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 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2022 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 2022 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:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care
Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal
and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AL-506 - Tuscaloosa City & County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Community Homeless Assessment Local
Education and Networking Group

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: City of Tuscaloosa

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
	2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

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

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

	1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
		NOFO Section VII.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 with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
	3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CHALENG membership is open to new members year round. We operate a year round each one invite one request for all board members and general population for each meeting.
2. To ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats the Secretary maintains a database of all minutes, announcements, and supporting documents for distribution to the general body.
3. The month of April is the deemed the month of annual recruitment. At the April meeting, each member is asked to bring a new member. At this meeting, current members bring refreshments, prizes, and goody bags for new members.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.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; and
3.	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.To ensure that the COC is able to solicit and consider opinions from a broad array of organizations that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness are present at monthly meetings we petition local media outlets to post meeting announcements, using various websites made available for meeting announcements, maintaining a large email list of individuals who have attended meetings, and ask that agencies make a commitment to attend meetings, and using attendance as a criteria for the award of grant funds.

2.To ensure that we are able to communicate information during public meetings or other forums the COC Secretary circulate agendas, meeting minutes, and agency announcements before and after meetings to help participants come prepared for discussions or make additions to the agenda prior to meetings. Additionally, we follow the Robert's Rules of Order so that meetings are effective.

3.To ensure that all members are able to take into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness the floor is open for New Business during every Board and General population meeting held and minutes are kept by the secretary and circulated to the entire general body for consideration.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section VII.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.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.CHALENG took the following actions to notify the public that it was accepting project application proposals and that it is open to and will consider applications from organizations that have not previously received COC Program funding, as well as the method in which proposals should be submitted:

•August 4, 2022-The CoC emailed a request to have an invitation to apply for the FY 2022 CoC Program NOFA and application deadline posted on The City of Tuscaloosa website.

•August 5, 2022 – The CoC emailed the Board and General Body to alert all participating members of the FY2021 NOFA.

•August 29, 2022 – The CoC Project Applications deadline.

2. To submit an application, the process was as follows:

"The West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (WACH) announces the FY2022 competition for the Continuum of Care Program funds. Eligible projects are as follows: 1. 2. 3. 4. Permanent Housing Transitional Housing Supportive Services Only; and HMIS. The deadline to apply is Monday, August 29, 2022 at 4 P.M. Please review the mentioned NOFA. To apply or ask questions, please email the WACH President, Karen Thompson-Jackson at thinkhill@aol.com."

The announcement was posted on the City website immediately after the NOFA was received (8/4/2022).

3.The process the COC uses to determine whether the project application will be included in the FY2022 COC Program Competition is as follows:

•The Board decides on a funding/ranking committee.

•The Committee reads the NOFA.

•The Committee reviews the previous ranking criteria.

•The Committee ranks the selects/rejects projects based on NOFA and selection criteria.

•The rankings are then communicated to the collaborative applicant.

•The agencies receive the opportunity to appeal the decision.

4. To ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats the Secretary maintains a database of all minutes, announcements, and supporting documents for distribution to the general body.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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	1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
		NOFO Section VII.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 Nonexistentif the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

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

18.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Lead provides hands-on collaboration in the ESG application process by assisting in the completion of the ESG application B.1 Identification of Homeless Assistance Needs, B.2 Applicant's Strategy to Address Homeless Problems, B.3 Capacity and Coordination, B.4 Participation in a Continuum of Care, and providing a letter on behalf of the CoC regarding agencies' reporting in HMIS. The data captured in HMIS provides insights useful for identifying and addressing system level trends in the needs of the homeless population and gaps in services provided by agencies useful for planning and allocating ESG funds.

2.Additionally, to participate in evaluating and reporting the performance of ESG Program recipients, the CHALENG Continuum of Care Board of Directors authorizes the HMIS Lead to provide quantifiable data specific to the projects funded by ESG. The data provides an elaborate and detailed description of the performance of ESG funded projects. The data provided includes the Point-In-Time Count, the Housing Inventory Count, and the report of Performance Measures, CAPER reports, and APR reports. The HMIS Lead helps to digest the data measures and other pertinent reports into goals, objectives, and outcomes suitable for ESG purposes.

3.The Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, Housing Inventory Count (HIC), or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. Information from the CoC is distributed to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions after submission.

4.The Consolidated Plan is distributed to our agencies/ organization directors as a guide for identifying activities through which they can help jurisdictions within the state reach their housing and community development goals.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	Yes
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	
		Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Tuscaloosa City and County CoC has members on the board that are employed through the city and county school boards. They are available to discuss efforts to address and assist with the issues of homelessness and education. In addition to the ongoing relationship with members of the school system and McKinney-Vento liaisons, the CoC has a board member that attends State Education Agencies (SEA) and Local Education Agencies (LEA) trainings. Through the participation in state provided trainings and informational meetings, the CoC is granted technical assistance and guidance that helps impact decision making, policies, approach, and efforts that helps individuals and families with educational components, access, services, and support.

The CoC maintains seats on the board for members of the city and county school system's presence. The bylaws requires that positions be filled by school board members in the event of vacancy.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has policies that utilizes our school boards to inform homeless families and unaccompanied youth of their educational rights. Each family shelter/program actively works with school personnel to implement policies. Case workers and childcare staff within the school systems communicate with families in regards to shelter, transportation, tutoring, educational opportunities, and other resources and other academic supports for families. The City and County's school system Homeless Liaison participates in initiatives and trainings that allows them to become knowledgeable of efforts and in case management. They receive information about their eligibility for education services. Our CoC supports homeless liaison and provides gives them the opportunity in meetings to provide insight to stakeholders to ensure they are also educated about McKinney-Vento Programs that benefit homeless children.

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

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

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:
	1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
	2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CHALENG Continuum of Care provides annual training to CoC projects and coordinated entry staff that address best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking during its October meeting. The training is planned and arranged by the local domestic violence service provider staff.

2. To assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking the CHALENG Continuum of Care uses the following data and resources:
• Open dialogue with The City of Tuscaloosa law enforcement officer responsible for crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, Our police department or CoC Representative of the force;
• Reports and predictions pertaining to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from the US Department of Justice;
• Reports of calls logged in to the 24-hour domestic violence crisis hotline serving the area;
• Reports from the local dv provider taken directly from the comparable data-base, Osnium (including the number of clients served, demographics, client outcomes, performance review, and perpetrator demographics) and;
• ESG planning, evaluation and application data.

In addition,
The CE process provides for uniform assessment of people who are experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness, including
•Individuals and families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
•People who are losing their housing in 14 days and lacks support networks or resources to obtain housing;
•People who have moved from place to place and may continue to do so because of disability or other barriers; and
•Unaccompanied youth and families with children and youth who are defined as homeless under other federal statutes, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition.

