	10	Percent of persons who are literally homeless - based on prior living situation at the time of program intake: 75% or greater coming from streets/shelters = 10 points; 50% or greater coming from streets/shelters = 5 points	
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11 Use of HUD Resources (also HMIS & SSO-CE)	10	95% or more of HUD funds expended in last grant cycle = 10 points; 90% or more of HUD funds expended in last grant = 5 points	
Total Points	100		
12 HMIS Only	70	Collects all required data elements, is able to deduplicate and produce required data reports for HUD and other Federal partners.	70
13 SSO - Coordinated Entry Only	50	Low barrier and easily accessible. Has a standardized assessment process and ensures participants are directed to appropriate housing and / or services	
14 Bonus -	20	Addressed severe barriers to housing and services HMIS Comparable database utilized:	90
TOTAL			

Renewal Scoring Factors for FY 2023

Project Name: HMIS

Factor	Max Points	Explanation	Meets Factor Yes No
Threshold Requirements			
1 Feasibility	0	Project is financially feasible	Yes
2 Documented match	0	Project meets minimum match requirements	Yes
3 No unresolved HUD Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitorings that have not been resolved	Yes
4 No unresolved Monitoring Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitoring that have not been resolved	Yes
5 No outstanding Audit Findings	0	The audit either had no findings or any findings in the audit have been resolved	Yes
6 No outstanding obligation to HUD in arrears	0	HUD has not determined that the grantee needs to repay any funds or the grantee is current on any required repayments to HUD	Yes
7 Participation in HMIS	0	Applicant regularly submits data to HMIS including data on project participants and applicant participates in and contributes data for PIT and HIC	Yes
Scoring Factors			
1 Coordinated Entry / Assessment	10	Participants are assessed prior to entering; 100% prior to entry = 10 pts; 90-99% = 5 pts.	10
2 Meets Housing First requirements	10	Most recent HUD application must be classified as "Housing First" = 10 points	
3 HMIS Data Quality (also SSO-CE)	10	Based on the APR, no UDE is missing or null for more than 5% of participants = 10 points; no UDE missing or null for more than 10% of participants = 5 points	
Admits participants with appropriate service needs (also SSO - CE)	10	Percent of persons who are literally homeless - based on prior living situation at the time of program intake: 75% or greater coming from streets/shelters = 10 points; 50% or greater coming from streets/shelters = 5 points	
5 Exits to permanent housing	10	95% or greater = 10 points; 90-94% = 5 points	
Households who exit and return to homelessness or unknown at exit	10	5% or fewer exit to homelessness or unknown = 10 points; 8% or fewer return to homelessness, 5 points	
Households who exit and return to homelessness within 12 months of program exit	10	5% or fewer return to homelessness within 12 months of program exit = 10 points	
8 % of households who increase total income	5	25% of adults gain or maintain income from entry to exit	
9 % of participants that gain or maintain earned income	5	10% and above gain or maintain earned income = 5 points	
10 Utilization rate	10	On 4 PIT dates on the APR; 90% and above = 10 points; 85-89% = 5 points	
11 Use of HUD Resources (also HMIS & SSO-CE)	10	95% or more of HUD funds expended in last grant cycle = 10 points; 90% or more of HUD funds expended in last grant cycle = 5 points	10
Total Points	100		
12 HMIS Only	70	Collects all required data elements, is able to deduplicate and produce required data reports for HUD and other Federal partners.	70
13 SSO - Coordinated Entry Only	50	Low barrier and easily accessible. Has a standardized assessment process and ensures participants are directed to appropriate housing and / or services	
14 Bonus -	20	Addressed severe barriers to housing and services HMIS Comparable databased utilized:	
TOTAL			90

Renewal Scoring Factors for FY 2023

Project Name: **HMIS RENEWAL**

Factor	Max Points	Explanation	Meets Factor Yes No
Threshold Requirements			
1 Feasibility	0	Project is financially feasible	✓
2 Documented match	0	Project meets minimum match requirements	✓
3 No unresolved HUD Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitoring that have not been resolved	✓
4 No unresolved Monitoring Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitoring that have not been resolved	✓
5 No outstanding Audit Findings	0	The audit either had no findings or any findings in the audit have been resolved	✓
6 No outstanding obligation to HUD in arrears	0	HUD has not determined that the grantee needs to repay any funds or the grantee is current on any required repayments to HUD	✓
7 Participation in HMIS	0	Applicant regularly submits data to HMIS including data on project participants and applicant participates in and contributes data for PIT and HIC	✓
Scoring Factors			
1 Coordinated Entry / Assessment	10	Participants are assessed prior to entering; 100% prior to entry = 10 pts; 90-99% = 5 pts.	10
2 Meets Housing First requirements	10	Most recent HUD application must be classified as "Housing First" = 10 points	
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Total Points	100		30
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TOTAL			90

