

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

For over 20 years, the FL-509 CoC has been committed to addressing the needs of underserved communities across St. Lucie, Indian River, and Martin Counties. Our experience spans a variety of programs directly serving minority groups, including Black and Brown communities, who are disproportionately represented in the homeless population.

(1) Our collaboration with the local NAACP has been a cornerstone of our efforts to ensure our programs equitably benefit these communities. The NAACP's executive director has maintained an ongoing relationship with our agency, providing valuable insights and guidance to ensure our programs are responsive to the unique challenges faced by Black and Brown communities. Through this partnership, we have actively sought input on program design, implementation, and outreach strategies, ensuring that our services are culturally competent and accessible.

(2) The CoC has a proven track record of advancing racial equity within our programs. We have implemented targeted outreach and engagement strategies to connect with underserved communities, ensuring services are available and effectively used by those most in need. Programs are designed with an understanding of the systemic barriers that contribute to homelessness among Black and Brown populations. We are committed to dismantling these barriers through strategic partnerships and community-driven solutions. Our Racial Equity Committee works diligently to identify gaps, run a racial equity analysis of the region, and recommend equity/race trainings to the CoC at large. We additionally employ a very diverse team, including individuals with lived experience, which aids in our clients feeling represented and advocated for within our organization.

The CoC has proactively sought input from Black and Brown communities, as well as organizations like the NAACP, to inform our program design and implementation. We have conducted surveys and individual meetings to gather feedback directly from those we serve, ensuring that their voices are at the center of our decision-making processes. This approach has allowed us to continuously refine our programs to better meet the needs of underserved communities and achieve greater racial equity outcomes.

Our longstanding presence and deep-rooted relationships within these communities underscore our commitment to addressing the disparities in homelessness and ensuring that our programs equitably benefit all individuals.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC is committed to transparency and inclusivity in its membership invitation process. Annually, we issue a public invitation for new members to join the CoC, ensuring broad community awareness through multiple channels. This includes prominently displaying the invitation on our CoC’s website, which is updated regularly to reflect current opportunities and encourage participation from diverse stakeholders. We also leverage social media platforms, email distribution lists, and community partner networks to disseminate the invitation widely. A fillable membership application is available on the CoC website.

2. The CoC prioritizes accessibility in all communications to ensure that persons with disabilities can effectively engage with our CoC. All online invitations and related materials are available in accessible electronic formats, compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). This includes providing screen reader-compatible documents, captions for videos, and ensuring that all content is navigable via keyboard. For individuals who prefer or require alternative formats, we offer documents in large print or audio formats upon request. Virtual/remote meetings with options for closed captioning, are available, ensuring that all participants can fully engage. Should any participant request specific needs to improve their accessibility, such as having a sign-language interpreter on a video call, the CoC accommodates as swiftly as possible.

3. The CoC actively invites organizations that serve culturally specific communities, such as Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities, to join our efforts in addressing equity in the homeless response system. These communities are often disproportionately affected by homelessness and require targeted outreach to ensure their input is heard. To facilitate this, we host events, attend public meetings, and collaborate with culturally specific organizations to extend invitations and encourage their participation. The CoC has involved the West Wabasso Civic League and the local NAACP, both of which focus on serving Black Communities, by having their members and officers actively participate in CoC meetings and serve on relevant boards. The CoC has additionally included invitations to join to the local ARC, who serve and advocate for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and the Sanctuary of the Treasure Coast, the only local LGBTQA+ group.

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 CoC solicited and considered opinions via phone, emails, CoC meetings, committee meetings, targeted stakeholder meetings, one-on-one meetings, involving collaborators on committees and subcommittees, and disseminating surveys to collaborators, internal staff, and clients served. The CoC also considers feedback from local government, the judicial circuit, behavioral health care organizations, PHAs, and others.

2. In addition to the meetings described above, the CoC held public meetings and trainings, both in person and virtual, to solicit public input from persons with lived experience, nonprofit providers, and other interested stakeholders to collaborate on a CoC wide homelessness plan. The CoC made public presentations at County Commission meetings, participated and provided information in meetings of the local Affordable Housing Advisory Committees, and provided PIT data to civic groups.

3. Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations or formats are assisted by a staff person at one of the physical facilities, by phone, or by email. Individuals are encouraged and solicited to provide feedback verbally during in-person and virtual meetings, or by typing it in the chat box or e-mailing us directly. Further, we have sent out surveys via e-mail to garner feedback and have requested it via social media outlets as well. All CoC in-person meetings are held at an ADA-compliant facility and utilize large screens to display information.

4. The CoC actively incorporates input gathered from public meetings and forums to refine and enhance its strategies for preventing and ending homelessness. During these sessions, community members, including those from underserved populations, are encouraged to share their experiences, insights, and suggestions. The feedback collected is systematically reviewed and integrated into the CoC’s planning processes. Through engagement with the local government task forces, strong collaborations continued to encourage improvements to local ordinances and new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness. Public meetings improved working relationships with two PHAs around waiting lists and housing inspections. The CoC also gathers feedback from local Homeless Advisory Committees to align local efforts with their strategic priorities.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
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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 notification that the local competition was open was posted on the CoC website on August 7, 2024. Emails were sent to all CoC mailing list contacts, most of whom have not received HUD CoC funding previously, encouraging them to visit the page and attend the mandatory applicant training. Individuals were also informed during CoC meetings, and those who had not received past funding were encouraged to apply.

2. The CoC website posting, and related emails, included a detailed timeline and process for submitting applications. Application forms and scoring tools could be downloaded directly from the website. An applicant conference was held, during which the entire process was described in detail and questions were answered. A dedicated NOFO-specific email address was utilized to accept further questions and with staff assigned to monitor it and manage queries; interested parties were encouraged to reach out with questions or for more information. Relevant questions and answers were posted to the Q&A section of the NOFO page.

3. During the applicant conference and in the local Request for Applications, the entire competition process was explained, along with the CoC Program itself. Scoring tools were publicly posted and included scoring elements such as Housing First, project performance, serving those with severe needs, and racial equity. Threshold requirements included: eligible applicant, eligible program component, Code of Conduct, and complete application. Submitted applications were evaluated by the Review and Ranking Committee (RRC) which received training on the scoring and ranking process. After individual scoring, the committee met as a whole to decide funding and ranking recommendations. The CoC Executive Committee made the final decision on projects to be submitted to HUD.

4. The CoC ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities by providing all resources in accessible electronic formats, including website postings and virtual materials. In addition, the CoC hosted meetings to guide new applicants through the application process. The CoC Resource Center also remained available to assist individuals with disabilities by translating documents, providing access to assistive technology, and facilitating connections to low vision, limited hearing, and other support services at public events and venues.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our Governance charter specifies a reserved seat for Local Education Agencies (LEAs). The McKinney-Vento School Liaison for St. Lucie County Schools serves on the CoC Board. The lead agency has formal MOUs with all 3 LEAs in the CoC and a statewide affiliation to receive updated Homeless Education Data Profiles for the LEAs. CoC staff conduct outreach to youth education providers to inform them of programs and connect them to system navigators who identify/enroll those in need. The monthly Youth Houselessness Committee includes system navigators, TH-RRH case managers, youth counselors, and institutions of higher education/workforce development. This group shares quantitative, qualitative and anecdotal data and acts as a network for referrals and partnerships.

The CoC through the Coordinated Entry system works with McKinney-Vento staff, system navigators, local workforce development agencies, and institutions of higher education to facilitate referrals. Issues and trends concerning youth homelessness are reviewed quarterly. St. Lucie Public Schools work closely with the McKinney Vento administrators at the State Education Agency to stay abreast of changes to distribute at the local level. Liaisons participate in the PIT planning/counting and provide educational sessions on children's rights/educational needs to the community at large.

Lead Agency staff work with school liaisons and service providers on housing placement/retention processes. Staff ensure that families understand their rights, receive prompt educational services, and secure transportation to their school of origin, summer/after school programs, day care, etc. The CoC has formal MOUs with the Early Learning Coalitions & Children's Services Councils in all districts to allow for priority placement of homeless children/youth within seven days.

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

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has policies and procedures through coordinated entry to ensure that families with children promptly connect to eligible education/early childhood services. The CoC provider works with school homeless liaisons to ensure school-aged children can attend their school origin without disruption or transfer to the district they are temporarily staying in. If not school-age, providers/liaisons work to determine eligibility for early childhood services. Education is provided to families on rights and eligible services. McKinney-Vento Liaisons participate regularly to CoC meetings to educate providers on homeless student rights and available school system resources.

District Liaison for St. Lucie Public Schools (SPLS) offers annual trainings on McKinney Vento for all youth/family facing community partners. The CoC staff attend trainings to learn more about the McKinney Vento Act and programs in St Lucie. Posters, brochures, & pamphlets from Department of Education and SLPS are distributed to community partner offices. Training includes legislative updates, such as HB 1577 (in 2023) which placed more emphasis on working with unaccompanied homeless youth both before and after high school graduation.

Posters detailing the educational rights of homeless students are prominently displayed across all school districts in areas where families & students frequent. Households with children are provided with the name/contact information of the proper school liaison for their district. Mandatory information about McKinney-Vento resources are provided in resident handbooks to every resident of programs serving homeless children and youth, including the Hope for Families Center, Compassion House, Samaritan Center, SafeSpace, Mary’s Shelter & MISS.

The Children’s Coordinator in each program advise families of their right to educational services including services through Early Head Start, early intervention services under IDEA, etc. The United Way in each county displays informational posters and provides applications/sign-up information. Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children & youths is issued in locations frequented by parents or guardians of homeless children and youth, and unaccompanied youths. Parents, families, an unaccompanied youth are informed of their rights upon enrollment in the McKinney Vento program. CoC agencies serving families are members of The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

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	Yes	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	Yes	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works closely with SafeSpace, Inc., which is the CoC's state-certified domestic violence organization that serves our region. SafeSpace provides feedback on any CoC-wide policies that may need changes and adjustment, and they are involved with the development and updates of the CoC's VAWA emergency transfer plan used by CoC-funded and ESG-funded providers. Additionally, SafeSpace staff serve on CoC committees to help provide feedback and guidance as we develop CoC-wide goals and action steps. We additionally garner feedback from SafeSpace on our local funding processes to design DV-responsive CoC and ESG programs and help compile accurate information on needs and related policies.

2. The CoC encourages and conducts trainings of the entire CoC on various subjects throughout the year, including trauma-informed care (TIC). These trainings are offered to all partners and are mandatory for all CoC-funded and ESG-funded agencies. Every participating organization is encouraged to have case managers, patient navigators, and all other client-facing roles to receive TIC training. If a survivor is in need of immediate aid, the CoC collaborates together to find the best options available while limiting any additional trauma by utilizing staff trained in TIC. All providers receiving both CoC and ESG funding are required to have staff trained in TIC, VAWA practices, and the Emergency Transfer Plan.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) staff identify vulnerabilities of victims/survivors and immediately follow safety protocols and the MOU set up with SafeSpace, the CoC's state-certified VSP. CE staff link those fleeing DV situations with the domestic violence hotline or SafeSpace staff and remain on the line until connected. CE staff also connects them to right language proficient staff at SafeSpace. To carry out safety protocols, the staff explores the need for safe accommodation and immediately involves the Senior Case Manager responsible for securing emergency housing when domestic violence beds are not accessible. The Senior Case Manager arranges financial assistance to secure safe housing, including a hotel stay. Staff address potential risk of participation by victims and will discuss the emergency transfer arrangement required of landlords, per the local FL-509 Emergency Transfer Plan. The CoC conducts an annual agency review of basic requirements for formal protocols/MOUs for local coordination, including collaborative relationships, coordination of services and clarification of the roles and responsibilities of Coordinated Entry staff and other staff of the Resource Center who are involved in carrying out a coordinated response. De-identified data is aggregated and reviewed to assess vulnerabilities of specific groups, to observe outcomes by racial and gender data. This information informs the planning process for updating protocols and identifying unintended consequences with the intent to ensure accurate assumptions and procedure development. The CoC annually evaluates services and demand to refine the role of CE with participating agencies, identify barriers to safety, and enumerate unmet needs, based on victim/survivor feedback. Landlord lists and compliance with emergency transfer plans are factored in to updated planning tools.

2. CE staff protect confidentiality and privacy of victims and survivors when collecting, recording and reporting personally identifying information and only allow access to Senior Case Management and to individuals and entities as identified by the victim/survivor in the Release of Information. Any DV households' data entered in the HMIS are anonymized for monitoring and evaluation purposes. The staff use only the approved terminology for all recording and reporting, including HMIS client ID only when corresponding on the phone, by email, or in person.

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

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

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes

6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has policies and procedures in place to ensure that individuals who experience domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking can be quickly removed from dangerous situations, as outlined in the FL-509 Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) that has been distributed CoC-wide and helps ensure all members understand their organization's role in the process.

2. Program participants across the CoC, including HUD and ESG funded programs, are made aware of the local ETP which clearly explains how program participants can use their rights to an emergency transfer and that program participants have options for housing and services for both internal and external transfers. Each year, the Lead Agency hosts an annual training regarding the local ETP and the transfer process, including a copy of relevant HUD forms such as forms 5380 and 5382. The ETP lays out that CoC/ESG program participants must be provided a copy of these forms when enrolled, denied, receiving a notification of eviction, notified of program assistance, and for existing program participants to receive updated forms as necessary.

3. In order to request an emergency transfer, the tenant's written request for an emergency transfer should include either: 1. A statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under HP's program; OR 2. A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for a transfer. Tenants may be asked to provide additional documentation, In response to this request, the resident may complete HUD Form 5382 OR provide one of the types of third party document as laid out in the CoC's ETP.

4. The CoC responds quickly to requests, and the relevant housing provider follows the procedures outlined in the Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) in order to ensure compliance. Providers make every effort to ensure tenants are immediately moved into a safe unit. A unit is always determined 'safe' at the discretion of the tenant. If no immediate unit is available internally, the provider must collaborate to provide an external transfer as outlined in the ETP. The housing provider will follow the policies outlined within the ETP concerning internal and external transfer.

1C-5e.	Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC is committed to providing equitable access to all housing and services in the CoC for survivors of DV, dating violence, sexual assault and staking. We have implemented several strategies to ensure survivors receive the support they need to achieve safety and stability in all programs.

Client-Centered, Trauma-Informed, and Culturally Relevant Assessment and Screening Tools:

- Comprehensive Needs: We utilize trauma-informed assessments that address the unique needs of survivors, including physical safety, emotional well-being, and cultural considerations.
- Culturally Competent Staff: Our staff undergo ongoing training to develop cultural competency and sensitivity, ensuring that survivors from diverse backgrounds feel safe and understood.

Referral Policies and Procedures:

- Direct Referrals and Partnerships: We have established partnerships with local victim service organizations, such as SafeSpace, to facilitate direct referrals and ensure seamless transitions for survivors. While there are DV-specific housing and services programs in the CoC, survivors are also referred to other housing and services programs that meet their needs and preferences.
- Prioritization of Survivors: Survivors are prioritized for housing placement and services, ensuring they have immediate access to safe and supportive environments.

Addressing Program Participants' Physical, Emotional, Safety, Privacy, and Confidentiality Needs:

- Safety Planning: We work closely with survivors to develop individualized safety plans that address their specific needs and concerns.
- Confidentiality and Privacy: We adhere to strict confidentiality protocols to protect the privacy of survivors and ensure their safety.
- Trauma-Informed Services: Our programs and services are designed to be trauma-informed, providing a supportive and understanding environment for survivors.