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

		Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:
	1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
	2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CHALENG Continuum of Care provides annual training to CoC projects and coordinated entry staff that address best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking during its October meeting. The training is planned and arranged by the local domestic violence service provider staff.
2. The Coordinated Entry committee is responsible for developing, monitoring the progress and impact of, and periodically recommending any necessary revisions to an implementation plan for a coordinated entry and assessment system for all homeless and prevention resources, prioritizing housing first models, low-barrier entry, rapid re-housing, prevention, and diversion from shelter and working to meet the needs of clients throughout the CoC. This committee meets at least quarterly.

| | 1C-5b. | Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. | |
| | | NOFO Section VII.B.1.e. | |

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our local agency Turning Point is the lead for issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence, stalking, and trafficking and are members of our CoC. The agency provides direct services to over 2,000 primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, Turning Point conducts community trainings, speaking engagements, and other events throughout the year.

2. Staff from the SA, are CoC Board members, and Turning Point participate in the development for the County Coordinated Entry (CE) process. Our CE Coordinator works close with all agencies to ensure families are served with safety and sensitivity. Training is offered annually to all CoC members, including the CE staff.
Our CoC utilizes various data sources to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Turning Point, as the local expert for the field, maintains a separate but comparable database of services provided. During the fiscal year, TP responded to approximately xx calls through the Domestic Violence/Sexual Abuse hotlines and an additional xx calls came through the legal hotline. Turning Point's Shelter served xx persons during the last fiscal year. This data is maintained and de-identified in a separate database called Osnium. All persons are entered into the HMIS system- whether that is Service Point (CE users) and Osnium (DV users). The de-identified data is not shared between the two data systems, so that causes a challenge in providing statistics sometimes.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CHALENG Continuum of Care has protocol to address the unique needs of persons, and their families, fleeing domestic violence by prioritizing the safety and confidentiality of program participants. Once a victim of domestic violence accesses the central access point, intake personnel relies on previous training to decrease vulnerability and increase control over the intake and assessment process. The client can choose to accept safe transport to the local domestic violence service provider, transport to an alternate location out of the service area, or receive services at the location where they present. It is policy to recommend that victims access victim specific services because of the added security measures. Regardless of their choice, the coordinated entry plan ensures no family or individual is turned away based on their status as a family or individual fleeing domestic violence.

2. The central access point is equipped to shelter and provide triage services while victims consider their desired course of action. The central access point has confidential space to meet with DV providers and law enforcement personnel. The facility has secure offices, locked file cabinets, and password protected computers to help ensure confidentiality. Case management and rapid rehousing services help survivors access the legal system and reclaim their independence from their abuser(s). The VI-SpDAT is administered by staff and all survivors receive prioritized services as individuals and households vulnerable to victimization, including physical assault or engaging in trafficking or sex work, the second priority for services in this continuum of care.

1C-5d.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

We heavily utilize our agency, Turning Point to house all of our survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Individuals or families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence,
sexual assault, or stalking, or victims of trafficking; who are seeking shelter or services from nonvictim specific providers will be offered safe and confidential access to the coordinated entry
process. If a family consents, a referral to domestic violence shelter, victim service providers, or
immediate access to emergency services will be provided.
If the referral is refused or the domestic violence victim service provider is unable to serve the
family or individual, services will be provided by non-victim specific providers according to nonvictim specific provider rules and regulations.
The Process:
¿ When a family enters the coordinated entry process, they are screened using the
diversion script.
¿ If the family/individual indicates that they are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic
violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or are victims of trafficking then the
client will be offered access to local domestic violence provider and shelter provided by
the network of providers for this special population.
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¿ If the family/individual consents, a local domestic violence provider will meet the
family/individual at the coordinated entry access point to begin case management
services.
¿ If the family/individual declines, services will be provided according to non-victim specific
provider rules and regulations.

1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:
1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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physical assault or engaging in trafficking or sex work, the second priority for services in this continuum of care.

1C-6.		Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+–Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
		NOFO Section VII.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?	No
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
	3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No

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

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;	
2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;	
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and	
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC updates it's anti-discrimination policy as necessary. If there is specific feedback or known updates necessary, our CoC will make them.
2. Like all patrons, our LGBTQ+ receive the same fairness and benefits as the others. In the future, the City will work towards specifically, but at this moment, all participating agencies projects must comply with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of federal civil rights laws, including the following:
•The Fair Housing Act prohibits discriminatory housing practices based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status.
•Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
•Title VI of the Civil Rights Act Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
•Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits public entities, which includes State and local governments, and special purpose districts, from discriminating against individuals with disabilities in all their services, programs, and activities, which include housing, and housing related services such as housing search and referral assistance.
•Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits private entities that own, lease, and operate places of public accommodation, which include shelters, social service establishments, and other public accommodations providing housing, from discriminating on the basis of disability.

3.Our CoC' s process for evaluating compliance of our anti-discrimination policies, is to:
1. Work with our Governance Committee to ensure the effectiveness and maximal participation and performance.
2. The committee will evaluate the effects of our anti-discrimination policies
3. The committee will assess the efficiency of our policies.
4. The committee will examine the efficiency of our policies.
5. Make necessary modifications in the policies.
6. Present them to the board.
7. Present them to the body.

4. When addressing non-compliance,
1. review allegations of non-compliance
2. set up an in-house appointment to discuss their non-compliant status and the requirements that are to be met
3. responds to allegations of non-compliance
4. Make necessary modifications in the policies.
5. Present them to the board.
6. Present them to the body.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 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?
Tuscaloosa Housing Authority	3%	No	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 invited each PHA to participate in CoC Board level activities and opened CoC training opportunities to include the PHA staff. This is done in an effort to change the culture of the local PHA to one that supports the efforts of the CoC.THA has taken steps to adopt a homeless admission preference.
2. N/A

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	No
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.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	No
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 VII.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 VII.B.1.g.	

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	No

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

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	No
	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	

PHA
This list contains no items

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

1D-2.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 2022 CoC Program Competition.	3
	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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	0
	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 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	0%

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

	Describe in the field below:	
	1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient–that checks Housing First on their Project Application–to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
	2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
	3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses the client-centered case management approach.
1st: We identify our clients need(s).
2nd: We build their strength and goals.
3rd: We partnership with our clients to motivate them, enhance their skills, and find resources to assist with the process and for them to meet their short and long term goals.

2. Depending on the need and ability to meet the qualifications deciphers the priority. Allocation of resources will be prioritized based on their status chronically homeless and;
•Vulnerability to illness or death
•Vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault or engaging in trafficking or sex work
•Significant health or behavioral challenges or functional impairments which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing
•High utilization of crisis or emergency services, including emergency rooms, jail, and psychiatric facilities, to meet basic needs
•The extent to which people, especially youth and children, are unsheltered
•Risk of continued or homelessness

3. The CoC requires all projects to commit to utilizing a low-barrier and Housing First approach and regularly evaluates projects to ensure the commitment is met. The CoC will review the performance and effectiveness of the Coordinated Entry plan, annually. Each year the plan will be announced at the January general CoC meeting. The team will be staffed by volunteers in the community and directed by a board member. The plan will include each of the following elements:
•A consultation with each participating project and project participants to evaluate the intake, assessment, and referral processes associated with the coordinated entry.
•A review of system performance measures.
•An assessment of client's experience.
•A privacy plan for the information collected during the assessment of the coordinated entry plan.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Salvation Army uses ESG funds to conduct street outreach activities that include meeting homeless where they are with resources, inviting them into shelter, and assisting them with accessing mainstream benefits, local charities, and basic necessities.
2. There are no areas excluded from outreach within the Tuscaloosa City and County area, but efforts are focused on places where homeless are known to camp or visit.
3. There is a part-time staff member who plans 20 hours a week of outreach activity and conducts monthly community-wide events.
4. It is a combined effort by all servicing agencies to identify homeless and locate them through an precise communication tree. We provide updates in real time by telephone and email and the outreach services for the Salvation Army, local VA, and other agencies meet the homeless in their space to offer services.