Renewal Scoring Factors for FY 2023

Project Name: HMIS Renewal

Factor		Max Points	Explanation	Meets Factor	
Threshold Requirements				Yes	No
1	Feasibility	0	Project is financially feasible.	Yes	
2	Documented match	0	Project meets minimum match requirements	Yes	
3	No unresolved HUD Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitoring; that have not been resolved	Yes	
4	No unresolved Monitoring Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitoring that have not been resolved	Yes	
5	No outstanding Audit Findings	0	The audit either had no findings or any findings in the audit have been resolved	Yes	
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7	Participation in HMIS	0	Applicant regularly submits data to HMIS including data on project participants and applicant participates in and contributes data for PIT and HIC	N/A	
Scoring Factors				Points Awarded	
1	Coordinated Entry / Assessment	10	Participants are assessed prior to entering; 100% prior to entry = 10 pts; 90-99% = 5 pts.	10	
2	Meets Housing First requirements	10	Most recent HUD application must be classified as "Housing First" = 10 points	N/A	
3	HMIS Data Quality (also SSO-CE)	10	Based on the APR, no UDE is missing or null for more than 5% of participants = 10 points; no UDE missing or null for more than 10% of participants = 5 points	N/A	
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Total Points		100			
12	HMIS Only	70	Collects all required data elements, is able to deduplicate and produce required data reports for HUD and other federal partners.	70	
13	SSO - Coordinated Entry Only	50	Low barrier and easily accessible. Has a standardized assessment process and ensures participants are directed to appropriate housing and / or services	N/A	
14	Bonus -	20	Addressed severe barriers to housing and services HMIS Comparable database utilized.	N/A	
			TOTAL	90	

Renewal Scoring Factors for FY 2023

Project Name: **HMIS**

Factor	Max Points	Explanation	Meets Factor Yes No
Threshold Requirements			
1 Feasibility	0	Project is financially feasible	✓
2 Documented match	0	Project meets minimum match requirements	✓
3 No unresolved HUD Findings	0	Not monitored or no findings from prior monitorings that have not been resolved	✓
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14 Bonus -	20	HMIS Comparable databased utilized:	
TOTAL			80

AL-503 did not reject or reduce any projects

From: [Moore, Laretta](#)
To: [Holly Baker](#)
Cc: [Teresa Wade](#)
Subject: COC Projects Accepted
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:34:00 AM
Attachments: [NACH notification letter.pdf](#)
[HRA notification letter.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good morning ladies,

Attached please find your notification of projects accepted letters, as required of our NOFO submission.

Thanks,

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HUNTSVILLE

Community Development

Scott Erwin
Manager

September 12, 2023

Huntsville Housing Authority
200 Washington St NE
Huntsville, AL 35801
Attention: Teresa Wade, Director of Finance/CFO

Dear Teresa,

This letter was drafted to meet the requirement of notifying, in writing outside of e-snaps, all project applicants who submitted their application(s) by the CoC-established deadline; whether their project would be accepted rejected or reduced. While previously discussed, during today's virtual COC NOFO Submission session, this letter documents that your Permanent Supportive Housing Project, together with Wellstone, was accepted, and will be ranked on the CoC Priority Listing. Currently, there is no intention of reducing the amount of your request. Should this change, the requirement is that any modifications be addressed in writing, prior to public posting, which is scheduled for no later than September 25, 2023.

In partnership,

Laurretta P. Moore
Planner II
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CC: Terre Stewart, Wellstone
Trevor Reed, Wellstone

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HUNTSVILLE

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Scott Erwin
Manager

September 12, 2023

North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless
1580 Sparkman Dr NW, Suite 111
Huntsville, AL 35816
Attention: Randall Stanley, Executive Director

Dear Randall,

This letter was drafted to meet the requirement of notifying, in writing outside of e-snaps, all project applicants who submitted their application(s) by the CoC-established deadline; whether their project would be accepted rejected or reduced. While previously discussed, during today's virtual COC NOFO Submission session, this letter documents that your HMIS Renewal, Coordinated Entry and Bonus Projects will be ranked on the CoC Priority Listing. Currently, there is no intention of reducing the amount of your requests. Should this change, the requirement is that any modifications be addressed in writing, prior to public posting, which is scheduled for no later than September 25, 2023.