Additional Strategies:

- We support the development of specialized housing options, that provide safe and supportive environments for survivors.
- We also regularly evaluate our programs and services to identify gaps and areas for improvement, ensuring that our response to the needs of survivors remains effective and responsive.

By implementing these strategies, our CoC aims to create a safe and supportive environment where survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking can access the housing and services they need to rebuild their lives.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:	
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
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2.	working to remove those barriers.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC regularly gathers input from survivors and conducts community assessments to pinpoint barriers they face, such as the lack of affordable, trauma-informed housing options and ongoing economic challenges, including financial dependency and employment limitations. In collaboration with our Racial Equity and Housing Committees, we examine community and institutional practices that exacerbate these issues, such as restrictive zoning laws, funding limitations, and wage disparities, all of which limit access to stable housing.

2. To address these challenges, our CoC prioritizes partnerships with policy advocates, agencies, and service providers to expand safe housing options and provide survivor-focused case management. By advocating for equitable resource allocation and engaging with local officials, we work to address restrictions and increase affordable housing opportunities. We also coordinate with workforce development initiatives to support survivors' economic independence, ensuring comprehensive support that removes structural obstacles to housing stability and security.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborates with organizations to ensure that all programs in the CoC uphold anti-discrimination policies, and are inclusive, trauma-informed, and sensitive to the unique needs of individual or households regardless of sexuality, gender identity, or similar characteristics. Although there are currently very few LGBTQ+ serving organizations in our region, there are many organizations with LGBTQ+ representation in both staff and leadership and their input is highly important to forming anti-discrimination policies and procedures across the CoC. The CoC actively conducts virtual and in person trainings, including around LGBTQ+ relevant topics and issues. CoC-funded and ESG-funded organizations are required to participate in this training, whereas it is optional, but highly encouraged, for other providers.

2. Our CoC promotes anti-discrimination by providing model policies, training, technical assistance, and policy review to housing and services providers. This ensures that all providers have strong, consistent policies aligned with our CoC-wide standards, fostering inclusive and welcoming environments for all individuals experiencing homelessness.

3. The CoC evaluates all programs to ensure compliance is being met. The CoC accepts feedback and complaints from individuals participating in various programs and will investigate for validity and decide on the course of action. All participating CoC members are made aware during trainings that they must remain compliant to remain a member of the CoC. For our persons in housing programs, the CoC reviews complaints, and if a landlord is found to be displaying unlawful discrimination, the CoC notifies of the intent to deny payments to landlords, places landlords on the “do not use” list and offers a referral to legal counsel whenever a complaint is received from a tenant or a family member of a tenant.

4. If an agency is found to be in non-compliance, they are issued a warning and must revise program structures and their internal policies. The CoC lead agency will provide guidance and training if needed. If an individual within that organization is found to be discriminating against clients, there is a zero tolerance policy. Agencies that refuse to take action towards ensuring the discrepancy will not be repeated, would be removed from the CoC for non-compliance. Further, the CoC engages pro bono attorneys to assist households who may have experienced discrimination from landlords.

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 or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Indian River County Board of County Commissioners	37%	Yes-HCV	No
Housing Authority of the City of Stuart	0%	No	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 CoC has working relationships with all the PHAs in CoCs geographic area. The Indian River PHA adopted a homeless preference for one-bedroom elderly families who have resided in Indian River County for 12 months and are experiencing homelessness. All three PHAs also administer Emergency Housing Vouchers, VASH vouchers for homeless Veterans, Housing Choice Vouchers, and TBRA. Working relationships with the CoC are effective in housing the VASH and SSVF targets, especially when the CoC Homeless Resource Center has funding to provide security deposits to facilitate the placements in extremely scarce housing which could be lost if the security deposit was not provided in a timely fashion, since all of the the placements are Housing Choice Voucher, EHV, or VASH beds in fair market apartments in the CoC. Available PHA housing units are shared with the Coordinated Entry staff to assist with housing placement.

2. Not applicable

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.	NSP properties	Yes

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

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

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

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.h.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.
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1.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	Yes

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	7
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	7
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
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Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To ensure that all CoC-funded projects adhere to Housing First principles, our CoC has implemented a rigorous evaluation process, as describe below.

2. We conduct a comprehensive evaluation, considering the following factors and performance indicators:(a) Project Design and Implementation: We assess the project's alignment with Housing First principles, including rapid re-housing, harm reduction, and client choice; (b) Data Collection and Reporting: We evaluate the project's capacity to collect and report data on key performance indicators, such as housing stability, reductions in homelessness, and client satisfaction; (c) Staff Training and Capacity Building: We assess the project's commitment to providing staff with ongoing training and support to implement Housing First effectively; and (d) Client Engagement and Choice: We evaluate the project's ability to engage clients in decision-making and support their choices.

3. To ensure ongoing adherence to Housing First, we conduct regular, independent evaluations of CoC-funded projects outside of our local competition process. These evaluations may involve: (a) Site Visits: On-site visits to observe project operations and interview staff and clients; (b) Data Analysis: Review of performance data, including housing placement rates, retention rates, and client outcomes; and (c) Occasional Client Surveys and Interviews: Direct feedback from clients to assess their satisfaction and experiences.

4. To improve fidelity to Housing First, our CoC has taken the following steps: (a) Technical Assistance and Training: Providing ongoing technical assistance and training to project staff on Housing First principles and best practices; (b) Peer Learning and Collaboration: Fostering a culture of learning and sharing among providers through peer learning opportunities and collaborative initiatives through CoC meetings and trainings; (b) Data-Driven Decision Making: Using data to identify strengths and weaknesses in Housing First implementation and to inform strategic planning and resource allocation; (d) Continuous Quality Improvement: Implementing a continuous quality improvement process to identify opportunities for improvement and enhance the effectiveness of Housing First programs. By prioritizing these strategies, our CoC is committed to ensuring that all funded projects adhere to Housing First principles and provide effective, client-centered services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC has taken significant steps to tailor street outreach to reach individuals experiencing homelessness who may be hesitant to seek assistance. We recognize that language barriers can be a significant obstacle for many, and we have implemented strategies to address this challenge. Our outreach teams include bilingual staff who can communicate effectively with individuals who speak languages other than English, building trust and understanding.

Our outreach workers are skilled at identifying individuals who may be in need but are hesitant to ask for help. They use empathy, patience, and persistence to build relationships, assess needs, and connect individuals with appropriate services. Through these efforts, we are able to reach out to those who are most vulnerable and marginalized, ensuring that no one is left behind.

We also have outreach staff with lived experience, which helps to better reach individuals who feel more comfortable speaking with others who understand what they are experience.

Additionally, we have adopted a holistic approach to outreach, addressing the underlying social determinants of health that may contribute to homelessness. By providing a range of supportive services, such as access to healthcare, mental health counseling, and substance abuse treatment, we aim to build trust and rapport with individuals who may be reluctant to engage with traditional housing services.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	No
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	93	203

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1. works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and
2. promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's Homeless Resource Center collaborates with all project staff to assist callers seeking services and makes referrals to the healthcare, domestic violence counseling, and mental health providers in the CoC. The Resource Center also refers callers who are prescreened by CoC Coordinated Entry directly to EOC, SSVF, the Health Departments and childcare providers. The CoC publishes and shares information from the 211 Helpline and shares information with the three United Ways in the CoC. The CoC collaborates with mental health and substance abuse organizations, who provide assessment and counseling for homeless and indigent persons to facilitate the placement in housing and programs, especially emergency housing options. The HANDS Clinic provides services to persons referred by the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. who are voluntarily seeking Primary Medical Care, Adult Dental Care, Pediatric Dental Care, Mental Health Assistance, Vision Care and Prescriptions. The HANDS Clinic also provides a Health Care Navigator located at the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council's Housing Hub location to provide referral assistance to qualified residents.

2. The CoC partners with Indian River Mental Health Collaborative to provide SOAR assistance and RiteLife to submit SOAR applications. Additionally, both Martin and St. Lucie counties have staff trained in SOAR and the CoC retains SOAR trained individuals on staff. Further, the CoC offers SOAR resources and links to training on the CoC CA's website to encourage provider staff to pursue training and certification.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.n.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:		
1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Local Health Department staff are members of both the CoC Executive Committee and the CoC Board. During the COVID pandemic, the CoC worked closely with the Health Department to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks and this collaboration continues to enable the CoC to remain responsive to future infectious disease outbreaks. The CoC's policies ensure appropriate safety precautions, hygiene, social distancing, and providing access to testing and vaccination sites. The CoC prioritizes ensuring access to non-congregate shelter in the event of disease outbreaks. A testament to the cleanliness of operations, the Men's shelter in Fort Pierce has not experienced a single Covid Outbreak, despite being congregate sheltering.

2. Should there be the likelihood of an infectious outbreak among people experiencing homelessness, the CoC would partner with the local health department and other stakeholders to quickly identify non-congregate shelter or housing solutions for those most at risk of infection, including hotel rooms To help prevent infectious spreading of diseases as well as to promote overall cleanliness and health, CoC outreach staff are available to distribute masks, hand sanitizers, insect repellent, water and sanitizing wipes to physical program sites, including many scattered apartment sites where homeless or formerly homeless persons can be found. An example of further steps that could be taken were approaches learned during COVID; PPE was provided for mass redistribution across the CoC area. The emergency shelters were assisted in putting up partitions and creating other isolation arrangements in open rooms, as directed by the Health Departments. Should there be another risk of widespread infections disease, the CoC is prepared to act similarly and more efficiently from past experience.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC serves as an active member of all three workgroups of the Florida Department of Health – Indian River’s (FDOH-IR) 2022-2026 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), with each workgroup focusing on priority health and social determinant of health issues as shown in the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment. The workgroups share the most up-to-date public health information as it relates to each priority area. They review, implement, and track achievements of the objectives and key actions of the CHIP priority areas through extensive cross-sector collaboration with partner agencies. CHIP workgroups meet quarterly, and workgroup members are in contact with FDOH-IR staff and each other between meetings via email, phone, and in-person meetings, to share information related to public health measures and homelessness. Both the Human Services Program Coordinator for Indian River County and the Director of State Environmental Services from the Florida Health Department are staff members of the CoC Executive Committee and Board. During the COVID pandemic, the CoC worked closely with the Health Department to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks and this collaboration continues to ensure responsiveness to future outbreaks. The CoC's policies outline safety precautions, hygiene, social distancing, and access to testing/vaccination sites and non-congregate shelter.

2. The CoC helps facilitate communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach, shelter, and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants. The CoC emphasizes, in communications to the community, the potentials for higher rates of severity of infectious diseases among people experiencing homelessness. The CoC actively re-transmits Health Department and CDC health announcements and directives, as well as USICH and HUD information, as soon as it is received. CoC outreach staff distribute masks, hand sanitizers, insect repellent, water, PPE, sanitizing wipes, and more to physical program sites, including many scattered apartment sites where homeless or formerly homeless persons can be found. The CoC partners with Public Health Officials to implement universal outreach standards for engagement with individuals in unsheltered situations and provide necessary supplies.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Coordinated Entry System covers the entire CoC geographic area with access from multiple physical locations in the CoC, as well as by phone and email, utilizing the HMIS system provided by the Lead Agency. All participating CoC partners are encouraged to utilize the HMIS system and assisted in setting up, accessing, and utilizing this system.

2. The CoC uses a standardized assessment process, with an intake questionnaire that ensures a fair and consistent process across the CoC. Coordinated Entry Questionnaires are completed by trained HMIS end users at all participating locations. Referrals are made directly from social and human services agencies, 211 and other providers in the Coordinated Entry System and are entered into HMIS. Contact may also be initiated by walk-in at one of the CoC provider program’s physical locations or through offices of the Lead Agency. Those with the highest acuity scores are prioritized and assigned staff to collect additional documentation needed to ensure prompt enrollment in eligible service delivery. Households are assessed to determine their vulnerability score, so that those with the highest needs are prioritized. All households entering via Coordinated Entry are approached through a social and racial equity lens, with consideration to their social determinants of health.

3. Our CoC's coordinated entry system prioritizes a trauma-informed approach, collecting personal information in a sensitive and supportive manner. Caseworkers are trained to build rapport and avoid re-traumatization. Detailed case notes capture traumatic experiences, allowing other providers to access information without requiring clients to retell their stories. This centralized approach minimizes re-traumatization and fosters a coordinated, effective service delivery system.

4. The CoC has established a robust Coordinated Entry Committee to develop, review, and revise the CE process. This Committee consists of HMIS participating providers, community members, representatives from the HMIS Lead Agency, County representatives, and other concerned stakeholders. HMIS Lead Agency staff members reach out to end users to discuss challenges, successes, and general feedback to help drive change within the CE Process. Further, Coordinated Entry Committee Members are developing a process to reach out to households that have participated in CE to receive their feedback on the process.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC street outreach staff, who connect unsheltered persons to Coordinated Entry, cover the entire CoC geography, increasing options for those who are unsheltered and least likely to apply for homeless assistance. With the person's consent, the street outreach staff collect photos and updated information of those who agree to be entered into the HMIS and allow relevant Case Managers and outreach staff to follow up.

2. Assessments are completed by telephone or in person by trained staff using the Coordinated Entry Questionnaire. Those with the highest acuity are prioritized by intake case managers who complete a full assessment and begin to collect required qualifying documentation (e.g., chronicity documentation). Households are prioritized based on their vulnerability score, prioritizing those with the highest need as measured by the assessment. Staff are trained in Trauma-Informed Care, and assessments take into account racial and ethnic equity.

3. Households are enrolled within 24 hours after eligibility has been determined. Housing Specialists provide a list of available rental units that meet the household's needs and preferences, and then work with landlords for commitments and assist with housing placement. The CoC has adopted a standard process with a goal of housing within 30 days. Once appropriate housing has been secured and necessary, required documentation is completed, Housing Specialists request financial assistance through the funding sources available. Case Managers follow up regularly with clients to ensure long-term success in their new housing and to connect clients with any additional supportive services they are want and need.

4. The CoC is actively refining the Coordinated Entry process, including the HMIS system, with the help of the dedicated Coordinated Entry Committee. Changes include increasing user-friendly attributes and more robust software for detailed processes. It is prioritized that the CE process is accessible and streamlined, reducing burdens on households requesting assistance. Coordinated Entry staff are trained to assist individuals from all walks of life, and to offer assistance to those who may have barriers, including disabilities, to ensure that all households seeking assistance have equal access to care. Our Coordinate Entry participating programs are required to conduct client follow-ups.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:		
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC affirmatively markets housing and services through a variety of channels to ensure that all individuals experiencing homelessness are aware of available resources. We utilize our website, brochures, and physical outreach to disseminate information. Our Housing Hub in Fort Pierce serves as a central location for in-person assistance, while our outreach teams actively engage with individuals on the streets and in encampments. Additionally, we collaborate with partner agencies to distribute information and provide support. The CoC displays marketing materials on occasion in local County resource centers, such as food banks, shelters, churches, and City/County establishments as well as our partnering agencies' physical locations and verbiage on their websites. Additionally, when new resources, programs, and funding become available we publish press releases and information to the website.