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

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

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

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.l.	

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC–only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	0	0

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section VII.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:

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	No
3.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	No
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	No
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The local Department of Human Resources sends a representative to the CoC meetings to make announcements and share information.
2. We rely on members who attend meetings to make sure announcements and meeting minutes are available for their agencies.
3. For many of our providers it is a regularly assigned duty that is included in the job description and annual reports.
4. None

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC utilizes a local agency to assist with non-congregate sheltering called Compassion Coalition. We also provide hotel accommodations through other local resources. Our purpose is to support shelter providers and to continue to expand emergency overnight services. We strongly encourage the use of our traditional shelter, but we also want to ensure that we are protecting individuals experiencing homelessness.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Tuscaloosa City and County CoC worked with the state and local public health agencies to synchronize the utilization of federal funds to address and prevent homelessness in response to infectious disease outbreaks. Collaborative entities
will come together to maximize available resources. Local funding will be used to provide homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, street outreach, and other expenditures. These items include: eviction prevention assistance to pay for rental arrears and/or past due utility bills, operations, hand washing station/portable bathrooms, administration costs, shelter costs, safety needs and other needs.
2. To prepare for and respond to infectious diseases, equipment, food, medical services, employment, etc. will be provided to help prevent and reduce the spread of the infection. All members of the CoC have learned the preventative measures that are
necessary in reducing the effects of a disaster along with the importance of providing a speedy response. Our goal is to actively stay prepared, so we can brace the impact when a crisis occurs.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and
2.	facilitating 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. To ensure that we are sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, our CoC has strongly suggested the implementation of the Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuums of Care provided by HUD. We've stressed the importance of preparation, mitigation, and response to all of our agencies to ensure that each agency and members of our CoC body and leadership are equipped and informed of practical skills to develop a comprehensive strategy to both prepare for and respond to a public health emergency using a variety of methods that minimize the impact on people experiencing homelessness.
2. The best way to facilitate communication has been to request that each provider develop an effective strategy implemented and our CoC assist through education/training, communication, and key resources. This is an area that we learned that we needed to sharpen up in amid the COVID-19 pandemic that transpired. Our CoC leadership's primary role is to communicate with providers and stakeholders internally and externally that can assist with the coordination of care and protection of our homeless members. Meetings are conducted, timelines are created, hard copies of communication are provided, reports are conducted, and our communication strategy sets in.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic region, the following quote is found on page 3 of the coordinated entry plan:
"CHALENG serves the entire geographic region of Tuscaloosa County within the State of Alabama (Appendix B)."
2. The CoC conducts a standardized assessment of all homeless individuals who enter the system of care. This helps to document an individual's or family's strengths and weaknesses. Our strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns is to provide intensive follow-up services, linkage to mainstream resources, and monitor the families placement over a 6-12 month period.
3. The Coordinated Entry committee is responsible for developing, monitoring the progress and impact of, and periodically recommending any necessary revisions to an implementation plan for a coordinated entry and assessment system for all homeless and prevention resources, prioritizing housing first models, low-barrier entry, rapid re-housing, prevention, and diversion from shelter and working to meet the needs of clients throughout the CoC. This committee will create recommendations for written standards for eligibility, assessment, and prioritization of resources for all CoC and ESG program types. In addition, the Coordinated Entry Committee duties and focus are set forth in the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures Document.

| | 1D-9a. | Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry. | |
| | | NOFO Section VII.B.1.p. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach the COC has implemented and promotes the central access point, The Salvation Army, as a one-stop for connection to all social service needs. We have three 24-hour call centers that are equipped to connect residents with access to homelessness services. Our location is close to the county's only Greyhound bus station. The central access point is located next to a stop for the Tuscaloosa Trolley; the county's only mass transit service. We maintain a close relationship with the county and city school district's homeless liaisons, food banks, thrift stores, local institutions of higher education, landlords, and city and county elected officials.
2. The CoC voted to rank vulnerability of homeless populations as follows: vulnerability to illness or death; vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault or engaging in trafficking or sex work; significant health or behavioral challenges or functional impairments which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing; high utilization of crisis or emergency services, including emergency rooms, jail, and psychiatric facilities, to meet basic needs; the extent to which people, especially youth and children, are unsheltered; and the risk of continued or homelessness. These priorities are assigned in addition to a VI-SPDAT score to drive decisions to allocate resources.

| 1D-10. | Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducing Assessment. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q. | |

| 1. | Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years? | No |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities. | 09/23/2022 |

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities–Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC's process for analyzing racial disparities is:
-First, we comparing HMIS data to local population and census data.
 -We evaluate whether our programs and systems are providing connections to services and housing at equitable rates and achieving equitable outcomes for clients across ethnicies and races throughout Tuscaloosa City and County areas.
-We work with staff and individuals with lived experience (now known as our Persons with Lived Exper to gauge whether any identified racial disparities are being or perpetuated by processes or barriers within your homeless services system.
Share your findings with leaders, partners, providers and stakeholders within your system to build a shared understanding of the scope and drivers of racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness in your community.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

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

11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC did not perform a racial disparity assessment, however, the Tuscaloosa City and County Continuum of Care is open to identifying racial equity and improving equity of services through conversations and concerns addressed to our CoC. In the future, a racial disparity assessment will be performed and this is an area of concern that will be addressed to our HUD-TA for technical assistance.

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

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

To track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities, our CoC present discussions that contribute to laying the foundation for standard practices through monitoring and asking for feedback to ensure racial disparities are being addressed, tracked, and prevented or eliminated.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Salvation Army uses ESG funds to conduct street outreach activities that include meeting homeless where they are with resources, inviting them into shelter, and assisting them with accessing mainstream benefits, local charities, and basic necessities.

There are no areas excluded from outreach within the Tuscaloosa City and County area, but efforts are focused on places where homeless are known to camp or visit.

There is a part-time staff member who plans 20 hours a week of outreach activity and conducts monthly community-wide events.