In partnership,

Lauretta P. Moore
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CC: Holly Baker, Assistant Director

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COC FY 2023 Final Scores For All Projects

Applicant Name	City of Huntsville Department of Community Development	North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless	North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless	Huntsville Housing Authority together w/Wellstone Behavioral Health	North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless
Project Name	CoC Planning	HMIS	SSO Renewal	PSH	SSO New/Bonus
Project Score		440	430	350	325
Project Rank		1	2	3	4
Requested Funding Amount	68,514.00	156,499.00	81,890.00	522,984.00	88,000.00
Reallocated Funds	0	0	0	0	0
A= Accepted or R= Rejected	A	A	A	A	A

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Cc: [Erwin, Scott](#); [Webster, Sharon](#); [Davis, Joyce](#); [randall.stanley@nachcares.org](#); [Holly Baker](#); [Teresa Wade](#); [Terre Stewart](#)
Subject: Notification of COC-Approved Consolidated Application
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 5:02:00 PM

Good evening,

Please allow this email to serve as evidence of notification that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application, Priority Listings, and Final Project Scores are now available for review on our HMIS Lead Agency's website homepage: <https://nachcares.org/>

The submission deadline for the COC NOFO is September 28, 2023 7pmCST/8pmEST

Please feel free to reach out with any feedback, edits, additions, questions or concerns via email laretta.moore@huntsvilleal.gov or at the phone number cited below before the close of business tomorrow.

In partnership,

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PIT Count Data for AL-503 - Huntsville/North Alabama CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	561	455	549	646
Emergency Shelter Total	368	274	295	376
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	38	26	23	21
Total Sheltered Count	406	300	318	397
Total Unsheltered Count	155	155	231	249

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	139	130	118	218
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	76	67	23	39
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	63	63	95	179

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Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	45	32	40	60
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	44	31	37	54
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	1	1	3	6

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	69	45	43	36	48
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	59	26	24	22	20
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	10	19	19	14	28

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

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HIC Data for AL-503 - Huntsville/North Alabama CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	399	170	370	45.95%	29	29	100.00%	199	49.87%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	30	22	30	73.33%	0	0	NA	22	73.33%
RRH Beds	9	9	9	100.00%	0	0	NA	9	100.00%
PSH Beds	154	39	154	25.32%	0	0	NA	39	25.32%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	592	240	563	42.63%	29	29	100.00%	269	45.44%

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Notes

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

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In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	355	345	322	120

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	2	2	2	1

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	13	19	11	9

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Summary Report for AL-503 - Huntsville/North Alabama CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	847	1080	44	54	10	14	17	3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	875	1090	70	60	-10	16	17	1

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

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

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

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1011	1275	560	610	50	105	123	18
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1098	1285	562	614	52	137	131	-6

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	13	1	8%	1	8%	1	8%	3	23%
Exit was from ES	195	18	9%	11	6%	3	2%	32	16%
Exit was from TH	37	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	36	3	8%	3	8%	2	6%	8	22%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	281	24	9%	15	5%	6	2%	45	16%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons		549	
Emergency Shelter Total	274	295	21
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	26	23	-3
Total Sheltered Count	300	318	18
Unsheltered Count		231	

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	861	1179	318
Emergency Shelter Total	832	1169	337
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	39	43	4

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	32	19	-13
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	0%	0%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	32	19	-13
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	0%	0%	0%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	32	19	-13
Number of adults with increased total income	0	0	0
Percentage of adults who increased total income	0%	0%	0%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	18	3	-15
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	2	0	-2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	11%	0%	-11%

Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	18	3	-15
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	3	0	-3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	17%	0%	-17%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	18	3	-15
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	5	0	-5
Percentage of adults who increased total income	28%	0%	-28%

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	775	1123	348
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	222	229	7
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	553	894	341

Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	855	1422	567
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	229	250	21
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	626	1172	546

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

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

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	114	15	-99
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	2	1	-1
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	17	4	-13
% Successful exits	17%	33%	16%

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

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	798	1070	272
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	213	244	31
% Successful exits	27%	23%	-4%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	141	153	12
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	135	151	16
% Successful exits/retention	96%	99%	3%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	480	427	462	37	37	60	369	365	334	13	19	11			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	160	123	188	37	37	30	74	80	66	13	19	11			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	33.33	28.81	40.69	100.00	100.00	50.00	20.05	21.92	19.76	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1113	871	1121	118	39	43	248	78	266	514	68	115	1027	205	114
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1022	749	979	89	39	25	5	25	17	330	52	115	138	118	8
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	775	331	33	3	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	7	11	55	0
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	75.83	44.19	3.37	3.37	12.82	0.00	0.00	4.00	17.65	0.00	0.00	6.09	7.97	46.61	0.00

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Submission and Count Dates for AL-503 - Huntsville/North Alabama CoC

Date of PIT Count

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

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/28/2023	Yes