2. When a household goes through the Coordinated Entry process and their data is collected into the HMIS, they sign a release, and there is a notice of usage and disclosures that describes their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. When meeting with a client in person, there are notices on display. Should clients entering the system have question, Coordinated Entry staff assist in better understanding of their rights. Fair housing rights are additionally posted on the Lead Agency's website.

3. Organizations participating in Coordinated Entry report back to the Coordinated Entry Committee any discrepancies or barriers found that could impede fair housing choice for program participants. The Committee provides input to the jurisdictions responsible for consolidated plans, including the State of Florida, St. Lucie County, City of Fort Pierce, City of Port St. Lucie, to ensure consistency and to determine any required next steps concerning anything found to impede fair housing choice. The CE Committee works with and offers guidance, as needed, on any findings or discrepancies reported to each jurisdiction to ensure proactive measures and positive adjustments can be achieved.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	07/15/2024

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and
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2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The data used by the CoC to analyze racial disparities included data from LSA and HMIS. We also utilized demographics of the service area.

2. The CoC used a mix-method approach to analyze and address racial disparities. All data was collected and analyzed by the Racial Equity committee with support, as needed, from HMIS and Coordinated Entry staff. Demographics were compared across services provided through the CoC and the general population, to review for racial and demographic representation. Exits to permanent housing, returns to homelessness, and length of time homeless were analyzed by racial demographics to determine if equitable permanent housing outcomes are being achieved. To assess potential racial disparities in our CoC's provision and outcomes of homeless assistance, we analyzed data from Longitudinal System Analysis using our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Although we found few inequities in the actual provision of our services and the quality/results of our programs, the committee did find that there are discrepancies in the percentage of racial groups experiencing homelessness compared to the total percentage of racial minority populations in our region. The racial equity committee is tasked with conducting this assessment yearly and reporting out findings to the entire CoC in order to address disparities, provide suggestions, and offer trainings.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes

	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC is committed to ongoing evaluation and improvement of our systems to promote racial equity. Our Racial Equity Committee conducts annual assessments, analyzing data on demographics, service utilization, and outcomes to identify disparities. They review policies and procedures, engage with stakeholders, and develop recommendations for improvement. These recommendations may include policy updates, staff training, data-driven decision making, and community partnerships. By continuously evaluating and refining our systems, we strive to create a more equitable and inclusive system for all individuals experiencing homelessness.

To address identified disparities, our CoC will:

- Enhance Cultural Competency: Provide training to staff on cultural competency and implicit bias to ensure equitable service delivery.
- Collect and Analyze Disaggregated Data: Continue to collect and analyze data on race and ethnicity to identify and address disparities.
- Collaborate with Community Partners: Partner with community organizations to develop culturally appropriate programs and services.
- Implement Trauma-Informed Practices: Adopt trauma-informed practices to address the unique needs of individuals from marginalized communities.

By implementing these strategies, we aim to reduce racial disparities and ensure that all individuals experiencing homelessness have equal access to housing and supportive services.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC is committed to ongoing, data-driven evaluation to ensure racial equity in its homelessness services. The Racial Equity Committee annually reviews Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) data to monitor disparities in key outcomes like entry and exit types, length of homelessness, and returns to homelessness, comparing these across racial demographics and general population data. Particular attention is given to stability in permanent housing, especially among Black/African American households and other marginalized groups. The CoC’s cultural competency and implicit bias training is also assessed through client satisfaction and engagement metrics, ensuring equitable service delivery.

Quarterly reviews of disaggregated data enable real-time adaptation to emerging needs, while annual community feedback and policy reviews ensure that policies support equitable outcomes. By prioritizing transparency and community-informed adjustments, the CoC strives to create an inclusive, equitable system for all individuals experiencing homelessness.

2. The CoC will use a variety of tools to track and prevent racial disparities in homeless assistance outcomes. The primary tool is the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which allows for consistent data collection on demographics, service utilization, and key outcomes like housing stability and returns to homelessness. By analyzing this data through Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA), the CoC identifies trends and potential disparities in service provision and outcomes across racial groups.

The CoC also utilizes disaggregated data reports to monitor racial equity in real time, enabling quick adjustments to address emerging needs. Client satisfaction surveys, staff assessments, and community feedback sessions serve as qualitative tools, offering insight into the lived experiences of service recipients and highlighting any equity concerns not captured by quantitative data. Annual policy reviews, guided by input from the Racial Equity Committee and community partners, ensure that system-level policies and procedures continuously evolve to foster equity. Together, these tools create a comprehensive framework for tracking and ending racial disparities within the CoC’s homeless assistance programs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC encourages those with lived experience who attend CoC monthly meetings to join CoC Committees to provide their perspectives on various aspects of the continuum of care. Each committee is to have representation from an individual with lived experience to help ensure that all topics discussed are relevant and that the population can be represented by someone who knows what its like to experience homelessness and supportive services.

Further, Street Outreach staff work with persons with lived experience on a daily basis. Conversations with persons experiencing homelessness include how to improve shelter stays, difficulties accessing services and housing, and feedback based on programs or agencies with which they have engaged. SO workers report back to Lead Agency staff to share input received. This helps guide decision making when concerning our programs and how they can better serve our clients.

Our CoC actively recruits persons with lived expertise to serve in important roles within the CoC, such as serving on the Review and Ranking Committee during the NOFO funding process. The lead agency retains staff with lived experience and offers opportunities for both those staff, and clients/volunteers with lived experience, to attend and speak at multiple functions both inside and outside of the CoC.

Persons with lived experience who use the Housing HUB for SOAR meet once per week with SOAR staff to provide input into how the assistance is working, what the barriers are, and what landlords, if any, are treating tenants unfairly. This information is shared with the Supportive Housing Teams which meet once per month to assist households in securing permanent housing.

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

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	25	25
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	25	25
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	3	3
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	10	8

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

United Against Poverty (UAP) offers the STEP training programs and job placement in two counties of the CoC and acts as a Workplace Training Partner to provide employment training and coaching for persons with lived experience. Indian River State College offers on-site training and employment programs at no charge to eligible participants. CareerSource Research Coast is chartered by the State of Florida to provide workforce development services responsive to the needs of businesses and job seekers and has specific employment programs for veterans and individuals receiving cash assistance through TANF. The Economic Development Council Workforce Task Force works to provide internships and training for industry sectors such as manufacturing, healthcare, and construction.

EDC Workforce accepts referrals from CoC member agencies for placement and training and has a strong working relationship with UAP and Veterans Services Council to seek out placements and specialized employment arrangements. Camp Haven, a residential substance abuse program for men has a formal MOU with UAP for employment search and placement assistance for their homeless residents. United Way organizations send out job vacancies daily through list serves. The Resource Center makes referrals to assist with job placement for those who are seeking/able to be employed. The CoC has dedicated staff who make referrals to UAP and develop working goal plans for any adults over 18 regardless of barriers to employment. The content and training experience may be tailored to persons with lived experience who have experienced difficulties finding or keeping employment, as well as those who are ready to upgrade their current employment position and develop professionally. Project LIFT offers skills training in trade work for disadvantaged youth, including those homeless and has a success rate of 93% showing improved work readiness and 88% finding employment. The Lead Agency runs the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program and employs staff specifically trained to aid in finding quality job placements and career advancement for Veterans with experience of homelessness.

Further, the Lead Agency often recruits those with lived experience, including those who have been aided by the agency, to become staff members serving in various roles from case management and shelter monitors to street outreach and administrative positions.

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; |
| 2. | how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC routinely gathers feedback from households with lived experience through multiple avenues, including the involvement of those individuals in CoC committee meetings and CoC NOFO processes. Those with lived experience are invited to serve on the Review and Rank Committee, as well as participate in all other committees in order to offer insight, direction, and goals for the CoC to incorporate. Further, staff and board members with lived experience are offered opportunities to provide active feedback and suggestions in order for the CoC and the lead agency to make adjustments as needed.

2. The CoC gathers feedback on an ongoing basis, at least monthly.

3. The CoC maintains notes within our HMIS system to track feedback from individuals enrolled in services. Clients are encouraged to raise issues or concerns they may have, which are provided to program management and, if needed, the leadership team of the Lead Agency to decide how to address client concerns.

4. The CoC gathers feedback from ESG and CoC Program participants at least annually. The CoC is currently developing even more opportunities to share their experience in CoC and ESG programs, through targeted client surveys and feedback forms.

5. The CoC proactively addresses challenges, understanding that change may take time but is an important part of improving the CoC to better serve households experiencing homelessness. One example is incorporating an individual with lived experience into every committee, so that there is continual representation at all CoC committee and subcommittee meetings. All challenges raised by those with lived experience are taken seriously and, whenever possible, integrated into the decision-making process for the programs that are currently in process or that are being created. This feedback helps the CoC to guide programs to truly serve individuals in a way that will create true change and positive results, while keeping in mind and being sensitive to the particular traumas that can be associated with experiencing homelessness. The CoC has also prioritized training for staff on trauma-informed care and cultural competency, directly addressing concerns raised by clients regarding service sensitivity and respect. Through these measures, the CoC ensures that the voices of those with lived experience are central to shaping a more responsive, empathetic system.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:

1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. As an active member of the FDOH-IR CHIP (Florida Department of Health - Indian River Community Health Improvement Planning) Housing workgroup, the CoC has been instrumental in working with city, county, and state government that represent Indian River County (IRC) to move issues forward regarding reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development. Relevant CHIP Housing priority objectives, in coordination with IRC’s Affordable Housing Advisory Committee’s (AHAC) efforts, includes increasing the number of parcels added to the county’s Urban Service Area (USA) to increase available land for affordable/workforce housing, with the goal of having a revised USA map completed by 2026. IRC is also working to develop policies that allow for higher residential densities within the USB specifically for certified affordable housing projects. This approach would help meet housing demands within urbanized areas while limiting the need for future boundary expansions, thus protecting rural and undeveloped lands. The City of Fort Pierce collaborated with the CoC on the Blue-Sky project, creating affordable housing for low-income and workforce families at 60-120% AMI and below. Further, the CoC works closely with St. Lucie County on reducing regulation, barriers, and addressing rezoning through their AHAC which meets monthly and has representatives from county, cities, builders, facilities, planning and zoning, and other members of the CoC.

2. The CoC has been instrumental in working with city, county, and state government to move issues forward towards reducing regulatory barriers to housing development. This past year, the St. Lucie County AHAC in collaboration with the CoC worked to reduce road impact fees for housing for low-income families, expedited permitting, and also to pass an ordinance providing tax exemptions for affordable housing. The CoC continues to support follow-up work to the revision to IRC’s Accessory Dwelling Unit size and location limitations in county building codes to support the creation of new affordable rental housing on existing and new homesteads. The Lead Agency also continues to serve as an adjunct member of the Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC) of St. Lucie County (SLC). Additionally, the CoC is actively involved in assessing Community Land Trust feasibility and provider interest in IRC, with part of the process determining and addressing regulatory issues the development faces.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/02/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/02/2024

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

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

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

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	8
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process. NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Renewal project applicants' APRs were used to evaluate how well each project successfully housed program participants in permanent housing. The scoring tool included points to be awarded to projects that achieved or surpassed benchmarks for this criteria. For new project applicants without a track record in CoC-funded projects, applicants were asked to project their permanent housing placement and retention rates.
2. HMIS was also utilized to analyze data regarding how long it took project applicants to house people in permanent housing. The scoring of renewal and new projects were carried out as stated in #1. The benchmark set for this measure was 45 days, to take into account the scarcity of affordable housing in the CoC while incentivizing rapid placement.
3. Renewal projects dedicated to serving households who were chronically homeless, as well as Dedicated-Plus projects, were prioritized above projects serving other populations. For new projects, points were provided based on the percentage of program participants projected to have severe service needs. To receive full points for this criteria, new applications had to be serving over 85% in this category. These considerations were combined with the evaluation of project performance measures to ensure that persons with severe needs and vulnerabilities would be prioritized. All the renewal projects, other than HMIS, are PSH projects either Dedicated CH or Dedicated Plus. The scoring criteria and project performance benchmarks for renewals, therefore, were established taking into account the fact that these projects provide housing and services to those with the most severe barriers to housing stability and severe service needs. Scoring criteria benchmarks differed between project types. As an example, for PSH renewals there was a lower performance benchmark established for increasing employment income, as compared to the benchmark for that outcome for new RRH projects.
4. Severe service needs included serving persons with VI-SPDAT scores of over 12, living with a disability, or having an ongoing behavioral health issue.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC utilized input from persons of different races and ethnicities to help determine the rating factors when reviewing project applications. In recent years, the CoC has seen stronger racial representation both within local organizations' staff, and within those with lived experience providing feedback at CoC meetings.

2. Our review and ranking committee consisted of individuals from multiple ethnicities. Further, our Review and Rank Committee included someone with lived experience of homelessness. She offered invaluable insight and her expertise allowed other committee members to better understand how programs operated and important factors to consider while ranking projects.

3. All project applicants, including both new and renewal projects, were required to respond to questions focusing on racial equity in this year's competition. Those responses were scored by the Review and Rank Committee and factored in when determining the final ranking of projects. Projects that demonstrated a clear understanding of barriers, such as limited outreach or access issues, and provided actionable steps—like expanding outreach, increasing cultural competency training, and adapting services to better meet diverse needs—were prioritized. The CoC emphasized projects that commit to ongoing evaluation and improvement to ensure equitable access for all populations served.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. During the local competition process, the Review and Rank Committee (RRC) reviews all renewal projects to determine whether they are low performing or less needed. To determine if a project is low performing, the RRC reviews performance outcomes in the project's APR (e.g., permanent housing retention, increases in income); to determine if a project is less needed, the RRC considers any emerging changes in local needs, as well as amounts and timeliness of drawdowns in eLOCCS. Projects that have poor performance outcomes and which are less needed, relative to new proposed projects, are considered candidates for reduction or full reallocation.

2. This year, after following the process described above, the CoC did identify one project that was both low performing and less needed.

3. One project (Martin County Reentry) was fully reallocated during the local competition this year.

4. Not applicable.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	09/20/2024

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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	09/20/2024
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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 Status—Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; 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.	11/08/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	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.	11/08/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	04/23/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
	1. describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and	
	2. state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works closely with SafeSpace, the state-certified domestic violence organization serving households in the CoC's geographic area. SafeSpace utilizes Osnum, an HMIS-comparable database, to ensure proper data tracking. Information is strictly secured and SafeSpace reports to the CoC Lead Agency, which is also the HMIS Lead, on de-identifying data and demographics to help guide program success, identify trends, and address discrepancies. Any findings are shared and discussed between the HMIS Lead and SafeSpace.

2. SafeSpace, our CoC's DV housing and services provider, uses Osnum, a HUD-compliant comparable database that is compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	94	58	152	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	43	0	43	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	203	0	203	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	294	0	294	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	46	0	46	100.00%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/25/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/09/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 2024 PIT County saw the continued involvement of youth facing organizations. Organizations engaged include the local school districts across all three counties, children’s home society (youth shelter program), and our shelter partners Hope for Families, Samaritan Center, and Compassion House. These organizations served as active participants in the PIT count; their staff and volunteers had copies of the PIT County Survey and whenever they engaged a homeless individual they completed the survey and returned the finished forms and results to the Lead Agency. All above mentioned organizations are currently delivering services to youth demographics and were an excellent resource during the count. St Lucie Public Schools participates in the PIT count with the CoC annually. We pull live date from our Student Information System (Skyward) to provide counts of our active McKinney Vento students by HUD and DOE category (street homeless, shelter, hotel, or doubled up). The numbers for that specific date are then provided to the CoC to include in their official count and subsequent publications.