It is a combined effort by all servicing agencies to identify homeless and locate them through an precise communication tree. We provide updates in real time by telephone and email and the outreach services for the Salvation Army, local VA, and other agencies meet the homeless in their space to offer services.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	0	0
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	0	0
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	0	0
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	0	0
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Community Outreach and Awareness Committee will be responsible for executing outreach to the homeless population in the CoC at least monthly. The outreach team will work to connect the homeless that they interact with during outreach with critical resources and housing. In addition, the committee will serve
as the planning body for community awareness, events, and education. The Community Outreach and Awareness Committee is tasked with informing the CoC
and Board with a better knowledge of the homeless within the CoC as well as their barriers within the community and needs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC has a Person with Lived Experience Committee that gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance.
2. Members use this committee to learn about and evaluate the system of care and to make recommendations for improvement through hosting meetings, dissecting feedback, and making awareness of the challenges that need to be addressed.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.	

	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that 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. Our CoC gets insight from the City of Tuscaloosa in regards to zoning and land use policies. The City planners conducting studies to assess where housing gaps exist, updating the housing elements of comprehensive plans, and speaking with community stakeholders about the impacts of changing zoning rules and codes.
2. Our CoC has a running relationship with the City of Tuscaloosa and local leaders; which is helps us together to discuss housing affordability challenges and potential solutions to those challenges.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	08/08/2022

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 VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

	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

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 VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	3
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 VII.B.2.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC copycat the Review and Rank tools provided by HUD.
2. Our CoC reached out to its agencies to see how long it takes to house people in permanent housing despite the housing concerns in the City and county of Tuscaloosa.
3. Our CoC used the objective criteria to evaluate how the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of our CoC considered.
4. Our CoC had to be considerate of the fact that Tuscaloosa has a housing demand. Tuscaloosa is an entitlement community19 , which allows the city to access federal funding to assist lower income populations with housing and community development needs . A requirement to be eligible for this funding is the development of regular planning efforts to evaluate conditions in the community and to develop formal plans to achieve housing and community development goals . The City of Tuscaloosa and the Tuscaloosa Housing Authority have an adopted Consolidated Housing Plan and Action Plan, and an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Study as required by the U .S . Department of Housing and Urban Development to be eligible for Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds. Each of these plans identifies important community objectives that can be folded into the Tuscaloosa Framework effort, including: • Increasing management efficiency of publicly assisted housing programs to reduce vacancy turn-around time • Applying for additional Section 8 vouchers to better assist the waitlist of qualifying households • Increasing production of affordable housing for people with families • Coordinating with Transit Authority to provide better transit service to affordable housing areas • Focusing community investment in lower income neighborhoods, such as Alberta and West Tuscaloosa.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population;
2.	how the input from persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, affected how your CoC determined the rating factors used to review project applications;
3.	how your CoC included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
4.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC graded applications for what was presented.
2. Input was not provided by different racing, however, all of the applications submitted were by agencies that serve majority of the underserved populations.
3. The CoC did not capitalize on racial equity as an extreme concern, but will in the future. At this time, there has been no complaints by members or agencies, so we let applicants answer questions.
4. The project applicants did not provide responses in regards to racial equity. Our CoC plans to request training from our HUD-TA in the future to provide more insight in response in regards of the matter.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 projects through this process during your 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. Our CoC has a written process for reallocation. The CoC Funding Program Committee will consider reallocation of all projects. Projects not meeting the general thresholds will be subject to full reallocation. Funds can be reallocated on a voluntary or involuntary basis. Our process consists of:
Any current CoC grantee can voluntarily reallocate its existing project by reducing the project's annual renewal (whole or partial).
Involuntarily: The CoC Funding Committee will meet annually to discuss reallocation of existing CoC projects.
Also considered will be the reallocation based on CoC priorities, financials, rankings, and performance measures.
Voluntary: Grantee must notify our CoC within the timeline outlined in that year's competition process.
Upon notification, the City of Tuscaloosa will be notified to assist with notifying the community about the new funding opportunity- amount and project type.
2. Our CoC did not identify any projects through this process during your local competition this year
3. Our CoC did not have to reallocate any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year.
4. N/A

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No

1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 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 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/19/2022

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes

1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/23/2022

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/23/2022

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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  - FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
  - Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Service Point

2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Multiple CoCs

2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	05/06/2022

2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works closely with our DV provider to ensure that they are implementing data collection in a comparable database. The local DV provider is currently utilizing Osnium, which is a database that has been verified by the HMIS Lead of the CoC to provide the necessary collection of data to provide the required reports for HUD and other funding agencies.
2. The HMIS Lead annually reviews reporting from this system to include reporting generated for the CAPER. In addition, Osnium regularly updates its software to adhere to HUD updates.

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

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	87	0	87	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	8	0	8	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	0	0	0	
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	282	0	282	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

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

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/28/2022

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	05/05/2022

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:
1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.
2.
3.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.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 2021 and 2022, if applicable;
	2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and
	3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
	4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. There were no changes made to our process of sheltered PIT count implementation.
2. There were no changes made to our process of unsheltered PIT count implementation besides our means of assistance in conducting the count (more team players).
3. It allowed us to have a more strengthened sampling since more areas were covered.
4. N/A

2C. System Performance

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

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section VII.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. We used data and informed opinions from qualified staff collected from agencies within the coordinated entry system and CoC membership to determine which risk factors contribute to individuals and families becoming homeless for the first time.
2. Our goal is to provide families receiving homelessness prevention funds with more assistance over time, allowing assistance to taper rather than end abruptly. Also, we are leveraging the area's financial literacy resources to provide greater support to families that need coaching. Also, we have made application to local officials to provide funds for identified gaps in services for ESG over income families.
3. The CoC Board President is responsible for the effort.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless–CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.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. To reduce the length of time persons remain homeless: participate in affordable housing development by lobbying for preference to chronically homeless; leveraging resources to more intensely address barriers to housing, prioritizing chronically homeless in the area's vulnerability index; and building better relationships with landlords to overcome reluctance to rent to families with poor rental histories and criminal records.
2. HMIS is the key factor to identify individuals and families with the longest lengths of time homeless. We are able to see the history of services provided by HMIS participating agencies.
3. The CoC Board President is responsible for the effort.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.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's strategy to increase exits to permanent housing (PH) from emergency shelters, transitional housing and rapid re-housing include using a Housing First approach. With our Housing First approach we:
•Develop a housing plan
•Provide housing services
•Address the identified barriers
•Acquiring all necessary documentation needed to fulfill the process.
2. To reduce the length of time persons remain homeless there is a participation in affordable housing development by lobbying for preference to chronically homeless. Resources are leveraged to more intensely address barriers to housing. Prioritization of the chronically homeless in the area's vulnerability index is a factor. Relationships with landlords were built and strengthened to overcome reluctance to rent to families with poor rental histories and criminal records.
3. Our Executive Committee will oversee our CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to retain permanent housing.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC conducts a standardized assessment of all homeless individuals who enter the system of care. This helps to document an individual's or family's strengths and weaknesses.
2. Our strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns is to provide intensive follow-up services, linkage to mainstream resources, and monitor the families placement over a 6-12 month period.
3. The Social Services Director of the Central Access Point; the Salvation Army.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. We provide linkage to mainstream services and try to remove any barriers like transportation, telephone, or child care issues from the clients who need services or work availability.
2. The CoC coordinates job fairs and placement services for the clients of agencies that participate in the CoC.
3. The Alabama State employment is an active participant with the CoC and are the leaders in networking with service providers to improve the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.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. We provide linkage to mainstream services and try to remove any barriers like transportation, telephone, or child care issues from the clients who need services.
2. We identify vulnerabilities through the coordinated assessment and match the vulnerabilities with community, state and Federal resources.
3. The Central Access point is the Salvation Army and they are a main provider of linkage services.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

		If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:
	1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
	2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

	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

3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

	We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:
1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported–please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
	. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	IE-1. Local Compe...	09/28/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	IE-2. Local Compe...	09/28/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	IE-2a. Scored Ren...	09/28/2022
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Submission Summary

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- Advocates
- Public housing agencies
- School districts
- Social service providers
- Hospitals
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- Universities
- Affordable housing developers
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Thank you!