2. During the 2024 PIT, we intentionally visited congregate areas where there were higher probability of finding homeless youth such as libraries, beaches, skate parks, day laborers, malls, and outdoor retail locations.

3. We had a combination of staff, partner agencies staff, and volunteers of individuals who had experienced homelessness in their youth. Although no longer considered youth, these individuals better understand what youth are going through from their own personal experiences, which helped them connect to those we met.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable. There were no changes in sheltered or unsheltered PIT count implementation, nor was the count affected by people displaced by natural disaster or seeking assistance who had recently arrived in the area.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works actively with partner providers and clients through Coordinated Entry (CE) to identify those who have recently entered homelessness for the first time and track the contributing factors. Pre-screens conducted to those calling in for assistance are also an instrumental first step of the CE process and provide valuable insight into why individuals are facing homelessness. Identified risk factors include: (1) very low, sudden loss of, or no income, (2) single parent with children, (3) landlord notification of eviction or that property has been sold, (4) threat of or actual domestic violence, trafficking, or sexual assault, (4) evidence or complaint of racial inequity, (5) evidence or complaint of discrimination due to LGBTQ+ discrimination. Priority is also automatic for youth aged 18-24, with or without children, Veterans, and elderly disabled persons (especially females). For households with children, other considerations include: (1) prior evictions, (2) criminal history, and (3) non-elderly disability.

Risk factors are developed in collaboration with stakeholders and through analyzing data. An example of this process is when local client facing staff began noticing a rise in elderly females experiencing homelessness for the first time, and results of the PIT Count and Pre-Screening showed that in most cases it was the result of factors over which they had little or no control, such as sudden loss of income, eviction, medical concerns, etc.

2. The CoC has used homelessness prevention and diversion funding - State ESG, State Challenge grant, SSVF, FEMA, SSVF, HVRP, and private funds - to navigate among different eligibility requirements to keep households from losing their housing or to help increase household income. In addition, recently the CoC collaborated with local governments to deploy new Emergency Rental Assistance funding to address housing instability. Since the local housing market has 26 low-income units per 100 needed, CoC Housing Specialists also cultivate and maintain working relationships with subsidized projects and our market-rate landlords to avoid evictions or move clients to more affordable housing. The CoC also partners with the judicial system on an eviction diversion system. If possible, the CoC prioritizes finding a solution to keep

3. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the number of households 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 CoC's geographic area?	No

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC’s strategy to reduce length of time homeless focuses on (1) the use of CoC staff to assist with housing identification, inspections, and placement, (2) utilizing the vast majority of CoC funds for households who have experienced chronic homelessness, and (3) time-sensitive housing-focused services, including two landlord engagement specialists and liberal use of landlord incentives. Unless the household is fleeing DV, staff has a 10-day window to secure all required documents to determine eligibility for whatever funding is available. Solutions also include improved policies/procedures to streamline assessments, robust cultivation of our HMIS system for proper tracking of steps taking, connection to available housing resources such as diversion and rapid resolution, and key efforts to prioritize those subgroups that show the highest vulnerabilities.

The CoC uses local, private, state, and federal funding for street outreach, rapid rehousing, rapid resolution, and diversion efforts. This helps providers focus on connecting these households to housing options that not only meet their needs but can stave off homelessness. Households are directed to known landlords and property managers who are acceptable to the CoC. Many properties are pre-inspected to expedite the rental process. Landlords identify terms and rental costs prior to the lease and agree not to evict for at least 30 days after late payments and contact the CoC if there is a delinquency or other issue. Housing Specialists work with landlords and professional associations to keep a list of affordable rentals that will pass inspection. They cultivate specific property managers who work well with our population and will rent to a household with a history and other potential housing barriers.

2. The CoC identifies those with the longest lengths of time homeless through analysis of assessments and HMIS data. Housing Specialists begin the process by searching the HMIS service records which show housing history and length of time homeless. Community partners refer households directly to the Lead Agency for eligibility screening soon as they are encountered. Lead Agency Staff and Provider Staff schedule assessments daily for homeless households based on the Coordinated Entry assessment score, which is immediately available, and based upon vulnerability.

3. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is increasing exits to permanent housing for individuals and families in ES/SH/TH/RRH through robust systemwide diversion and rapid resolution and case conferencing to ensure every client on the By Name List (BNL) has a housing stability plan. The CoC's lead agency outsources rapid rehousing staff to emergency shelter and transitional housing programs to assist in exiting program participants to permanent housing destinations. They work with residential program staff to expedite the process of exiting households from these programs within 30 days and identify permanent housing in that timeframe. Outsourced staff have been trained to implement the rapid rehousing model and overcome housing barriers and traditional views of readiness for permanent housing. Households assisted with permanent housing in the CoC have access to non-HUD rapid rehousing and ESG-funded rapid rehousing. The COC works with a Housing Navigator to obtain housing in the community and master lease as many units as possible to assist with housing placements that are successful and sustainable.

2. Households in permanent housing programs have ongoing support from community partners to promote sustainability. The COC offers training on best practices such as motivational interviewing, non-violent crisis intervention, Housing First, harm reduction, and trauma-informed care. CoC Staff are always on standby to assist with providers with case conferencing and to troubleshoot challenges with clients at risk of losing their housing. A significant number of community providers work together to produce positive results; Rite Life provides SOAR access, New Horizons of the Treasure Coast provides mental health and life skills (including budgeting & independent living skills), CareerSource provides employment services, and United Against Poverty provides life skills, employment training, and more. Other collaborators include the local United Ways, the local City and County Governments, local healthcare providers, and Local faith-based organizations and churches. Clients also receive landlord mediation services, access to legal aid, and more. All of these services work towards the same goal, empowering households to maintain stable housing and/or exit into permanent housing.

3. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to and retain housing

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Households who have been screened for or received assistance in the past are identified by their HMIS enrollment and or service record. The interviewer completes a review of the past HMIS enrollments and service record that was completed through the CoC to determine if the household was returning to homelessness after being housed, and if so, what the reason was behind that return. Households targeted for priority placement include those who were living in a rental that was unaffordable, became disabled, had a change in household size due to birth, death, or incarceration, was a victim of a crime or trafficking, or had a sudden loss of income. In addition, when individuals call in for assistance and go through our pre-screening process, staff check to see if they have been served before or, if they have recently migrated to the area, ask pointed questions to determine if they are experiencing a return to homelessness. This includes tracked notes on the reasons for homelessness.

2. The CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness is to work directly with clients who are at higher risk of returning to homelessness and ensure they are enrolled in all eligible benefits and programs that promote stability, including financial aid and training, access to mental and physical healthcare, job and career growth programs, and more. Lead Agency and other CoC provider staff members provide assistance that might include seeking a more affordable rental, intervening with a landlord or the court, creating payment plans or budgets, connections to employment and mainstream services, and providing additional rental assistance. The CoC providers training on best practices to ensure housing stability including, but not limited to, Housing First best practices, harm reduction, trauma-informed care, and motivational interviewing. CoC providers are encouraged and trained to have a strong exit process which includes connecting clients to relevant community resources and information on where to go or who to contact if they experience future housing crises. Providers also perform follow-ups to households after exiting projects to assess stability.

3. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce returns 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;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	

3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to increase employment income includes strong partnerships with programs locally that provide employment and training in culinary arts, retail services, and construction. Programs are offered in collaboration with Indian River State College, which has employment and certification with free tuition for people experiencing homelessness. Camp Haven, a residential substance abuse program for men, has a formal MOU with United Against Poverty for job search and placement assistance and posts updated lists of businesses that will hire individuals with a felony record and advertises places who prefer to hire Veterans. The Lead Agency is an awardee of the Homeless Veteran Re-integration Program (HVRP) through the Department of Labor. In this program, Employment Specialists work with Veterans in securing career growth to improve income and workforce opportunities. The local United Ways also send out job vacancies. Staff across the CoC make referrals to aid with job placement for those who are seeking/able to be employed.

2. The CoC works with the primary employment services provider, CareerSource Research Coast, which has specific employment programs for veterans and individuals receiving cash assistance through TANF. This program links unemployed single parents with children to free childcare and free vocational training through IRSC. The CoC partners with CareerSource and the Veterans Services Council to host community job fairs. Career Source seeks out local businesses in the community looking to hire and train staff. The Economic Opportunities Council provides classes on interview skills, resume writing and job search techniques. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's "Ticket to Work" programs provide direct employment for disabled individuals to return to the workforce. St. Lucie County runs "Building Ft. Pierce" for construction trade jobs. Local nonprofits, including United against Poverty and Economic Opportunities Council, provide job training classes and job placement services. The Lead Agency connects Veterans to productive career changes and growth through the HVRP Program. The Lead Agency additionally offers employment opportunities to those experiencing homelessness from the Housing Hub in Fort Pierce, allowing the men there to move into jobs and housing.

3. CareerSource Research Coast and the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council are jointly responsible for overseeing this strategy.

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

	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
	2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash income focuses on ensuring that services and housing providers are well-informed and collaborate effectively with organizations for connections to this type of income. We encourage all providers to have a staff member trained in SOAR and/or to utilize staff within the CoC, including nine in the Lead Agency, who have completed this training. We provide links to the SOAR website and ask organizations to assign one staff person at each collaborative organization in our COC to ensure that there is a more comprehensive approach to assisting those who need access to disability income.

There are SOAR-trained staff and PATH staff located across the CoC's three counties. These staff collaborate with CoC provider agencies to complete applications for persons who have been identified by our Coordinated Entry System or other referrals. Staff are available to complete a disability assessment and work face-to-face with disabled persons to complete applications for Social Security or VA medical benefits. SOAR-trained staff are available to accompany applicants to hearings, other court dates, medical and mental health evaluations and social security offices for appointments. Key staff have working relationships with specialists in the local social security offices, with DCF ACCESS (for SNAP, TANF, and other benefits), and with social services staff at Baker Act receiving facilities in the CoC to respond to requests and identify persons who need assistance with applications. In addition, Permanent Supportive Housing Management staff meet regularly to add new and/or support client retention in PSH program beds. Staff work to review program participants to assure that benefits are secured or restored for the chronically homeless populations housed in PSH beds in the CoC. Staff engages Florida Rural Legal Services, a CoC partner, to intervene on behalf of homeless participants who have been denied or lost their benefits and the Lead Agency retains a paralegal to aid in addressing any lingering legal disputes for clients attempting to access eligible benefits

2. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council is responsible for overseeing this strategy along with the CoC's SOAR trainers and provider organizations. Southeast Florida Behavioral Network is responsible for providing PATH funding to RiteLife, which offers SOAR training as well as services.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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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?	Yes
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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
2024 PSH Expansion	PH-PSH	10	Healthcare
2024 DV RRH Expan...	PH-RRH	7	Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? 2024 PSH Expansion
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): ZKLNEBWUJY91
3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 10
5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? 2024 DV RRH Expansion
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): ZKLNEBWUJY91
3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 7
5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2024 Priority Listing.

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

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

4A-3.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	659
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	334
3.	Unmet Need:	325

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c)	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and	
	2. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or	
	3. if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The survivors’ needs for housing and services are identified in both the intake and ongoing case management processes. This information is entered into the survivor’s service plan and goal setting notes. The State designated DV agency, SafeSpace, enters the referrals made to housing assistance for survivors to track this number. Additionally, they enter data into survivors’ individualized service/goal plan with this information. We are now beginning to serve an additional 10 households (17 individuals) through our previously approved DV bonus application and hope to expand even further to meet this need.

2. The data source for both measures was the HMIS-comparable system, Osnum.

3. The scarcity of affordable housing, the unique needs of survivors, and the lack of rental assistance has made it difficult to meet the needs of all survivors. Survivors of domestic violence experience numerous and often overwhelming barriers to escaping an abusive relationship. Perpetrators frequently manipulate and devalue their partners, and impose isolation from friends, family and community-based support systems. This isolation is intended to create coercion of dependency on the perpetrator. Victims experience threats of violence, acts of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, economic abuse, combined with threats of adverse custody or immigration legal actions. All these behaviors are aimed at instilling fear and emotionally paralyzing the victim, thereby impeding their ability to escape. For ethnic minorities, immigrant and marginalized underserved survivors frequently experience the added barrier of a lack of cultural competency among service providers. Combine all these factors with the current affordable housing crisis and it becomes markedly apparent there is an absolute need to provide financial housing assistance combined with wraparound advocacy, emotional and legal services that best meet the needs of the survivor to establish safe independent housing. Access to financial assistance to obtain safe permanent housing for survivors eliminates the need to return to the abusive partner to avoid homelessness.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	
	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

Applicant Name
Treasure Coast Ho...

Project Applicants Applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus Projects

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	75%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. The rate of housing placement was computed by identifying how many DV survivors entered into permanent housing in the last year with the help of existing programs. The rate of housing retention was calculated by determining how many those households retained their housing and did not return to homelessness or unsafe housing.

2. The rates account for exits to safe housing destinations.

3. The project applicant calculated the rate of housing retention by tracking the number of domestic violence survivors who successfully maintained their permanent housing and did not return to homelessness or unsafe housing within the past year. This calculation was based on data from the CoC's HMIS and the VSP's Osnum system, which is an HMIS-comparable database, ensuring that exits to safe housing destinations were also accounted for in retention rates.

4. Data sources for determining these rates were the CoC's HMIS and the VSP's Osnum system, which is an HMIS-comparable database.

4A-3c.	Applicant's Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below how the project applicant:	
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;	
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan;	
3.	determined survivors' supportive services needs;	
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and	
5.	moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Programs provide housing search and placement, move-in assistance, and other supports to ensure that DV households can quickly move into safe PH. Case Managers from the partnering VSP organization, SafeSpace, walk with the household through every step of the process to resolve any barriers.
2. Households fleeing a DV situation are prioritized through the Coordinated Entry process. Those requesting an emergency transfer are also prioritized above all others to ensure their safety.
3. SafeSpace case managers assess the needs of survivor households upon entry and on an ongoing basis through regular meetings. Case managers are also responsive to survivor requests for assistance between regular check-ins. The case managers work to understand client needs and communicate them to relevant service providers.
4. Many services are provided by SafeSpace, the VSP partnering agency, while others are provided by community providers. Survivors are referred to local CoC providers that can address their specific needs, again centering participant choice. services can include referrals to educational and job training programs, creation of an initial budget and ongoing review of their budget, development of a resume, and other assistance from the SafeSpace case manager and Economic Justice Advocate. Survivors who are parents are connected to childcare and education resources.
5. Once rental assistance is ended, program participants continue to have access to all SafeSpace intervention, prevention, support, and educational services including individual and group advocacy/counseling and services of the SafeSpace Economic Justice Advocate. Those who have exited into safe housing receive follow-up calls to ensure their stability is ongoing, that they have remained housed, and that they can continue to gain access any needed supports that promote stability such as health care, employment opportunities, child care, and more. All clients served have access to the Lead Agency's Housing Navigator as needed, who assists in determining realistic housing solutions to ensure long-term sustainability. Clients are additionally assisted with finding additional work and income avenues if needed to ensure long-term success.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Intake into projects is facilitated by the VSP partner organization, SafeSpace. The intake and interview process takes place at a safe location chosen by the survivor household, with almost all intakes taking place at the SafeSpace confidential shelter locations. SafeSpace ensures that interviews are private and confidential, away from perpetrators.

2. Participants create a housing safety plan, taking into account factors such as proximity to the abuser. Participants complete a lethality assessment and safety plan, responsive to their specific safety risks/needs. SafeSpace and the project applicant work with participants to secure housing of their choosing, near public transportation, amenities, and support networks.

3. Staff of partnering VSP SafeSpace are compelled under Florida statute 39.908 to keep information regarding program participants confidential. Additionally, case managers offer project participants the opportunity to apply to keep the location of their new home confidential via the Florida Office of the Attorney General Address Confidentiality Program. Case managers work households to implement additional strategies to keep their location confidential.

4. Case managers of partnering VSP SafeSpace participate in an initial 30 hours of structured training on confidentiality statutes, lethality assessment/safety planning, dynamics of domestic violence, survivors with mental health/substance use complexities, and intervention strategies to address challenges faced by traditionally marginalized and underserved communities. The project applicant also provides training on trauma informed care and motivational interviewing.

5. Case managers work with survivors to create a plan that maximizes their physical safety and confidentiality of their housing location. Plans focus on location confidentiality, as well as physical and emotional safety. Plans may include installation of security devices such as Ring doorbells, window alarms, door jams, and creation of safe exit strategies.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

For this project there are two primary partners: (1) the project applicant ,TCHSC, and (2) the partnering VSP organization, SafeSpace. TCHSC holds the priority of survivors at the forefront of programs and housing efforts. The DV program is newly established, and safety protocols are being integrated at every service touchpoint, with staff trained in trauma-informed care and confidentiality practices to address survivors' needs sensitively and securely. The project monitors security measures at housing sites and evaluated data from the Osniium system to identify any potential risks in service delivery.

Those identified as survivors, including those requesting emergency transfer plans, are prioritized above all else to utilize rapid rehousing, rapid resolution, and diversion tactics to ensure prompt, safe, and preferred housing. TCHSC instantly involves SafeSpace for clients not already referred by them.

The program utilizes a survivor-centered approach to services and ensures staff have ongoing training on the impact and dynamics of domestic violence as well as the identification of strategies to address the complex safety needs of survivors and their children. SafeSpace offers in-service trainings to CoC member agencies on the dynamics of domestic violence, ways to implement best practices to effectively support survivors, including trauma-informed and survivor-centered practices, risk assessment and safety planning for survivors that will improve access and / or outcomes for survivors. Osniium, an HMIS-comparable database that is used for tracking program operations is strictly confidential, with only de-identified information provided outside of SafeSpace or entered into the HMIS. Similarly, TCHSC, as the lead agency, offers annual trainings on the Emergency Transfer Plan, VAWA, and Equal Access rule as well as offering multiple opportunities for trauma informed care and sensitivity trainings to ensure TCHSC staff can best help the target demographic.

When housing survivors, both SafeSpace and TCHSC evaluate safety and rely on the client's own experience of their perpetrator when finding solutions. Survivors often know best where their perpetrator may look for them and staff work to find possible options that are available based on the client's self-identified safety needs. 100% of participants have a safety plan in place with the help of case managers.

4A-3e.	Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:

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| 1. | prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors; |
| 2. | placing survivors in permanent housing; |

3.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and
4.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Through participant-centered approaches, both SafeSpace and Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC) have a long history of prioritizing housing placements and connections to individualized support services in a way that is completely responsive to the survivors’ unique circumstances and encourages long-term stability. Service delivery models are in place to encourage and support Survivor’s efforts to regain control over their lives, decrease trauma, and connect them with stable, safe housing interventions. The project applicant prioritizes the placement and stabilization of survivors by implementing a proactive outreach strategy. This approach ensures that survivors receive timely access to permanent housing based on the urgency of their situations and individual circumstances, facilitating immediate assistance for those in critical need.

2. The applicant has successfully placed numerous survivors in permanent housing through established partnerships with local landlords and housing authorities. These collaborative relationships enable quick placements while the project staff navigate the unique barriers that survivors often encounter, ensuring a smooth transition into stable housing.

3. The project places a strong emphasis on aligning housing placements with survivors’ preferences, recognizing that personal choice is vital to their sense of safety and empowerment. Survivors are actively involved in the housing search process, ensuring that the options presented reflect their desires and lifestyle needs. The client’s specific preferences and needs are forefront in the housing decision process, with strong understanding that they are the only ones who can determine if housing is deemed safe, by their standards, and in accordance with VAWA.

4. The applicant consistently evaluates and addresses the stated needs of survivors during the placement process. Factors such as personal safety, accessibility, proximity to support services, and availability of community resources are taken into consideration to ensure that placements are conducive to the long-term stabilization of survivors. The project’s holistic approach combines tailored support services with housing stability initiatives, fostering an environment where survivors can thrive in their new homes. Ongoing follow-ups and support are provided to help survivors maintain their housing and address any emerging challenges they may face.

4A-3f.	Applicant’s Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

1.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;

3.	emphasizing survivors' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. SafeSpace and TCHSC both actively collect and review project performance data to assess and ensure ongoing projects are in alignment with Housing First and trauma-informed principles. All programs focus on upholding an environment of agency and mutual respect between program participants and staff interactions, limiting any perceived or actual power differentials. Projects that survivors are enrolled in do not use any punitive interventions. All programs concerning survivors respect their autonomy and authority to direct their own lives. Survivors are armed with information on their legal rights, options, and available community support. Clients are made aware of the rights that they have to make their own decision and to accept or reject staff recommendations or services.

2. Staff gain skills to address and mitigate the effects of traumatic stress among program participants through the utilization of the Trauma-informed Organizational Toolkit published by The National Center on Family Homelessness. Emphases are placed on project staff gaining skills to identify steps to support the needs of survivors experiencing traumatic stress and homelessness. The CoC offers trainings in Trauma Informed Care tactics during monthly meetings, as well as further training on motivational interviewing for key staff. Program participants are provided information on the effects trauma, along with what community resources are available to them, such as free and discounted mental health therapies through community partnerships. As part of the intake process through SafeSpace, survivors develop a safety plan that best suits their unique needs and situation.

3. CoC staff involved in DV programs utilize TIC training and Motivational Interviewing skills to emphasize program participants' own strengths, which includes working towards each survivor's defined goals and aspirations. Motivational interviewing is a method that involves enhancing the survivor's motivation to by means of four guiding principles, represented by the acronym RULE: Resist the righting reflex; Understand the client's own motivations; Listen with empathy; and Empower the client. This strength-based approach helps clients to adjust to not only sudden re-locations and changes in their lives/family structure, but also to help them understand and handle judgements that they can often receive from family, friends, and previous support systems.

4. CoC staff involved in DV programs participate in ongoing training to ensure implementation of project services are trauma-informed, culturally responsive, employ strategies to reduce barriers to accessing project services and are reflective of the communities served. All members of the CoC receive annual training on the equal access rule and are expected to conduct programs without any discrimination based on race, gender, gender-identity, disability status, or any other protected classification.

5. All project participants have the opportunity to participate in individual advocacy and peer support groups as well as educational/informational activities that offer techniques to reduce impacts of traumatic stress, ways to foster healing and self-determination, as well as the achievement of the survivors self-identify goals. There are a variety of opportunities for support through community partnerships across the CoC such as group support, mentorships, connection to spiritual and religious needs, classes on money management, substance abuse recovery support, childcare support, and more.

6. SafeSpace provides Growing Together workshops which share information

pertaining to the dynamics of domestic violence and its impact on children. Additionally, the SafeSpace IFP (Injunction for Protection) program is available for free legal representation to obtain an injunction for protection against domestic violence. Staff engages Florida Rural Legal Services, a CoC partner, to intervene on behalf of homeless participants who have been denied or lost their benefits and the Lead Agency retains a paralegal to aid in addressing any lingering legal disputes for clients attempting to access benefits for which they are eligible.

4A-3g.	Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

The following services and activities are provided to facilitate the survivors transition from the DV shelter or a DV situation: intensive case management, initial and ongoing risk assessment and safety planning, referrals to community based agencies to obtain assistance with move-in needs (e.g., furniture, household items), childcare, linkage to healthcare including physical and mental health services, and individual and group advocacy meetings.

Both TCHSC and SafeSpace have years of experience providing services to survivors of DV and those experiencing homelessness. This program will increase services, especially housing support, to survivors of DV. Some examples of services available to clients in this program that were offered through SafeSpace, TCHSC, and the CoC at large this past year (2022-2023).

Below is a list, not exhaustive, of some of those services and providers:

- Credit Repair – Through partnering CoC Providers such as United Against Poverty and Florida Rural Legal Services.
- Legal Services – Through the SafeSpace IFP (Injunction for Protection) program, through TCHSC’s on-staff paralegal, and through Florida Rural Legal Services.
- Housing Search and Counseling – Through TCHSC’s myriad of programs and supports and other housing providers within the CoC.
- Crisis DV Services – Through Sate funded DV provider, SafeSpace.
- Long-term housing stability safety planning – Through TCHSC’s myriad of programs and supports and other housing providers within the CoC.
- Education Services - Through partners such as early learning coalition of St. Lucie County, United Against Poverty,
- Diversion – Through TCHSC.
- Mental Health Care – Through partners such as New Horizons of the Treasure Coast.
- Physical Health Care – Through partners such as Hands Clinic and Treasure Coast Community Health.
- Budgeting and Life Skills – Through partners such as United Against Poverty, New Horizons, Camp Haven, etc.
- Job Seeking/Skills/Training – Through IRSC, TCHSC’s HVRP Program, CareerSource, etc.
- Landlord Mediation – Through TCHSC’s myriad of programs and supports and other housing providers within the CoC.
- Shelter Services – Through TCHSC’s Men’s Shelter, SafeSpace’s secure locations for DV Survivors, Hope for Families, Samaritan Center, and Compassion House.
- SOAR access – Through RiteLife.
- Veteran Specific Services – Through TCHSC’s SSVF & HVRP Programs, local VSO’s, Salvation Army, and more.

4A-3h.	Applicant’s Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;	
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;	
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3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The applicant will prioritize the placement and stabilization of program participants by implementing a streamlined intake and assessment process. This process will rapidly identify individuals in urgent need of housing, allowing the project to allocate resources effectively and ensure that those facing immediate danger or instability receive timely support. As SafeSpace identifies those in dire need, the collaboration with TCHSC begins and both agencies prioritize immediate placement into safe housing.

2. The project will utilize a comprehensive housing resource network to facilitate the placement of program participants in permanent housing. By fostering strong partnerships with local landlords, housing authorities, and community organizations, the applicant will create a supportive environment that accelerates housing placements. Further, the applicant has a master-lease program across all three counties in order to have more readily available scattered-site units. Staff will be trained to assist participants in overcoming barriers to housing, such as securing rental assistance and addressing credit challenges.

3. The project will emphasize the importance of participant choice by involving them in the housing search process. Program participants will be actively engaged in discussions about their housing preferences, ensuring that the options presented align with their individual desires, with safety at the forefront. This approach not only enhances their security but also empowers them to take ownership of their housing journey.

4. The applicant will conduct thorough assessments to identify the specific needs of program participants during the placement process. This will include evaluating factors such as accessibility requirements, proximity to essential services, and community resources that support stabilization. All needs are directly identified by the client and are also in respect to continuing safety from the individual situation they may be fleeing. By tailoring the placement process to address these needs, the project aims to create an environment conducive to long-term success. Continuous follow-up support will be provided to assist participants in navigating challenges and maintaining their housing, further ensuring their stability and well-being.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:

1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;

4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. In our new DV Bonus RRH Expansion project, agency and respect will continue to be fundamental, ensuring that all program interactions prioritize equality and reduce any perceived or actual power imbalances. No punitive interventions are used, and survivors are empowered with the autonomy to direct their lives and make informed choices. Staff receive training in respectful, trauma-informed communication to maintain an environment of mutual respect and client-centered care. Survivors are armed with information on their legal rights, options, and available community support. Clients are made aware of the rights that they have to make their own decision and to accept or reject staff recommendations or services.

2. Staff will receive training on trauma's effects and will provide participants with information to foster an understanding of their experiences. The Trauma-Informed Organizational Toolkit will support this training, enabling staff to share coping resources and encourage resilience. As part of the intake process through SafeSpace, survivors develop a safety plan that best suits their unique needs and situation.

3. Staff use strength-based coaching, motivational interviewing, and personalized assessments to develop individualized case plans focused on each survivor's own goals and aspirations. Through this approach, survivors are encouraged to build confidence and realize their self-defined outcomes. This strength-based approach helps clients to adjust to not only sudden re-locations and changes in their lives/family structure, but also to help them understand and handle judgements that they can often receive from family, friends, and previous support systems.

4. Culturally responsive practices are integrated through training on inclusivity, equal access, and non-discrimination, promoting accessible and respectful services. Staff regularly attend sessions on cultural competence, language access, and anti-discrimination, ensuring alignment with the diverse needs of program participants.

5. Survivors can participate in peer support groups, mentorships, and other activities that foster community and shared experiences. Partnerships with community organizations provide avenues for spiritual support, financial literacy classes, and recovery support services.

6. The project offers trauma-informed parenting support, childcare assistance, and connects survivors to legal services for family and child welfare needs. Partnerships with SafeSpace's Injunction for Protection program and legal aid services ensure survivors have access to comprehensive family support resources. SafeSpace also provides Growing Together workshops which share information pertaining to the dynamics of domestic violence and its impact on children.

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)		

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. This project's primary partnering agencies - SafeSpace and the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council - will seek to involve and garner feedback from those with experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We will seek to include the feedback from survivors from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, individuals encouraged to participate include those enrolled in the project and those with lived experience from the communities we serve.

2. Throughout the project, team members will convene listening sessions with project participants and offer them the opportunity to share their feedback regarding their experience in the project. Project participants will be encouraged to take part in the established CoC committee work group for person with lived experience of homelessness. Project partners will hold strategy and quality improvement group meetings. In addition, surveys will be disseminated to project participants. Information gathered from these activities will be utilized to modify policies, improve programmatic systems/structure, and local level system of care. Aggregate data/information will be shared with community stakeholders including CoC member agencies to structure a local level coordinated community-based approach to assisting unsheltered survivors of domestic violence.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	10/30/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	11/03/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	11/01/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/08/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	11/05/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	11/03/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	11/03/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/08/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2024 HDX Competit...	10/08/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	11/06/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	11/03/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Rejected Reduced

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1B. Inclusive Structure	10/30/2024
1C. Coordination and Engagement	11/07/2024
1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd	11/08/2024
1E. Project Review/Ranking	11/05/2024
2A. HMIS Implementation	10/30/2024
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	10/30/2024
2C. System Performance	10/30/2024
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	11/06/2024
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	10/30/2024
3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	10/30/2024

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants	11/01/2024
4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RENTAL ASSISTANCE –HCV – VASH Voucher Program**
1800 27th Street, Building B, Vero Beach FL 32960
772-226-4360 / 772-226-4370 fax

October 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Per your request to support the NOFA application:

The PHA-Indian River County Board of Commissioners HCV Program has a preference for one-bedroom elderly families who reside in Indian River County for 12 months and who are verified by the COC as being in a homeless status. This preference will only be given pending funding availability.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Stacey Bush
Housing Services Manager

10/30/2024

To: Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council

From: Rhoshanda Jones, Prevention & Intervention Committee Member

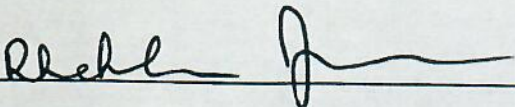
Re: Letter of Support for FL-509 2024 HUD CoC NOFO Application

To whom it may concern,

I am an individual with lived experience who also serves as an active member of the Prevention & Intervention subcommittee within the FL-509 Continuum of Care and who does street outreach to those facing homelessness on Florida's Treasure Coast.