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From: Demitria Lewis
Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:01 PM
To: osouthall@tuscaloosahousing.org; 'Chris Hall' <chall@tuscaloosahousing.org>
Subject: FY2022 PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS DUE

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IE-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

Attached is our Ranking and Selection Process for Continuum of Care Applications.

Our Review and Rank Process is conducted by our CoC Funding Program Committee.

West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless Ranking and Selection Process for Continuum of Care Project Applications

WEST ALABAMA COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

RANKING AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR CONTINUUM OF CARE PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Tuscaloosa's Continuum of Care, the West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (WACH) will use the following process to rank project applications for the Continuum of Care Competition.

Selection Process

A. HMIS Renewals

- HMIS Renewals will be assessed for performance and spending in alignment with HUD requirements and the CoC's monitoring committee.
- Confirmation of intent to participate will be through the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) confirmation process.

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, enacted into law on May 20, 2009, requires that all communities have an HMIS with the capacity to collect required data concerning individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The Act also codifies into law certain data collection requirements integral to HMIS. With enactment of the HEARTH Act, HMIS participation became a statutory requirement for recipients and subrecipients of the CoC Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

HUD expects the CoCs to use HMIS data to track their progress in meeting CoC and project-specific performance goals, support community-wide planning, and to identify how best to direct resources to prevent and end homelessness. CoCs need high-quality HMIS data to complete the homelessness components of the Consolidated Plan and to meet HUD reporting requirements, such as the required Annual Performance Report (APR), and Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). Finally, HMIS data are essential to documenting a CoC's qualifications as a high-performing community.

As HMIS is a HUD mandated requirement in order to receive Continuum of Care funding, it is strongly recommended as one of the top priorities in Tier 1 in order to secure the funding for this authorized activity.

B. Permanent Housing

- Will be assessed for performance and spending in alignment with HUD requirements.
- Confirmation of agency intent to participate will be through the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) confirmation process.

Because HUD continues to prioritize permanent supportive housing, the CoC Board is recommending the Permanent Housing renewals to be placed in Tier 1. Permanent Housing renewal projects must meet HUD's renewal threshold eligibility and performance measures.

C. Transitional Housing

- Transitional Housing renewal projects will continue with the Letter of Intent (LOI) process.
- Only those verified on HUD's Grant Inventory Worksheet will be eligible.

- In alignment with HUD's priorities and performance measures, the LOI is mainly performance based, but conditional on established HUD performance measures.
- Applications must meet baseline HUD thresholds and will be reviewed and conditionally accepted on the following criteria:
  - Complete and timely submission of required application and associated documents.
  - Successful and timely completion of e-snaps application.
  - Success in meeting performance standards as determined locally by the CoC's monitoring committee and by HUD.

New Projects

Due to funding limitations, HUD will not consider requests for new funding outside the reallocation process, CoC planning, and United Funding Agency costs.

HUD will assess all new projects for the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness and performance standards:

- Project applicants and potential sub-recipients must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursements of sub-recipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitor findings;
- For expansion projects, project applicants must clearly articulate the part of the project being expanded. Additionally, the project applicants must clearly demonstrate that they are not replacing other funding sources;
- Project applicants demonstrate that they will be able to meet all timeliness standards. Project applicants with existing projects must demonstrate that they have met all project renewal threshold requirements of the NOFA. HUD reserves the right to deny the funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that is found to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, or unresolved audit/monitoring finding related to one or more existing grants. Additionally, HUD reserves the right to withdraw funds if no APR is submitted on the prior grant.
- New project applicants must demonstrate their ability to provide required matching/leveraging funds as required by the NOFA.
- New applicants must be a participating member of the CoC for one year prior to making application for funding.

Reallocation

The CoC will allow agencies to reallocate funds to new projects if they are ready and if the reallocation is eligible (see attached Reallocation Guidelines). New Projects created through reallocation will be reviewed in e-snaps for HUD eligibility and threshold criteria.

HUD will review new projects created through reallocation to determine if they meet the following project quality threshold requirements with clear and convincing evidence. The housing and services proposed must be appropriate to the needs of the program participants and the community.

New Criteria for 2016

Per HUD guidelines, to be considered as meeting project quality threshold, new projects created through reallocation must receive at least 5 points from HUD based on criteria below. New project applications created through reallocation that do not receive at least 5 points will be

rejected by HUD. As part of the local review, applicants choosing to reallocate must describe and certify to the CoC that they will meet these criteria.

- Whether the type, scale, and location fit the needs of the program participants (1 point);
- Whether the type, scale, and location of the supportive services, and the mode of transportation to those services fit the needs of the program participants (1 point);
- Whether the specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of the program participants (1 point);
- Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (1 point);
- Whether program participants are assisted to both increase their incomes and live independently using mainstream housing and service programs in a manner that fits their needs (1 point);
- Whether 75% of the proposed program participants come from the street or other locations not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe havens (1 point); and
- Whether amenities (e.g. grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) are accessible in the community (1 point)

FY 2016 HUD Priorities

1.) Create a systemic response to homelessness as evidenced by system performance measures, a coordinated entry process, promotion of participant choice, and a model that promotes an open, inclusive, and transparent delivery of homeless assistance;

2. Strategically allocating resources by comprehensively reviewing project quality, performance, and cost effectiveness, maximizing the use of mainstream and other community-based resources, and reviewing transitional housing projects for cost-effectiveness, performance, and the number and type of eligibility criteria to determine whether it should be reallocated to RRH or another model;

3.) Ending chronic homelessness by 2017;

4.) Ending family homelessness;

5.) Ending youth homelessness;

6.) Ending veteran homelessness;

7.) And Using a Housing First approach that uses data to quickly and stably house homeless persons, engaging landlords and property owners, removing barriers to entry, and adopting client-centered service methods.

Tier and Ranking

The CoC must assign a unique rank to each project that it intends to submit to HUD for funding. HUD strongly advises CoCs to rank higher those project applications that the CoC determines are high priority, high performing, and meet the needs and gaps as identified in the CoC.

Tiers

To ensure that CoCs have the opportunity to prioritize their projects locally in the event that HUD is not able to fund all renewals, HUD requires that CoCs rank projects in 2 tiers. The tiers are financial thresholds. (Per the FY2016 NOFA, Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent of the CoC's ARD amount approved on the final HUD-approved GIW and projects in this tier. See page 13, Section II B.16.)

Consistent with the HUD CoC Program Competition NOFA, projects will be ranked as follows:

Tier 1:
1.) Renewal HMIS, permanent housing projects, PSH that serves a priority population, RRH, or transitional housing that exclusively serves homeless youth;
2.) New PSH projects created through reallocation for 100 percent chronically homeless, especially chronically homeless families with children and youth;
3.) New rapid re-housing projects created through reallocation for homeless households with children and youth;
4.) Renewal transitional housing;
5.) CoC planning costs;
6.) UFA costs; and
7.) Any project application submitted by the CoC that was not included in the HUD approved GIW.
- **HMIS renewals will be placed in Tier 1 due to the requirement of HMIS reporting.**

Tier 2:
1.) Renewal and new PSH, RRH, or transitional housing that exclusively serves homeless youth;
2.) Renewal transitional housing, except those transitional housing projects that exclusively serve homeless youth;
3.) CoC planning costs;
4.) UFA costs;
5.) SSO projects for centralized or coordinated assessment;
10.) Any project application submitted by the CoC that was not included in the HUD approved GIW.
- **CoC planning grant is placed in Tier 2**

Ranking Criteria Process

The ranking process used locally will align with HUD's process as described in the 2016 NOFA. Points will be assigned to projects in accordance to corresponding criteria. Renewal Project Applications will be assigned a numeric value of up to 70 points for the purpose of aligning with HUD's ranking process and point criteria as provided in the table on the following page. New PSH or RRH projects created through reallocation will be ranked based on the performance of the renewal application which is being reallocated. Projects will be ranked in HUD priority order by project type (e.g. PH, TH, SSO, etc.) applying the methodology described above. Any remaining projects not fitting in the amount allocated for Tier 1 are placed in Tier 2. The following is a matrix of ranking criteria and points.

2016 Ranking Criteria

Program Type and Population Served	Up to 25 points
Renewal HMIS or New HMIS projects for a centralized or coordinated assessment system	12
PSH or TH serving a priority population (Defined in Policy Priorities of FY2016 NOFA)	2
PSH Serving 100% chronically homeless or TH serving 100% homeless youth	4
PSH or TH serving homeless households with children and/or youth	4
PSH or TH project has adopted a Housing First Model	2
PSH or TH project has adopted an extremely low barrier approach, with less than 2 qualifiers for program entry	1
Employment and Income	Up to 4 points
20% of program participants obtained employment income	2
20% of program participants obtained other income	2
Access to Mainstream Resources	Up to 5 points
55% of participants obtained mainstream benefits at program exit	3
20% of participants obtained mainstream benefits at program exit	2
Percentage of participants obtaining mainstream benefits at exit increased from the previous year.	2
Transitional to Permanent Housing (for TH only)	Up to 7 points
80% of transitional housing participants moved to permanent housing	5
65% of transitional housing participants moved to permanent housing	2
Percentage of participants moving from TH to PH increased from previous year	2
OR	
Participants remaining in Permanent Housing (For PH only)	Up to 7 points
80% of permanent housing participants remained in permanent housing for 6 months or longer	5
65% of permanent housing participants remained in permanent housing for 6 months or longer	2
Percentage of participants remaining in PH increased from previous year	2
Match/Leveraging	Up to 3 points
Project application demonstrates 51%-100% in leveraging or match	3
Project application demonstrates 25%-50% in leveraging or match	2
Spending	2 points
100% of project funding was expended in the last grant term	2
HMIS	Up to 15 points
Bed utilization project demonstrates 86% or higher bed coverage rate on 2016 HIC	5
Project has below 10% null or missing values (Based on Entry/Exit data from most recent grant year)	5
Project has below 10% of refused or unknown records (Based on Entry/Exit data from most recent grant year)	5
Point in Time Count	1 point
Participated in 2016 PIT	1
Housing Inventory	2 points
Project submitted 2016 Housing Inventory to the CoC Lead/City of Tuscaloosa by deadline	2
Total Points Possible	70

Appeals Process

The Appeals Committee represented by 3-5 non-conflicted CoC members and the CoC Board will review all appeals and make recommendations and make a final determination regarding the appeal. The Appeals Committee will be selected by the CoC Board of Governance or its designees. These individuals will have no conflict of interest in serving, as defined by the conflict of interest policy.

Applicants may appeal any of the following decisions of the CoC Board of Governance:

• Placement of a project in Tier 2.

• Reduction of a renewal grant amount (i.e. renewal grant partially reallocated to a new project).

• Reduction of a renewal grant (i.e. entire grant reallocated to a new project) if not previously notified that the grant was to be reallocated as a result of low performance.

Applicants placed in Tier 1 may not appeal their rank on the Project Priority Listing. All renewal applicants will receive notification of their submission status and ranking at least 15 days prior to the NOFA submission deadline.

Any agency that wishes to appeal must notify the CoC Board of Governance in writing no later than at least 3 business days after the priority ranking has been communicated in writing. An appeal must be in written form on agency letterhead and submitted to the CoC Secretary (who will immediately distribute to the Ranking Committee. The letter may be in written or electronic format and must include:

a) The agency name
b) Project Name
c) Reason for appeal (maximum of 2 pages)
d) Documentation to support the appeal
e) Signature by the project's program manager <u>and</u> the agency's executive director

Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 5 business days. If an appeal will be filed, other agencies whose rank may be affected will be notified as a courtesy. Such agencies will not be able to file an appeal until after the appeals process is complete.

IE-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application

Attached is the scoring criteria that is utilized by our CoC.

Renewal Application Outline and Scoring Criteria

Indicator	Criteria	Total Points
	Section I: Project Narrative	
	Part 1: Agency Background and Capacity (100 points)	
Agency Experience **Question 1-A**	- Does the agency demonstrate a key understanding of the needs and gaps of the priority population? - Does the agency demonstrate a history of working with the priority population? - Does the agency have experience with providing the service it is requesting funding for? - If the agency lacks experience, does the narrative provide a description of steps the agency will take to fill gaps in knowledge? - If the agency has a subgrantee, does the narrative provide a description of the subgrantee agency's experience and history providing services to the priority population and/or proposed services?	15
Training **Question 1-B**	- Does the agency demonstrate awareness of mandatory/required trainings and are agency staff provided the correct level and frequency of training? - Are trainings relevant to the priority populations and mission of the CoC? - Are agency staff taking advantage of CoC sponsored trainings through CAS? - Has the agency incorporated training for staff of all levels, including the board of directors and executive leadership on priority populations and service delivery that meets CLAS standards? - Has the agency made changes to service delivery and program design based on trainings? - Is training offered to all levels of staff in order to provide pathways for professional development?	20
Data **Question 1-C**	- Does the agency utilize HMIS or comparable database for data entry? - Does the agency reference DQ standards and appear aware of specific data requirements (i.e. data security protocols, timeliness of data entry, required data elements, etc.)? - Does the agency have a clear process for collecting and entering data and evaluating data accuracy and completeness, including timelines and staff? - Does the agency have a data quality improvement plan and an evaluation process in place to review and update? - Is the plan communicated throughout the agency?	20
Racial Equity **Question 1-D**	- Are management and decision-making bodies representative of the population served by the programs? - Has the agency identified steps to help the board of directors and decision-making bodies better reflect the population served by the program? - Has the agency established professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different race and ethnicities in the organization? - Is the agency training and educating staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness? - Has the agency reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and have a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers? - Is the agency collecting data and/or reviewing HMIS to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its program?	15

	- Does the agency use communication, such as flyers, websites or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	
Consumer Involvement Question 1-E	- Does your organization Board of Trustees or subcommittee contain at least one individual with lived experience? - Is there a process in place for individuals with lived experience or consumers to give feedback to the program? - Is there a process to evaluate whether people with lived experience feel that their feedback is valued and heard? - Is there a process to ensure the feedback of people with lived experience is used intentionally/strategically to develop policies for this program? - Does the feedback process include multiple ways (i.e. focus groups, paper and electronic surveys, one on one sessions) for the consumer to provide feedback? - Does the agency collect consumer feedback during different points in program participation (i.e. after intake, after service planning, after discharge, etc.)? - Does the agency provide an opportunity for anonymous consumer feedback and does the agency provide consumers with an anti-retaliation policy to protect consumers if they share unwanted feedback? - Has the agency identified any barriers to involving people with lived experience in program design and process development? - If so, does the agency have an understanding of the barriers and a plan to address these barriers?	15
Fiscal Capacity Question 1-F	- Is the project model described, in detail, through a fiscal lens? - Does the proposed budget, including line items and amounts, match the project description? - Does the program provide sufficient salary for program staff to ensure reduction in staff turnover and high-quality, effective service delivery? - Does the budget and staffing plan indicate if positions are fully or partially funded by the project? If shared between programs, does the organization record the allocation of time for those individuals? - Does the agency have a plan for sustaining the project if key personnel leave during the course of the grant year? - Are the projected costs reasonable and realistic compared to the projected outcomes of the project? - Has the agency described any changes within the last three years that have caused a reduction in significant budget variances? - Are there any changes that may occur within the upcoming up year that will have an effect on financial operations? - If yes, are the projected changes, the reasons for changes and the effect these changes will have on the budget or capacity described in detail? - Can this project be sustained if there is a reduction in HUD funding? - Does the agency have a plan for adjusting the program without reducing quality of services if there is a reduction in HUD funding?	15
Part 2: Project Description and Implementation (100 points)		
Project Applicability and Relevance 2-A	- Does the agency address a gap that the CoC has identified as a need?	20

	- Has the agency identified other programs that provide similar services and collaborated with those agencies to reduce duplication of effort and maximize services and supports offered to the community? - Has the agency demonstrated that the project aligns with the mission of its own agency AND the mission of the CoC? - Are at least 80% of beds/vouchers dedicated to one of the CoC's identified priority populations?	
Objectives and Outcomes **Question 2-B**	- Does the agency include all elements of a SMART (specific, measurable, attainable/achievable, realistic, time-focused/timebound) goal in the response? - Does the agency include in the SMART goals, outcomes that are relevant to the priority populations discussed in the NOFO? - Are the SMART goals relevant to the CoC Strategic Plan goals and objectives? - Does the agency include projected outcomes for number of households to be served? - Does the agency include projected outcomes for number of households linked to training, employment and/or benefits and mechanisms for such linkages? - Does the agency include projected outcomes for providing services to whole families without separating individual family members in accordance with each family's definition of family? - Does the agency include system performance metrics and/or data-based outcomes? - Does the agency provide an objective related to tracking consumer outcomes post-discharge?	20
Activities and Services **Question 2-C**	- Does the agency provide a SMART plan for connecting people to permanent housing? - Does the agency provide a plan for ensuring that consumers can maintain permanent housing once achieved? - Does the agency include language that describes individualized service planning, plan maintenance and consumer empowerment? - Does the agency provide evidence of compliance with CLAS standards? - Are the activities/services provided relevant to the needs of the populations served? - Are specific vulnerable populations and services outlined in the NOI reflected in the activities/services? - Do the activities/services include responsible staff? - Does the agency have activities/services related to assessing and linking consumers to employment services, mainstream benefits and healthcare services and insurance? - Does the agency have collaborations and partnerships with organizations that provide complementary services and/or reflect the activities/services listed? - If the agency is utilizing subgrantees, partnerships or collaborations to provide activities and services, are these roles and responsibilities outlined in this section?	20
Monitoring and Evaluation **Question 2-D**	- Does the agency have a plan for monitoring program objective and outcomes that includes frequency of review and staff roles and responsibilities? - Does the agency utilize data-driven measurement tools to determine program effectiveness and quality? - Does the agency include consumer focus groups, questionnaires and/or surveys that measure consumer satisfaction of the progress on ISP goals and activities? - Does the agency monitoring and evaluation plan include a description of how quality improvement goals are determined and by whom? - Does the agency quality improvement plan include a PDSA model, or other data driven model for improving program performance and service quality?	20

Category	Questions	Points
CoC and CE Collaboration Question 2-E	- Do all levels of staff attend CoC meetings including executive leadership and direct program staff? - Is the agency aware of CoC initiatives and actively working on strategic plan goals and objectives? - Does the agency demonstrate knowledge of SP goals and objectives and has the agency identified ways to assist in achieving these? - Does the agency have a process for ensuring CoC information and initiatives are communicated to staff throughout the agency?	20
Part 3: Housing First Philosophy (100 points)		
Operationalizing housing first model Question 3-A	- Do program policies and procedures reflect a Housing First philosophy? - Do all levels of staff go through Housing First training? - Has the agency received any guidance or consultation to become Housing First? - Is there a clear implementation plan for Housing First in this program? - Is the Housing First philosophy apparent in processes used during this program implementation? - Does the program utilize a client-centered service model that focuses on goals developed by the household? - Does the program use an inclusive decision-making structure for system development? - Do program processes clearly indicate utilization of the coordinated assessment process for prioritizing households most in need?	25
Low-barrier project criteria Question 3-B	- Is access to this program contingent on a criminal or credit background check, documentation submission, attendance in certain services or based upon income received? - Are service and/or treatment plans voluntary? - If there is a "yes" to any of the above questions, is there an explanation? - Does the explanation describe why there are these barriers? - Is there a plan for implementing a Housing First philosophy into the next year?	25
Overcoming challenges and barriers Question 3-C	- Does the agency provide a list of detailed barriers to implementing a Housing First philosophy? - Are the barriers listed agency-level barriers or are they system-level barriers? (agency will not lose points for system-level barriers identified) - Are there detailed strategies listed to address these barriers? - Does the agency have a plan to avoid returns to homelessness?	25
Agency-wide initiatives Question 3-D	- Does the agency adhere to a housing first philosophy throughout all programs? - Has the agency listed initiatives, in detail, intended to move the entire organization towards operationalization of a Housing First model? - Are initiatives consumer/program participant-driven?	25
Section II: Program Performance		
Most recent monitoring score	- What was the project's most recent Monitoring and Performance Review Score?	
Section III: Budget		
Match	- Does the project provide a letter of commitment for any a firm match commitment of cash or in-kind support with a total value of 25% of the proposed project budget request, minus leasing costs?	10

Funding proposal is realistic to meet program objectives	- Is the CoC funding request is reasonable and appropriate for the project type? - Is the project financially feasible?	10
Funding proposal matches previous grant year request (Renewal Projects Only)	- Does the project funding request match the total budget on the most 2022 Grant Inventory Worksheet?	10

IE-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

Attached is the memorandum confirming that we did not have any applications rejected.

M E M O R A N D U M

We received 4 applications for the FY2022 CoC Grant Competition. All applications were received, reviewed, and ranked by the CoC Funding Program Committee. No applications were appealed nor rejected.

Thank you,

KTJackson
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Karen-Thompson Jackson
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AL-506 Tuscaloosa City and County Continuum of Care

IE-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted
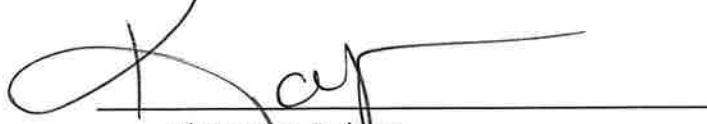
Attached is the memorandum confirming all of the accepted project applications.

To: City of Tuscaloosa

On behalf of the West Alabama Coalition of the Homeless and Continuum of Care, your FY2022 CoC Project Application was received. Each project will be reviewed and ranked by the CoC Funding Program Committee.

Thank you,

Karen Thompson-Jackson
Chair, West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (WACH)

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To: Tuscaloosa Housing Authority

On behalf of the West Alabama Coalition of the Homeless and Continuum of Care, your FY2022 CoC Project Application was received. Each project will be reviewed and ranked by the CoC Funding Program Committee.

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To: Salvation Army

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Thank you,

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IE-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects

Attached are the meeting minutes of the final scores for all projects.

West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless CoC
Rating and Ranking Committee Meeting

Attendance: Dr. Karen Jackson-Thompson
                 Anderson Graves
                 Willie Johnson
                 Susan Kasteler
                 Willie Mays Jones

Date: September 15, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr. Johnson, who is new to the CoC. He works with Alabama Department of Rehabilitation.

Anderson Graves expressed his appreciation for all the Ms. Lewis is doing for the CoC to keep us informed and on-track.

Karen reviewed the purpose of our committee and objective for our meeting.

The committee discussed the Tiers as set out by HUD. A discussion of the new Tool for Rating and Ranking applicants was had. The consensus was that due to the small number of applicants that we have this tool is not as helpful to us as it is to larger CoCs. However, the committee felt that we may be required to use this tool in the future and will input our rankings for documentation.

Our CoC continued to use our scored renewal project application criteria.

Anderson shared the applications through screen share and the committee reviewed the applications. It was determined that The City of Tuscaloosa (HMIS) and The Salvation Army (TH) fall into Tier 1 and The Housing Authority applications fall into Tier 2. Priority ranking was given to Tier 1 applicants.

The committee agreed to the following ranking:

1. The City of Tuscaloosa: Tier 1, 47 points
2. The Salvation Army: Tier 1, 34 points
3. The Tuscaloosa Housing Authority: Tier 2, 28 points
4. The Tuscaloosa Housing Authority: Tier 2, 28 points

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kasteler

IE-5c. Web Posting- CoC Approved Consolidated Application

Attached is the snip of the CoC- Approved application that was posted to our WACH page on September 23, 2022.

FY2022

The FY2022 CoC Program Competition is underway.

The following Renewal Applications were accepted and ranked:

1. City of Tuscaloosa – HMIS Renewal
2. Salvation Army- Veterans Transitional Living
3. Tuscaloosa Housing Authority – CoC Homeless Assistance
4. Tuscaloosa Housing Authority – Project #2 (Rental Assistance)

Competition updates:

FY2022 NOFO Announcement

FY2022 Project Application Announcement

FY2022 CoC Competition Timeline

FY 2022 Priority Listing

FY 2022 CoC- Approved Consolidated Application

IE-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application

Attached is the email that was sent to our CoC General Body in regards to the consolidated application.

From: Demitria Lewis
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 4:44 PM
To: Karen Thompson-Jackson; Lisa McLaughlin; kimsmithrn@currently.com; Washington, Kimdeldria; Richardson, Michelle; Diane Porter; vturnage@ability.alliance.info; atgravestwo2@gmail.com; Lisa Maddox; cwhite@bhmdiocese.org; Marie L.; Sr. Maria Elena Mendez; Heather Hill; Margaret Desjarlais; Nancy Green; Brandon L. Baker; sdumassocialsecurity@eswaweb.org; Eddie.Franklin@uss.salvationarmy.org; rwilliams@fivehorizons.org; Melissa Tuten; Ellen Potts; Susan Kasteler; Social Worker; GSCClinic Samaritan; virgil@promisedlandministry.com; Stacy Williams; Kenyetta Wallace; wmjones@alsp.org; Kathyhofstadter@gmail.com; Barbara Hankins; Cathy Vanderford; Cheryl DuBose; mindchangers1@gmail.com; peltgi1@gmail.com; Tiffany Poe; Lakamy Williams; Tamika Alexander; kgrice@cspwal.com; Kristen Bobo; marilou.baker@alspan.org; belinda (belinda@turningpointservices.org); derek@turningpointservices.org; Ethel L. Harris; Ingrid Edwards; cjones@tuscaloosahousing.org; Jackie Chaisson; slafon@tuscaloosahousing.org; Paula Nevins; chall@tuscaloosahousing.org; osouthhall@tuscaloosahousing.org; Regina Brooks; kbormann@tuscaloosaoneplace.org; jbonham@tuscaloosaoneplace.org; rjackson@tuscaloosaoneplace.org; courtney.thomas@ua.edu; Kenneth.Turner3@va.gov; Rice, Cristina; kbarker@voase.org; Demonica Scott; Julia Sosa; Debbie Gregory; ghurst@tcss.net; Daniel C. Parker; Work TES; Janet Franks
Subject: FY2022 COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION APPROVAL AND PRIORITY LISTING

Hi All:

Attached is the FY2022 CoC Collaborative Application for approval, along with our final priority listing.

DO YOU APPROVE FOR FINAL SUBMISSION?

If not, send in any corrections or comments if you have any concerns.

In addition, the application and priority listing can be found on the City of Tuscaloosa's website: https://www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/west-alabama-coalition-for-the-homeless

Thank you for your consideration.

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