I am writing to formally express my support of the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area. I have seen first-hand how effective these programs can be.

In Collaboration,



Rhoshanda Jones

Date 10-31-24

10/30/2024

To: Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council

From: Samantha Obbagy, Housing Success Committee Member

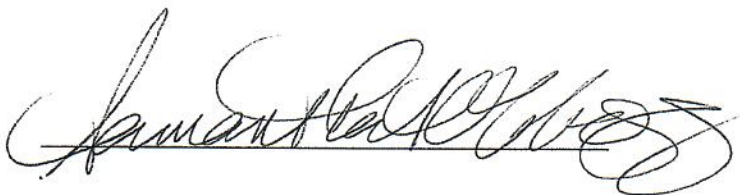
Re: Letter of Support for FL-509 2024 HUD CoC NOFO Application

To whom it may concern,

As an individual with lived experience, I want to share my support of the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area.

Having lived experience and currently working with this population, I have am deeply passionate about supporting unhoused individuals and families in Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties. I currently serve as a committee member on the Housing Success Committee within the FL-509 CoC.

In Collaboration,



Samantha Obbagy

10/30/24

Date

10/30/2024

To: Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council

From: Jane Snead, Designated Representative of the Review & Ranking Committee

Re: Letter of Support for FL-509 2024 HUD CoC NOFO Application

To whom it may concern,

I am an individual with lived experience who chaired the Lived Experience committee last year and served this year as the designated representative of the Review & Ranking Committee. I also actively attend and participate in the Continuum of Care, including their bi-monthly meetings.

I am writing today to express my support of the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area. Continuing these much needed efforts in Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin County is imperative to ending the unhoused crisis on the Treasure Coast.

In Collaboration,



Jane Snead



Date



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Document It means that there is written documentation that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Written documentation could include Policies and Procedures, Personnel Handbooks, Professional Development Plans, Project Rules, etc.

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

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

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



Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council
Acronym (If Applicable)	
Year Incorporated	2000
EIN	52-2254571
Street Address	2525 St Lucie Ave
Zip Code	32960

Project Information	
Project Name	2023 Alchohope Renewal
Project Budget	\$ 1,181,964.00
Grant Number	FL0114L4H092316
Name of Project Director	Leigh Anne Uribe
Project Director Email Address	leigh@tchelpspot.org
Project Director Phone Number	772-213-9040 x 2027
Which best describes the project *	Permanent Supportive Housing
<i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

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

Management Information	
Name of CEO	Rayme L. Nuckles

CEO Email Address	rayme@tchelpspot.org
CEO Phone Number	772-213-9040 x 1018
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	Penny Dietzen
Staff Email Address	penny@tchelpspot.org
Staff Phone Number	772-213-9040 x 1020

Assessment Information	
Name of Assessor	Heidi Harris
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	Treasure Coast Homeless Services
Assessor Email Address	heidi@tchelpspot.org
Assessor Phone Number	772-213-9040 x 3010
Date of Assessment	



Housing First Standards

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

No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/ <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.	Always	Somewhat	Always

<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.	Always	Somewhat	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.	Always	Somewhat	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					



Housing First Standards

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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted.	Always	Somewhat	Always

<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					



Housing First Standards

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	Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 2	Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time.	Always	Always	Always

<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them).	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Standard	Housing Definition / Evidence		Say It	Document It	Do It
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/	Always	Always	Always
<i>Optional notes here</i>					
Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.	Always	Always	Always

Optional notes here

Housing 4

Participants have the option to transfer to another project

Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.

Always

Always

Always

Optional notes here



Housing First Standards

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Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1 Quick access to RRH assistance	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 2 PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 3 Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
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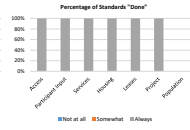
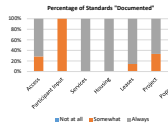
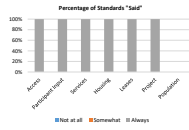
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Some standards have not been evaluated. Please return and complete all standards before finalizing report.

Progress: 1/2

After potential score: 2/2

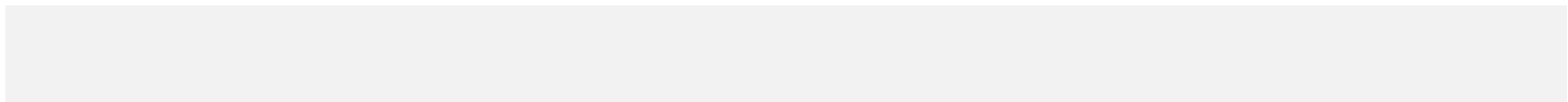
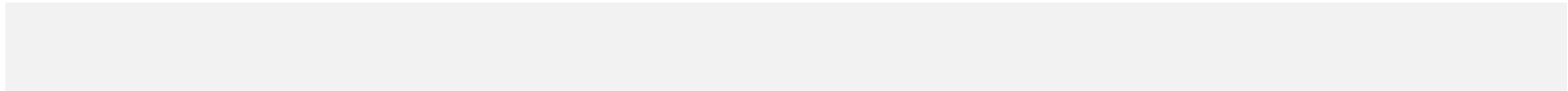
Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered "sometimes" and 2 points for standards answered "always". Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.



Non-Compliant Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Sold)
Category No. Name Standard

Non-Documented Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Documented)
Category No. Name Standard

Non-Endorse Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Done")
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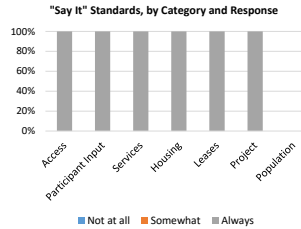
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Numbers	Access			Participant Input			Services			Housing			Leases			Project-specific			Population		
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Percentages	Access			Participant Input			Services			Housing			Leases			Project-specific			Population		
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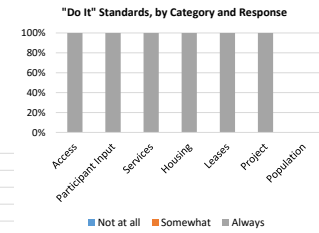
'Say It'

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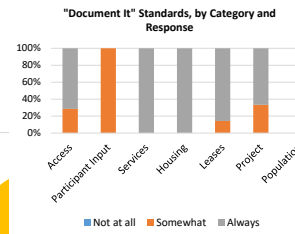
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'Do It'

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Supportive Housing Standards Rating	Pointer
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Initial	Pointer 3
Middle	End 180
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Max	

Score: 174

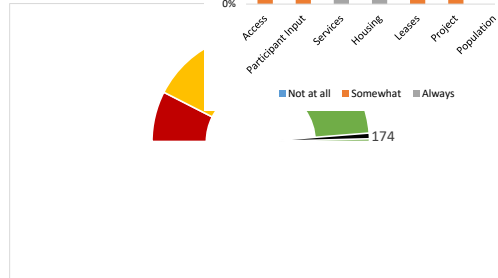
Standard Numbers	With special pop	Without special pop
Coordinated entry	16	12
Street outreach	16	12
Emergency shelter	27	23
Transitional housing	34	30
Rapid rehousing	34	30
Permanent supportive housing	34	30

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

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

Project type	Permanent Supportive Housing	3
Special population	None of the above	0

Evaluation max score 180





Assumptions for the standards

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Project standards

Standards	Coordinated Entry	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing
Title	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for perceived barriers	Projects screen for health and safety needs	Focus of emergency shelter is on safe and responsive temporary shelter	Quick access to TH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance	Quick access to PSH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance
Project 1	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for assistance due to perceived barriers related to housing or services, including but not limited to, too little or no income, active or a history of substance use, domestic violence history, criminal linkage to other services, the type or extent of disability-related services or supports that are needed, or criminal justice history.	Outreach projects screen people contacted through outreach as soon as possible for critical health and safety needs, providing immediate response to people with the most severe needs.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of the emergency shelter are to provide temporary accommodation that is safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs and that participants are offered permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	A transitional housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and services based on participant choice.	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap-around services based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability.	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Process to assess project-level policies and alert CoC	Street outreach projects are focused on providing access to housing and services	Housing comes first	Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transitions to permanent housing	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing
Project 2	Written policies and procedures exist to determine which projects have project-level policies that screen out "high barriers" households, and the steps that the coordinated entry provides will take to alert the CoC of these projects, thereby enabling the CoC to take steps to assist these projects in adopting Housing First principles.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of street outreach are to provide access to temporary housing and services and/or re-housing participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers. Street outreach projects reflect the low barrier orientation of the Coordinated Entry process.	If a temporary shelter placement is made, assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as quickly as possible. People who are unsheltered are not required to first enter an emergency shelter in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the service needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid rehousing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of perceived barriers.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid rehousing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	RRH as a bridge to permanent supportive housing	Street outreach is linked to Coordinated Entry	TH projects provide appropriate services	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance
Project 3	Rapid Re-Housing is made available to serve as a bridge to other permanent housing options so that persons with high service needs or vulnerabilities can be housed more quickly. (See HUD's Rapid Re-Housing (SR) HED) Rapid Re-Housing (SR) HED's Rapid Re-Housing Brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf)	Written policy and procedures detail a process by which street outreach staff ensure that persons encountered on the streets are offered the same standardized process as persons assessed through outreach access points. Outreach teams are coordinated, trained, and have the ability to engage and quickly connect people experiencing homelessness to the local coordinated entry process in order to apply for and obtain permanent housing. Based on the CoC's decision about how street outreach is incorporated into the assessment process, street outreach projects must comply with the CoC's decision.	No additional standards	TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participants health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery, domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing.	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communication and meeting regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Street outreach continuously engages those experiencing homelessness and on the street		Housing comes first				
Project 4	No additional standards	Through continuous engagement strategies, a street outreach project provides quick linkage to housing and services when a person is ready to engage.	No individuals or families, including those who are unsheltered, are required to enter a transitional housing project in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transitions to permanent housing
			Type notes here, if required				Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the service needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.
Title	Street Outreach engagements inform the community's efforts to improve their crisis response system		TH projects provide appropriate services				
Project 5	No additional standards	Communities use street outreach engagements with those on the street and in encampments to understand and remove barriers to those accessing the crisis response system.	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participant health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery); domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing.
		Type notes here, if required					Type notes here, if required
Title	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards
Project 6	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards

Project standards

Standards	Youth and Young Adults	People in Recovery	Domestic Violence Survivors
Title	Services are offered	Recovery housing is offered as one choice among other housing opportunities	Participant safety is a priority at all points of engagement and in all planning processes
Project 1	Services are focused on ensuring that youth transition to independence.	Connection to recovery housing reflects individual choice for the path to and recovery. Abstinence-only spaces are incorporated into a Housing First model wherever possible, thus providing this type of recovery option to those who choose it. Recovery supports are offered, particularly connections to community-based treatment options.	Led by the survivor, a safety plan is developed that includes an assessment of danger, particular points of vulnerability, and best approaches to increasing safety.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Projects include positive youth development principles	Services include relapse support	Survivor-driven advocacy is available
Project 2	Youth projects should include positive youth development orientation. Positive youth development builds on strengths and resiliency. By focusing on strengths and assets, rather than what might be "wrong," youth are empowered and are equipped to make positive decisions.	Housing and services include relapse support that does not automatically evict or discharge a participant from the project for temporary relapse. Relapse support might include referrals to outpatient treatment or direct provision of outpatient services or the ability to hold a unit for a certain period of time (30-90 days) while the participant undergoes residential treatment.	The unique needs and strengths of each individual survivor and their children are taken into account with regard to the types of services that are available and offered. Project uses flexible and survivor-focused approaches to overcome barriers survivors may face in accessing services through traditional models.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Staff use harm reduction practices and approaches	Services support sustained recovery	Housing stability is a priority
Project 3	Youth models employ a harm reduction and recovery orientation, including those developed for youth and young adults with substance use and addictions. Projects may make abstinence-based models available for youth and young adults, however, the choice should be with the participant, not with the project.	Recovery housing projects provide services that align with participants' choice and prioritization of recovery, including but not limited to: abstinence from substance use if that is a personal goal; long-term permanent housing stability; and stable income through employment or benefits. Support is offered through connections to community-based treatment options.	Providers support survivors and their children to remain or obtain safe, stable housing. Survivors choose the type of housing and location of housing. Housing is located in an area that is considered safe from the abusive relationship.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Project design accounts for the age of youth and young adults to be served		
Project 4	Developmentally-appropriate project design ensures that project entry and on-going participation is not predicated on behaviors or experiences that youth and young adults may not currently have or if they were older would not result in consequences. For example, projects should accept and allow continued participation for youth who do not have income or immediate prospects of income because their age has not allowed them the opportunity to gain employment.	No additional standards	No additional standards
	Type notes here, if required		

None of the above

Appendix C
Scoring Tool: New DV Bonus Projects

Organization:	Project Type:
Project:	Request:

I. Organization Information	Scoring Rubric
1. Mission and experience	0-2 points
2. DV advocacy	0-2 points
3. Federal fund utilization	0-2 points
4. Structure	0-2 points
Points Available	8

II. Overall Project Design	Scoring Rubric
1. Population	0-3 points
2. Project summary	0-3 points
3. Timeline	0-3 points
4. Need	0-3 points
5. Racial equity	0-3 points
6. Victim-centered practices	0-3 points
7. Involving survivors	0-3 points
Points Available	21

III.A. Program Design - RRH Only	Scoring Rubric
1. Best practices	0-3 points
2. Leveraging resources	0-3 points
3. Increasing income	0-3 points
4. Housing stability	0-3 points
Points Available	12

III.A. Program Design - Coordinated Entry Only	Scoring Rubric
Project design narrative	0-25 points
Points Available	25

Section IV. A. Performance Measures - RRH Only	Scoring Rubric	
1. Percentage that will increase or maintain earned income	≥ 30%	6 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
2. Percentage that will increase or maintain total income	≥30%	6 pts
	<30%	0 pts
3. Average length of stay	≥ 180 days	6 pts
	< 180 days	0 pts
4. Percentage that will maintain PH at least 12 months	≥ 85%	7 pts
	< 85%	0 pts
5. Percentage referred through CE	≥ 85%	6 pts
	< 85%	0 pts
6. Time between entry and move-in	≥ 45 days	0 pts
	< 45 days	6 pts
7. Severity of needs	≥ 85%	6 pts
	< 85%	0 pts
Points Available		43

Section IV. B. Performance Measures - Coordinated Entry	Scoring Rubric	
1. Percentage assessed with a standardized assessment tool	≥ 95%	6 pts
	< 95%	0 pts
2. Percentage referred to appropriate housing and services	≥ 90%	6 pts
	< 90%	0 pts
3. Percent referred within 24 hours	≥ 85%	6 pts
	< 85%	0 pts
4. Percentage entered into HMIS or comparable database	≥ 95%	6 pts
	< 95%	0 pts
5. Accessible to HH with disabilities	Yes	6 pts
	No	0 pts
6. Accessible to non-English speaking HH	Yes	5 pts
	No	0 pts
7. Outreach to HH with highest barriers	Yes	5 pts
	No	0 pts

Points Available	40
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V. Budget	Scoring Rubric
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1. Budget	0-3 points
2. Match	0-3 points

Points Available	6
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VI. Housing First - RRH Only	Scoring Rubric
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	15 "no" responses	10 pts
Housing First Questionnaire	12-14 "no" responses	6 pts
	Fewer than 12 "no" responses	0 pts

Points Available	10
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TOTAL POINTS	100 Available Points
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Appendix C
Scoring Tool: New Projects*

*Note to reviewers:

This form is to be used for projects other than New DV Bonus projects, Renewals, and Planning project.

Per the HUD NOFO, the Planning Project is accepted or rejected, but is not scored or ranked.

Separate scoring tools are attached for DV Bonus projects and Renewals.

Organization:	Project Type:
Project:	Request:

I. Organization Description	Scoring Rubric
1. Federal fund utilization	0-4 points
2. Structure	0-4 points
3. Experience	0-7 points
Points Available	15

II.A. Project Design - RRH and PSH	Scoring Rubric
1. Population	0-3 points
2. Project summary	0-3 points
3. Timeline	0-3 points
4. Increasing income	0-3 points
5. Best practices	0-3 points
6. Housing stability	0-3 points
7. Coordination with housing and healthcare	0-5 points
8. Racial equity	0-3 points
Points Available	26

II.B. Project Design - HMIS and SSO-CE	Scoring Rubric
1. Summary	0-16 points
2. Timeline	0-15 points
3. Racial equity	0-16 points
4. Expansion	0-16 points
5. Lived experience	0-16 points
Points Available	79

Section III. Effect on System Performance Measures, etc. - RRH and PSH	Scoring Rubric	
1. Percentage that will increase or maintain earned income	≥ 30%	6 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
2. Percentage that will increase or maintain total income	≥30%	6 pts
	<30%	0 pts
3. Average length of stay	≥ 180 days	6 pts
	< 180 days	0 pts
4. Percentage that will maintain PH at least 12 months	≥ 85%	7 pts
	< 85%	0 pts
5. Percentage referred through CE	≥ 85%	6 pts
	< 85%	0 pts
6. Time between entry and move-in	≥ 45 days	0 pts
	< 45 days	6 pts
7. Severity of needs	≥ 85%	6 pts
	< 85%	0 pts
Points Available		43

IV. Budget	Scoring Rubric	
1. Budget	0-3 points	
2. Match	0-3 points	
Points Available		6

VI. Housing First - RRH and PSH	Scoring Rubric	
Housing First Questionnaire	15 "no" responses	10 pts
	12-14 "no" responses	6 pts
	Fewer than 12 "no" responses	0 pts
Points Available		10

TOTAL POINTS	100 Available Points
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Appendix C
Scoring Tool: Renewal Projects

Organization: Project:	Project Type: Request:
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Race Equity Narrative	Scoring Rubric
Has the organization adopted a racial equity approach through policies and procedures, assessments, planning, and/or tools?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points
Has the organization created an equitable and inclusive environment for staff and/or communities served?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points
Points Available	10

Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	Scoring Rubric										
Note: For projects operating less than a year, the full available points will be awarded.											
Drawdowns as evidenced by eLOCCS for the past year	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">10 pts.</td> <td>All drawdowns timely</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">7 pts.</td> <td>One quarter late</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">4 pts.</td> <td>Two quarters late</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">2 pts.</td> <td>Three quarters late</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">0 pts.</td> <td>All quarters late or missing</td> </tr> </table>	10 pts.	All drawdowns timely	7 pts.	One quarter late	4 pts.	Two quarters late	2 pts.	Three quarters late	0 pts.	All quarters late or missing
10 pts.	All drawdowns timely										
7 pts.	One quarter late										
4 pts.	Two quarters late										
2 pts.	Three quarters late										
0 pts.	All quarters late or missing										
In the past 3 years has at least 97% of the project budget been drawn down? (For projects operating less than 3 years, assess for the time operated.)	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">10 pts.</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">0 pts.</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	10 pts.	Yes	0 pts.	No						
10 pts.	Yes										
0 pts.	No										
Points Available	20										

Project Performance for Type of Intervention					
Note: For renewal projects that have been operating less than one year, the full available points will be awarded. In addition, for percentages, if the denominator was zero, full available points will be awarded (e.g., if there are no project leavers, then the percentage cannot be computed, and full points are awarded).					
Permanent Supportive Housing Criteria	Scoring Rubric				
Average length of stay in program	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">≥ 365 days</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10 pts</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">< 365 days</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0 pts</td> </tr> </table>	≥ 365 days	10 pts	< 365 days	0 pts
≥ 365 days	10 pts				
< 365 days	0 pts				

Percent of participants who remain housed in PSH or exit to PH	≥ 90%	20 pts
	< 90%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 10%	10 pts
	< 10%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 50%	10 pts
	< 50%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 10%	10 pts
	< 10%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 50%	10 pts
	< 50%	0 pts
Points Available		70
Rapid Rehousing Criteria		Scoring Rubric
Average number of days between project entry to residential move-in	≥ 45 days	0 pts
	< 45 days	10 pts
Percent move to permanent housing	≥90%	20 pts
	<90%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 15%	10 pts
	< 15%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
Points Available		70
HMIS		Scoring Rubric
The CoC HMIS collects all UDE as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards	Yes	30 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS has the ability to deduplicate client records	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for reporting (e.g., SPMs, APRs)	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Coordinated Entry	Scoring Rubric	
There is a standardized assessment process	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
The CE system directs participants to appropriate housing and services for their needs and preferences	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
There is a strategy for advertising that is designed to reach persons experiencing homelessness that have the highest barriers	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Summary	Points Available
Race Equity	10
Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	20
Project Performance	70
Subtotal	100

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Appendix C
Scoring Tool: Renewal Projects

Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council
FL0114L4H092316

Project Type: PSH
Request: \$1,181,964.00

Race Equity Narrative	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Has the organization adopted a racial equity approach through policies and procedures, assessments, planning, and/or tools?	Scale of 1 (low) 5 (high) points	5
Has the organization created an equitable and inclusive environment for staff and/or communities served?	Scale of 1 (low) 5 (high) points	5
Points Available	10	10 ✓

Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Note: For projects operating less than a year, the full available points will be awarded.		
Drawdowns as evidenced by eLOCCS for the past year	10 pts. All drawdowns timely 7 pts. One quarter late 4 pts. Two quarters late 2 pts. Three quarters late 0 pts. All quarters late or missing	10
In the past 3 years has at least 97% of the project budget been drawn down? (For projects operating less than 3 years, assess for the time operated.)	10 pts. Yes 0 pts. No	10
Points Available	20	20 ✓

Project Performance for Type of Intervention	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Note: For renewal projects that have been operating less than one year, the full available points will be awarded. In addition, for percentages, if the denominator was zero, full available points will be awarded (e.g., if there are no project leavers, then the percentage cannot be computed, and full points are awarded).		
Average length of stay in program	≥ 365 days: 10 pts < 365 days: 0 pts	10

Percent of participants who remain housed in PSH or exit to PH	≥ 90%	20 pts	20
	< 90%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 10%	10 pts	0
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 10%	10 pts	10
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
Points Available		70	60

Rapid Rehousing Criteria	Recommended Scoring Rubric
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Average number of days between project entry to residential move-in	≥ 45 days	0 pts
	< 45 days	10 pts
Percent move to permanent housing	≥ 90%	20 pts
	< 90%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 15%	10 pts
	< 15%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 20%	10 pts
	< 20%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
Points Available		70

HMIS	Recommended Scoring Rubric
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The CoC HMIS collects all UDE as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards	Yes	30 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS has the ability to deduplicate client records	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for reporting (e.g., SPMs, APRs)	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Coordinated Entry	Recommended Scoring Rubric	
There is a standardized assessment process	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
The CE system directs participants to appropriate housing and services for their needs and preferences	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
There is a strategy for advertising that is designed to reach persons experiencing homelessness that have the highest barriers	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Summary	Points Available	
Race Equity	10	10
Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	20	20
Project Performance	70	60
Subtotal	100	90

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Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council
FL0114L4H092316

Project Type: PSH
Request: \$1,181,964.00

Race Equity Narrative	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Has the organization adopted a racial equity approach through policies and procedures, assessments, planning, and/or tools?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points	5
Has the organization created an equitable and inclusive environment for staff and/or communities served?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points	5
Points Available	10	10

Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Note: For projects operating less than a year, the full available points will be awarded.		
Drawdowns as evidenced by eLOCCS for the past year	10 pts. All drawdowns timely 7 pts. One quarter late 4 pts. Two quarters late 2 pts. Three quarters late 0 pts. All quarters late or missing	10
In the past 3 years has at least 97% of the project budget been drawn down? (For projects operating less than 3 years, assess for the time operated.)	10 pts. Yes 0 pts. No	10
Points Available	20	20

Permanent Supportive Housing Criteria	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Average length of stay in program	≥ 365 days 10 pts < 365 days 0 pts	10

Percent of participants who remain housed in PSH or exit to PH	≥ 90%	20 pts	20
	< 90%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 10%	10 pts	0
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 10%	10 pts	10
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
Points Available		70	60

Rapid Rehousing Criteria	Recommended Scoring Rubric	
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Average number of days between project entry to residential move-in	≥ 45 days	0 pts
	< 45 days	10 pts
Percent move to permanent housing	≥90%	20 pts
	<90%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 15%	10 pts
	< 15%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 20%	10 pts
	< 20%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
Points Available		70

HMIS	Recommended Scoring Rubric	
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The CoC HMIS collects all UDE as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards	Yes	30 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS has the ability to deduplicate client records	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for reporting (e.g., SPMs, APRs)	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Coordinated Entry	Recommended Scoring Rubric	
There is a standardized assessment process	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
The CE system directs participants to appropriate housing and services for their needs and preferences	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
There is a strategy for advertising that is designed to reach persons experiencing homelessness that have the highest barriers	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Summary	Points Available	
Race Equity	10	10
Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	20	20
Project Performance	70	60
Subtotal	100	90

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Scoring Tool: Renewal Projects

Indian River County (H1 of 1)
FL0114L4H092316

Project Type: PSH (Alcohops)
Request: \$1,101,904 (same as fy23)

Race Equity Narrative	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Has the organization adopted a racial equity approach through policies and procedures, assessments, planning, and/or tools?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points	2
Has the organization created an equitable and inclusive environment for staff and/or communities served?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points	2
Points Available	10	4

Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Note: For projects operating less than a year, the full available points will be awarded.		
Drawdowns as evidenced by eLOCCS for the past year	10 pts. All drawdowns timely 7 pts. One quarter late 4 pts. Two quarters late 2 pts. Three quarters late 0 pts. All quarters late or missing	10
In the past 3 years has at least 97% of the project budget been drawn down? (For projects operating less than 3 years, assess for the time operated.)	10 pts. Yes 0 pts. No	10
Points Available	20	20

Project Performance for Type of Intervention	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Note: For renewal projects that have been operating less than one year, the full available points will be awarded. In addition, for percentages, if the denominator was zero, full available points will be awarded (e.g., if there are no project leavers, then the percentage cannot be computed, and full points are awarded).		
Permanent Supportive Housing Criteria		
Average length of stay in program	≥ 365 days: 10 pts < 365 days: 0 pts	10

Percent of participants who remain housed in PSH or exit to PH	≥ 90%	20 pts	20
	< 90%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 10%	10 pts	0
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 10%	10 pts	10
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
Points Available		70	60

Rapid Rehousing Criteria	Recommended Scoring Rubric	
Average number of days between project entry to residential move-in	≥ 45 days	0 pts
	< 45 days	10 pts
Percent move to permanent housing	≥ 90%	20 pts
	< 90%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 15%	10 pts
	< 15%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 20%	10 pts
	< 20%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts

Points Available		70	
HMIS	Recommended Scoring Rubric		
The CoC HMIS collects all UDE as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards	Yes	30 pts	
	No	0	
The CoC HMIS has the ability to deduplicate client records	Yes	20 pts	
	No	0	
The CoC HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for reporting (e.g., SPMs, APRs)	Yes	20 pts	
	No	0	
Points Available		70	

Coordinated Entry	Recommended Scoring Rubric	
There is a standardized assessment process	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
The CE system directs participants to appropriate housing and services for their needs and preferences	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
There is a strategy for advertising that is designed to reach persons experiencing homelessness that have the highest barriers	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Summary	Points Available	
Race Equity	10	4
Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	20	20
Project Performance	70	60
Subtotal	100	84

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Appendix C
Scoring Tool: Renewal Projects

Indian River County
 FL0114L4H092316

Project Type: PSH
 Request: *ALB 12/04*

Race Equity Narrative	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Has the organization adopted a racial equity approach through policies and procedures, assessments, planning, and/or tools?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points	
Has the organization created an equitable and inclusive environment for staff and/or communities served?	Scale of 1 (low) -5 (high) points	
Points Available	10	

Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Note: For projects operating less than a year, the full available points will be awarded.		
Drawdowns as evidenced by eLOCCS for the past year	10 pts. All drawdowns timely 7 pts. One quarter late 4 pts. Two quarters late 2 pts. Three quarters late 0 pts. All quarters late or missing	10
In the past 3 years has at least 97% of the project budget been drawn down? (For projects operating less than 3 years, assess for the time operated.)	10 pts. Yes 0 pts. No	10
Points Available	20	20

Project Performance for Type of Intervention		
Note: For renewal projects that have been operating less than one year, the full available points will be awarded. In addition, for percentages, if the denominator was zero, full available points will be awarded (e.g., if there are no project leavers, then the percentage cannot be computed, and full points are awarded).		
Permanent Supportive Housing Criteria	Recommended Scoring Rubric	Score
Average length of stay in program	≥ 365 days 10 pts < 365 days 0 pts	10

Percent of participants who remain housed in PSH or exit to PH	≥ 90%	20 pts	20
	< 90%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 10%	10 pts	0
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 10%	10 pts	10
	< 10%	0 pts	
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts	10
	< 30%	0 pts	
Points Available		70	60

Rapid Rehousing Criteria	Recommended Scoring Rubric
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Average number of days between project entry to residential move-in	≥ 45 days	0 pts
	< 45 days	10 pts
Percent move to permanent housing	≥90%	20 pts
	<90%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project stayers	≥ 15%	10 pts
	< 15%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	≥ 20%	10 pts
	< 20%	0 pts
New or increased employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	≥ 30%	10 pts
	< 30%	0 pts
Points Available		70

HMIS	Recommended Scoring Rubric
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The CoC HMIS collects all UDE as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards	Yes	30 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS has the ability to deduplicate client records	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
The CoC HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for reporting (e.g., SPMs, APRs)	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Coordinated Entry	Recommended Scoring Rubric	
There is a standardized assessment process	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
The CE system directs participants to appropriate housing and services for their needs and preferences	Yes	25 pts
	No	0
There is a strategy for advertising that is designed to reach persons experiencing homelessness that have the highest barriers	Yes	20 pts
	No	0
Points Available		70

Summary	Points Available	
Race Equity	10	10
Timely Drawdowns and Recaptured Funds	20	20
Project Performance	70	60
Subtotal	100	90

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To: kelvin.garcia@uss.salvationarmy.org
Bcc: Susan Pourciau <pourciau.susan@gmail.com>

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Fri 9/20/2024 3:14 PM

Dear Mr. Garcia,

This e-mail is to inform you of the results of the 2024 CoC NOFO ranking and acceptance process. Salvation Army's dedication to our communities is well recognized, and we understand the value of your proposed project. Unfortunately, the Committee did reject your application for funding during this cycle, as it scored too low.

You can find a copy of final scores and ranking on our website [HERE](#). Please **refresh the page once loaded** to show the most recent updates and see the document for download.

The committee wanted to provide the following feedback to help you understand your refusal and prepare for any future attempts:

- Program did not follow Housing First Principles
- Requested well above the allotted amount
- Did not provide match in submitted budget

Unfortunately, we cannot provide any further feedback at this time. We appreciate your time and effort in submitting this application.

Rejected Application:

Project Name	Project Initial Rank	Project Score	Reason for Rejection
Pathway of Hope	15	66%	Scored below 85%

Thank you again for all that you do for our shared communities and keep up the amazing work. We appreciate your continued dedication to the CoC and those you serve.

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To: alexys@ritelifeservices.org

Fri 9/20/2024 3:17 PM

Cc: miranda@ritelifeservices.org; Barbara Moody Holbrook <barbara@ritelifeservices.org>; Linda Kane <stellaradvicellc@gmail.com>

Bcc: Susan Pourciau <pourciau.susan@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Connelly,

This e-mail is to inform you of the results of the 2024 CoC NOFO ranking and acceptance process. RiteLife's dedication to our communities is well recognized, and we understand the value of your proposed project. Although your application ranked very well, the Committee did turn down your application for funding during this cycle. Unfortunately, there was limited funding available to distribute and the committee did opt to support a higher-ranking application, although it was very close.

You can find a copy of final scores and ranking on our website [HERE](#). Please **refresh the page once loaded** to show the most recent updates and see the document for download.

The committee wanted you to know that there was much deliberation, and that the decision proved difficult. The Committee does encourage you to apply again in the next funding cycle. They additionally wanted to provide the following feedback to help you understand your refusal and prepare for future submissions:

- There was a budget/number discrepancy from what was listed in section A.1 and what was listed in the budget section RA.
- There was limited funding available and another application scored higher
- There were attached MOUs that were not signed

Unfortunately, we cannot provide any further feedback at this time. We appreciate your time and effort in submitting this application.

Rejected Application:

Project Name	Project Initial Rank	Project Score	Reason for Rejection
Anchor Housing	12	93%	Limited Funding

Thank you again for all that you do for our shared communities and keep up the amazing work. We appreciate your continued dedication to the CoC and those you serve.

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Fri 9/20/2024 3:12 PM

To: pratchford@martin.fl.us

Cc: Michelle Miller <mmiller@martin.fl.us>

Bcc: Susan Pourciau <pourciau.susan@gmail.com>; 🟡 Rayme Nuckles

Dear Mr. Ratchford,

This e-mail is to inform you of the results of the 2024 CoC NOFO ranking and acceptance process. We are happy to inform you that your renewal program, Martin County Chronicles, was accepted at the full funding amount.

Unfortunately, your other renewal program, Martin County Reentry, was completely reallocated and your new program, PSH Rental Assistance, was denied funding. The review and rank committee wanted to provide the following guidance to help you better understand their decision.

- Renewal: Low score/performance - Funds were reallocated into other grants.
- New: Limited funding available to allocate and other new applications scored better.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide any further guidance at this time.

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Accepted Application:

Project Names	Project Rank	Project Score	Funding Amount
Martin County Chronicles	9	78%	\$153,120

Rejected New Application:

Project Name	Project Initial Rank	Project Score	Reason for Rejection
PSH Rental Assistance	14	87%	Lower Score than other applicants

Fully reallocated renewal project application:

Project Name	Project Initial Rank	Project Score	Reason for Rejection
Martin County Reentry	13	59%	Low Score/Performance

Thank you for your continued dedication to our shared communities and the CoC!

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Fri 9/20/2024 3:18 PM

To: Megan Kendrick <mkendrick@indianriver.gov>

Bcc: Susan Pourciau <pourciau.susan@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Kendrick,

This e-mail is to inform you of the results of the 2024 CoC NOFO ranking and acceptance process. We are happy to inform you that Indian River County Board of County Commissioner's renewal project has been accepted and recommended to move forward at the full funding amount.

You can find a copy of final scores and ranking on our website [HERE](#). Please **refresh the page once loaded** to show the most recent updates and see the document for download.

Accepted Application:

Project Name	Project Rank	Project Score	Funding Amount
Alchope Renewal	8	89%	\$1,181,964

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To: Rayme Nuckles

Bcc: Susan Pourciau <pourciau.susan@gmail.com>

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Fri 9/20/2024 3:31 PM

Dear Mr. Nuckles,

This e-mail is to inform you of the results of the 2024 CoC NOFO ranking and acceptance process. We are happy to inform you that all of Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council's renewals and new application projects have been accepted and recommended to move forward at the full funding amounts.

You can find a copy of final scores and ranking on our website [HERE](#). Please **refresh the page once loaded** to show the most recent updates and see the document for download.

Accepted Application:

Project Names	Project Initial Rank	Project Score	Funding Amount
CoC Planning Project	N/A	N/A	\$115,053
Systems Performance	1	100%	\$51,427
Data Quality	2	100%	\$27,840
HMIS CE	3	100%	\$35,400
DV Rapid Rehousing	4	100%	\$181,024
PSH Services	5	100%	\$113,185
St. Lucie County Vets	6	93%	\$445,740
DV RRH Expansion (NEW)	7	92%	\$282,635
PSH Expansion (NEW)	10	99%	\$298,274
Coordinated Entry (NEW)	11	97%	\$89,213

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To: pratchford@martin.fl.us

Cc: Michelle Miller <mmiller@martin.fl.us>

Bcc: Susan Pourciau <pourciau.susan@gmail.com>; 🟡 Rayme Nuckles

Dear Mr. Ratchford,

This e-mail is to inform you of the results of the 2024 CoC NOFO ranking and acceptance process. We are happy to inform you that your renewal program, Martin County Chronicles, was accepted at the full funding amount.

Unfortunately, your other renewal program, Martin County Reentry, was completely reallocated and your new program, PSH Rental Assistance, was denied funding. The review and rank committee wanted to provide the following guidance to help you better understand their decision.

- Renewal: Low score/performance - Funds were reallocated into other grants.
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Accepted Application:

Project Names	Project Rank	Project Score	Funding Amount
Martin County Chronicles	9	78%	\$153,120

Rejected New Application:

Project Name	Project Initial Rank	Project Score	Reason for Rejection
PSH Rental Assistance	14	87%	Lower Score than other applicants

Fully reallocated renewal project application:

Project Name	Project Initial Rank	Project Score	Reason for Rejection
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Local Competition Selection Results

Organization	Project Name	Score	Status	Rank	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated Funds
Treasure Coast Homeles:	Planning Project	Not Scored	Accepted	Not Ranked	\$ 115,053.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	Systems Performance (FL0688L4H092306)	100%	Accepted	1	\$ 51,427.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	Data Quality (FL0418L4H092311)	100%	Accepted	2	\$ 27,840.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	HMIS CE (FL0116L4H092316)	100%	Accepted	3	\$ 35,400.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	DV Rapid Rehousing (FL1018D4H092300)	100%	Accepted	4	\$ 181,024.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	PSH Services (FL1019L4H092300)	100%	Accepted	5	\$ 113,185.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	St. Lucie County Vets (FL0310L4H092315)	93%	Accepted	6	\$ 445,740.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	DV RRRH Expansion	92%	Accepted	7	\$ 282,635.00	\$ -
Indian River County BOC:	Alchohope Renewal (FL0114L4H092316)	89%	Accepted	8	\$ 1,181,964.00	\$ -
Martin County BOCC	Martin County Chronics (FL0117L4H092316)	78%	Accepted	9	\$ 153,120.00	\$ -
Treasure Coast Homeles:	Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion	99%	Accepted	10	\$ 298,274.00	\$ 111,360.00
Treasure Coast Homeles:	Coordinated Entry	97%	Accepted	11	\$ 89,213.00	\$ -
Rite Life	Anchor Housing	93%	Rejected	Not Ranked	\$ -	\$ -
Martin County BOCC	Martin County Reentry (FL0835L4H092304)	59%	Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	\$ -	\$ (111,360.00)
Martin County BOCC	PSH Rental Assistance	87%	Rejected	Not Ranked	\$ -	\$ -
Salvation Army	Pathway of Hope	66%	Rejected	Not Ranked	\$ -	\$ -

2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

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For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - Summary

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partially Usable									
Not Usable									

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	604	481	542
AO	61	49	109
AC	339	256	271
CO	199	177	162

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	241	302	357
AO	138	152	133
AC	103	151	224
CO	0	0	0

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	390	427	354
AO	252	291	250
AC	134	131	104
CO	0	0	0

1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing;

PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children

2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type.

Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.

3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.

4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

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 the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

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.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	422	86.6	29.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	536	126.2	50.5

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client’s Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added 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.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	569	126.6	82.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	676	153.9	105.0

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

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.

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	38	2	5.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	5.3%
Exit was from ES	357	21	5.9%	9	2.5%	8	2.2%	38	10.6%
Exit was from TH	76	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	5.3%	4	5.3%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	153	6	3.9%	7	4.6%	9	5.9%	22	14.4%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	624	29	4.7%	16	2.6%	21	3.4%	66	10.6%

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	543
Emergency Shelter Total	429
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	121

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

FL-509 - Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

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

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	149
Number of adults with increased earned income	12
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	8.1%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	149
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	93
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	62.4%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	149
Number of adults with increased total income	95
Percentage of adults who increased total income	63.8%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	32
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	3.1%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	32
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	19
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	59.4%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	32
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	19
Percentage of adults who increased total income	59.4%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	423
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	47
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	376

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	655
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.	54
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.)	601

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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

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

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

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	175
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	54
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	71
% Successful exits	71.4%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	555
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	493
% Successful exits	88.8%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	401
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	387
% Successful exits/retention	96.5%

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	369	94	342	304	214
Total Leavers (HMIS)	295	53	49	181	162
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	14	2	1	0	2
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	4.8%	3.8%	2.0%	0.0%	1.2%

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

Measure	Notes
Measure 1	No notes.
Measure 2	No notes.
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	No notes.
Measure 5	No notes.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	No notes.
Data Quality	No notes.

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	152	94	94	0	94	100.0%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	43	43	43	0	43	100.0%
RRH	203	203	203	0	203	100.0%
PSH	294	294	294	0	294	100.0%
OPH	150	46	150	104	46	100.0%
Total	842	680	784	104	680	100.0%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	152	58	58	0	58	100.00%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	43	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	203	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	294	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	150	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	842	58	58	0	58	100.00%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	152	152	152	100.00%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	43	43	43	100.00%
RRH	203	203	203	100.00%
PSH	294	294	294	100.00%
OPH	150	46	46	100.00%
Total	842	738	738	100.00%

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Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	165	75	130	93	203

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

5) 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").

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

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

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Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/25/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and partial unsheltered count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	91	107	58	94	140	114
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	63	81	63	53	45	33
Total Sheltered Count	154	188	121	147	185	147
Total Unsheltered Count	1,345	1,191	693	699	740	554
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	1,499	1,379	814	846	925	701

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.

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Formal Agreement Between
The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC)

And
SafeSpace

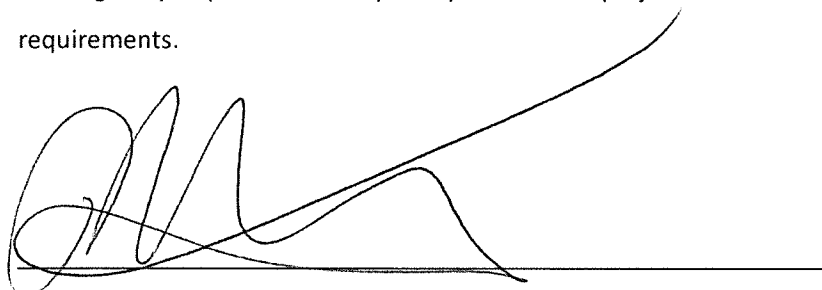
This agreement sets forth TCHSC's commitment to providing safe, habitable units for survivors of domestic violence as served through TCHSC's DV Rapid Rehousing expansion program in collaboration with SafeSpace.

The Council attests that the units provided within this agreement are not funded through CoC or ESG Programs and that funding for these units has already been secured through other sources. The Council will provide 4 units in support of this initiative, as described below:

- 2 units dedicated for single unaccompanied adults through Naomi's House (Indian River County)
- 1 additional unit dedicated for single unaccompanied adults made available outside of Indian River County.
- 1 unit dedicate to households of families with minor children.

This agreement is taken into effect upon implementation of the DV Rapid Rehousing Expansion Program and continue for a 12-month period. This commitment will be renewed for each contract year unless both parties otherwise agree to dissolve this agreement.

The eligibility requirements for participation in this project will be based on the CoC Program fair housing requirements.



Rayme L. Nuckles, Visionary Leader
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council

10/25/24
Date



Jennifer Fox, CEO
SafeSpace

11.5.24
Date

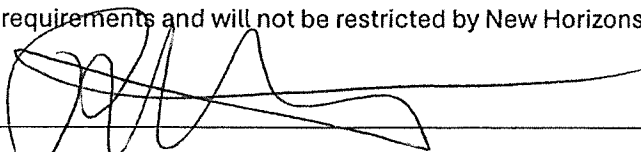
**Formal Agreement between
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council
And
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee**

This agreement sets forth New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee's commitment to providing mental health services and substance abuse and/or recovery services as needed to clients served by the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council's "PSH Services Expansion Project," a project submitted for funding through the HUD CoC program.

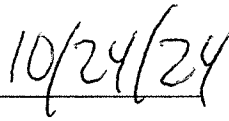
New Horizons will offer mental health services to up to 20 individuals served through this program, ensuring each client has access to at least four visits with highly trained staff, and may continue ongoing therapy sessions thereafter on an as-needed basis. Program participants will also be provided access to enroll in Life Skills Education classes, which help equip clients to experience better interpersonal relationships, improved communication skills, more pro-social activities, and an overall improvement in quality of life. The type of therapeutic services provided and the length of time enrolled will be determined by the specific needs of each client served. These services are valued at over \$25,000.

Services will begin upon implementation of the program and continue for a 12-month period. This commitment will be renewed for each contract year unless both parties otherwise agree to dissolve this agreement.

The eligibility requirements for participation in this project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee.

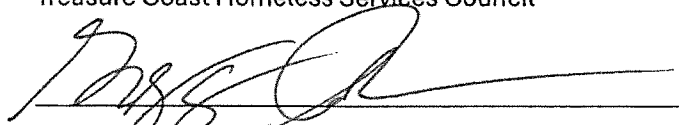


Rayne L. Nuckles, Visionary Leader

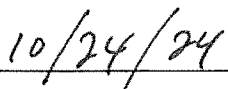


Date

Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council



Gregory Jackson, Acting Chief Executive Officer



Date

New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee