

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: NC-506 - Wilmington/Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Cape Fear Council of Governments

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:

1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

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

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Cape Fear Homeless Continuum of Care (CFHCoC) has an open-door policy for membership. Recruitment is continuous and information is always available on the CoC's Website: <https://capefearcog.org/continuum-of-care/>. The community, whether formal members of the collaborative or not, are always welcomed to the monthly meetings of the Continuum of Care. Meeting information is posted on the website and broadcast by email every month. Membership forms are available on-line, by email and in-person. We are also active on social media and communicate to the public through local media outlets for events involving CoC members. We use in-person and electronic forms of communication to ensure access to the widest range of community members in our three-county catchment area. In FY2023, we started reviewing of documents for accessibility, both as part of the NC HMIS consortium and within NC 506, for the forms we use most frequently to ensure the language and the content are accessible to people with disabilities, including those using screen readers. The review and updates impacted all the CoCs within the NC HMIS collaborative, the State ESG office, and included recommendations to improve accessibility to our HMIS software provider. Inclusivity has been a theme in our outreach for the last two years, including intentional outreach to the LGBTQ advocacy center in our area as well as to groups representing underserved BIPOC communities. Based on analysis of our demographic data, 37% of those experiencing homelessness in our community identify as Black/African American, while making up 11% of the total population for the region based on census data. Those identifying as Latino/Hispanic made up 5% of those experiencing homelessness, while making up less than 6% of the total population based on census data. The CoC as a whole and the Board of Directors has increased diversity in membership over the last two years with substantial changes in 2023 to increase representation of our neighbors identifying as black/African American. The CoC membership voted to add representation from the Cape Fear Latinos to the Board of Directors in 2022 and the Wilmington Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, made up predominately of black churches, to the Board of Directors during the 2023 Board election.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In the fall of 2022, the NC HMIS collaborative, of which NC 506 is a member worked with C4 Innovations to analyze quantitative and obtain then analyze qualitative data toward examining racial data for each CoC. The process involved meeting with people currently experiencing homelessness in the community in several sessions to collect experiential data. This helped the CoC to recognize the need for more direct data collection and interaction with those experiencing homelessness. To increase the interaction and take deliberate action, the CoC began working with HUD TA in December 2022 toward development of a Strategic Plan for reducing homelessness over the next 3 years that would intentionally involve more of the CoC community than had been engaged previously. As a part of that the CoC strategic planning process, the CoC has hosted community meetings looking for participation and feedback for this process. In March, we hosted a series of collaborative meetings of shelter providers, both funded and not funded, to discuss needs and gaps in the community these meetings included members of faith-based organizations that had not previously participated with the CoC. All of the CoC monthly meetings, that generally occur on the first Tuesday of each month, are hybrid meetings to allow for maximum participation throughout our region and by those that may have challenges that may make participating in-person difficult. HUD TA presented information to the membership at the March monthly meeting and data collection from the community occurred at the April, June and July 2023 meetings. In March 2023, CoC Board members lead a community forum on the State of Homelessness in Wilmington that was attended by members from across the community including elected officials and discussion with people currently experiencing homelessness and those who were formerly living unsheltered. The members of the CoC, including Board members, participated in discussions and advocacy throughout the months and have used the data and information collected to make decisions about how the CoC moves forward.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has made deliberate efforts to recruit new applicants over the last two grant cycles due to the lack of applicants, particularly for federal dollars. The CoC has advertised for application through social media, through its distribution list emails which reach members and non-members, at meetings which are open to the public and by scheduling orientation opportunities for all interested CoC members to find out about the application process. In the last two years, the CoC has had first time applicants in the ESG grant competition. These new applicants are small but have the potential to grow capacity to manage federal funding and meet HUD grantee requirements. In both the ESG training in April and the HUD CoC grant competition training in July, the CoC had 5 or more CoC member agencies who attended. Though not all submitted applications, the turnout is promising. Two new applicants applied in the 2023 ESG grant competition and were allocated funding through the CoC scoring, ranking and allocation process. Applicants submit applications to a secure on-line folder rather than by paper, which allows more time to work on the application and perfect their documentation to the extent possible. Applicants can call on Lead Agency Staff to assist with needed reports. Scorecards and CoC required narratives are all posted on the webpage for ease of access. Posting timelines and instructions provide transparency for the public and all involved in the process. In addition, the CoC written standards are also posted for public review as well as for the use by applicants and funded agencies to ensure they are compliant with CoC requirements. The Ranking Committee conducts the review of applications and determines scoring using the CFHCoC Board of Directors approved scorecards and follows the CoC's written Rating-Ranking-Reallocation Policy to rank applications and determine funding allocations. The ESG training was a hybrid session and the CoC HUD application training was all virtual to insure as many participants as were interested could participant. Since the region is large, virtual options for participation are always offered for CoC meetings, which also makes meetings and trainings accessible to those with disabilities as well as those with transportation constraints. The process of submission is outlined by the submission instructions and timeline posted to the CFHCoC's webpage.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

18.		No
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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NC DHHS is the recipient of ESG funding in North Carolina. The Lead Agency for CFHCoC is the sub-recipient and fiscal agent for sub-sub-recipients (funded agencies) in the NC 506 catchment area and enters contracts with each funded agency to ensure funding and performance requirements are managed responsibly. The CoC Board of Directors identifies community priorities for both the ESG and HUD CoC Grant opportunities based on the type of projects that can be funded by each. The CoC and NC DHHS work closely together to administer the ESG funding and to ensure monitor projects for fiscal responsibility and performance quality. Both NC DHHS and CFHCoC's Lead Agency provide training, guidance, and support to funded agencies. Agency performance is reviewed at least annually as part of the process for reviewing applications for renewal and new funded. Agency performance, including fiscal management, participation in data management, and program effectiveness are evaluated on an on-going basis. Requisitions are reviewed by the fiscal agent before submission to NC DHHS, data quality is constantly under review, and program performance is monitored through the data collected in HMIS as well as periodic use of other tools including survey, listening sessions and reviews of grievances. These tools help to identify poor performing agencies and factor into the ranking and reallocation process during the annual grant cycle. The Lead Agency also provides data to support the City of Wilmington's consolidated plan including providing PIT, HIC and System Performance data as well as analysis of other data elements as may be requested by the City. We also contribute data and analysis to annual reports and applications for funding by the City such as the HOME ARPA grant application.

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	No
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Due to State of North Carolina's guidelines on information sharing related to data collected by school systems, we are unable to secure MOUs with the three County-based school systems in our catchment area for formal relationships. However, we continue to seek an opportunity to formalize how the CoC and the school systems work together. It is integral to the success of the system overall to integrate data from the schools in whatever manner it is made available. We use the schools' public reported data to help inform our analysis of homelessness for children and families in our catchment area and to help inform our annual PIT count efforts. In the absence of MOUs, we have active discussions with LEAs and the MV Liaisons with each school system. We have one Board member who is a MV Liaison for the school system and representatives from the other two that participate in committees. Through these representatives the CoC has offered training to school social workers for proposed voluntary data collection through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) which is managed through our HMIS software. Because the system is web-based, school social workers can offer to assist families in accessing coordinated entry and completing assessments if families wish to participate. No information is provided for an unwilling participant. This proposal is furthering our commitment to extend access through out the community so that data is collected in an environment of trust which improves accuracy. Our RHYs funded youth sheltering programs also help us connect with education providers and youth experiencing homelessness throughout the catchment area. These funded providers use the HMIS system and are also access points for the CES. These providers also participate in the CES committee and help inform decision making as the CES is revised to improve access to marginalized communities as well as youth and families.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Currently, NC 506 does not have formal written policies regarding advising families and individuals about eligibility for educational services. However, the CoC has functioning relationships between the MV Liaisons within the community and the shelter and crisis response providers to ensure educational services are provided to youth and children experiencing homelessness by their home school districts. The school systems have formal processes for providing services, including transportation services, that provide comprehensive coverage both within each county and interjurisdictionally when families experiencing homelessness cross county lines to find shelter. The school systems strive to utilize all available resources to reverse a student's perpetual outcome, including setting up schedules that appeal to students as well as provide counseling services, summer learning experiences, and similar programs that can support students both at-risk of and experiencing homelessness. The McKinney-Vento liaison for each school system in the NC 506 catchment area are required to let the parents know their rights and advocate for the student within the school district to ensure that they receive a fortified education. Families may be assessed for services both in the sheltered environment and by the school system on a case-by-case basis to ensure access to education services is provided. Due to the lack of general population emergency shelters in two of the three counties in our catchment area and the small size of two of the three DV shelters, the interjurisdictional relationships are common. The right to educational services may also be discussed during Coordinated Entry assessments as way to ensure families with children know their rights to access services even if the family is not yet connected to a shelter or other specific crisis service provider. The youth shelter, Transitional Living Program (TLP), and RHYS funded youth Maternity programs routinely touch base with the schools on the services that they provide. Currently youth shelter options only exist within in Wilmington, though they serve the entire catchment area. As such, they attend most of the open houses at the schools in the catchment area and hand out information to the youth and families that attend. They provide table flyers for shelter services. School based social workers & guidance counselors are informed about the maternity & TLP programs and frequently refer youth to those services.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program--(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No

8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.	There are no sites or partners for the NC DHHS programs within 115 miles.	No	No

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	No
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NC 506 CoC membership includes the three primary providers for domestic violence services in the region as well as one member agency that focus primarily on human trafficking survivors and those fleeing HT. Leaders of two of the agencies sit on the CoC's Board of Directors. One leads the Coordinated Entry System policy committee, and another leads the Oversight Committee. Their involvement with the CoC helps inform policy development and ensures a focus on trauma-informed approaches to working with families and individuals. There is an emphasis on relationship- and trust-building. The COC actively promotes and disseminates information on training opportunities offered by victim serving organizations throughout the service area. The COC recruits and maintains victim service provider participation on the Board of Directors and on its various committees to ensure that victim service providers have input, and the voices of victims are amplified regarding best practices and safety protocols. Coordinated entry staff actively collaborates with CE assessors located within agencies that are specific to abuse victims to ensure that survivors of DV, SA, HT and stalking receive services that are trauma informed, strengths based and safety focused.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The COC actively promotes and disseminates information on training opportunities offered by victim serving organizations throughout the service area. New advocates working with the DV organizations are required to complete 24 hours of New Advocate training through the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and train a minimum of 24 hours with a staff member, topics covered include safety and planning protocols. Through the NCCADV, shelter staff members attend online and in-person trainings during the year, and update forms and services using NCCADV best practices. Though each provider has its own meeting protocol, generally staff meetings are held twice monthly and address trauma-informed, victim-centered care. The CES includes staff with victim service agencies who have training and skills to complete assessments for services due to the agency-required training. While there is a coordination of the information and centralized management through the HMIS, having multiple access points in the community allows for use of best practices based on the population being served by the providers. It gives the system flexibility to meet families and individuals experiencing homelessness "where they are" in term of needs and comfort level.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Persons fleeing domestic violence, sex trafficking, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who call the CE assessment line or present to an in-person access point are connected to the appropriate victim service provider for safety screening, planning and possible shelter. The person is provided with the agency contact and the CE assessor strives to ensure they have a safe place from which to make the call. If it is unsafe to proceed, the CE assessor will advise the caller to call 9-1-1 in an emergency situation. Once safety has been addressed, these individuals are offered confidential access to face to face assessment or via telephone as directed by the survivor. This assessment can be done at a location or in a manner that feels safe to the caller. As with all households, it is explained to these consumers that they do not have to consent to having their information entered into HMIS in order to be eligible for housing assistance. Community assessment sites located within victim service provider agencies to adhere to strict confidentiality protocols maintained by the service provider agencies.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NC 506 uses de-identified data from all three Domestic Violence shelters in our catchment area. All three agencies self-report the data they collect to the Lead Agency. The agencies track name, county, age, gender, race, & ethnicity. However, programs participant information is provided to the CoC without a name or with an alias/fictitious name. DV agencies working with CES also give residents choices of whether to complete the CE process and, if interested, how to complete the CE process including whether to complete CE in HMIS or, if they are uncomfortable with that option, to provide the information utilizing the DV system ID number. Two of the three agencies use EmpowerDB, which is fully compliance with all of HUD's HMIS Comparable Database standards for Fiscal Year 2024. The HMIS Lead agency also supplies DV providers with paper reporting templates as an option for reporting data. We accept the reporting in whatever manner the agency feels comfortable providing it to us and we manually reconcile the data with existing system data to reduce the likelihood of duplication.

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

3. the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

The CFHCoC adopted the VAWA requirements in its Written Standards that apply to all funded programs and to applicants for funding. The Written Standards for our CoC are posted publicly on the website and participating agencies are required not only to develop internal policies and procedures but also disclosures for individuals and families who may need emergency relocation assistance. Our current policy provides that any tenant receiving rental assistance through, or residing in a unit subsidized under, a covered housing program and who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault, human trafficking or stalking qualifies for an emergency transfer if he/she expressly requests the transfer; and he/she reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if he/she remains in his/her current unit; or, in the case of a tenant who is a victim of sexual assault, if he/she believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence by remaining in the same unit that he/she is currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the date of the request for transfer. Housing providers must allow victims to make an emergency transfer immediately or as soon as a safe unit is identified by the tenant. Whether the transfer is internal or external, it is the victim's right to determine what constitutes a safe unit. Agencies must provide remedies to protect tenants who have been victims. Nothing may preclude a tenant from seeking an internal emergency transfer and an external emergency transfer concurrently if a safe unit is not immediately available. Agencies may require documentation from a tenant seeking an emergency transfer, including that a tenant make a written request to the housing provider, where the tenant certifies that they meet the eligibility requirements to request a VAWA transfer. The agency may ask an individual seeking an emergency transfer to document the occurrence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in accordance with 24 CFR 5.2007, for which the individual is seeking the emergency transfer if it was not initially provided. However, no other documentation is required to qualify the tenant for an emergency transfer.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
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1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and
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2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
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The CFHCoC has identified that the CES policies and procedures used were outdated and did not provide sufficient access for survivors. As such, the CES Policy Committee is in the process of revising both the CoC's policies but also the assessment tools used by the CoC in order to determine the priorities for housing opportunities and provide better access for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The DV providers are integral to the redevelopment of the CoC's policies to ensure all vulnerable populations have access to housing opportunities sufficient to meet their needs by proactively redefining its internal measures of vulnerability which will impact how families and individuals are prioritized for housing opportunities. One of the biggest barriers within the system has been the CoC's previous exclusive focus on chronically homelessness individuals, which did not leave room to prioritize families with children or survivors. As the demographics of our homeless population changes, we recognize the need to update the CoC's focus and policies. While the process is incomplete, it is ongoing. The Committee has chosen an option to replace the ViSPDAT as the assessment tool and enact a layered approach from triage to assessment to placement. These changes are also being included in the CoC's strategic planning, which is on-going with HUD TA.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In the last two years, the CFHCoC has made a deliberate effort to include the voices of lived experience in CoC decision making. This included recruitment of new Board members, new committee members, and empowering those who participated silently at meetings. The Board of Directors currently include 2 members who experienced homelessness and are survivors of domestic violence. The CES Policy Committee chair, who was new to the Board last year, has 8 years of experience working with survivors including managing a shelter for those fleeing domestic violence. The CoC has been both intentional in its recruitment but also respectful of survivors' choices to share information. Survivors work throughout the system as paid employees of various agencies, including the Lead Agency. They experience are essential to the membership's understanding of working with survivors from a trauma informed perspective. The focus is always on the choice of a participant regardless of his/her circumstances to determine when and how much information to share. The CoC expanded access to its system of services by recruiting more agencies, including DV shelters and days shelters, to act as access points for the CES and to not force a timeline for data collection, but rather focus on quality of data by letting the client lead the process. It is the CoC's policy to meet vulnerable families and individuals where they are, build relationships and trust levels, and to let the participant choose what to share. This is true for all of our CES interactions but is especially important with survivors or those currently experiencing abuse or trauma. DV agencies working with CES also give residents choices of whether to complete the CE process and, if interested, how to complete the CE process including whether to complete CE in HMIS or, if they are uncomfortable with that option, to provide the information utilizing the DV system ID number.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

4. your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CFHCoC develops partnerships with organizations that can provide expertise around providing services to transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws. The LGBTQ Center of the Cape Fear Coast offers outreach, such as transgender support groups, and launched the Queer Youth Leadership Council in February 2023 to provide education and build relationships for individuals ages 16 to 21. It is the only identified LGBTQ leadership organization in our region. It has a small staff and engaging them to actively participate with the CoC has been difficult for that reason. However, their contributions of information and opportunities to engage are important as we seek to provide safe shelter for LGBTQIA community members experiencing homelessness and to ensure our shelters are safe spaces for the vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Agencies, staff, volunteers, and contractors must affirm commitment to providing equal access for all transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in a manner consistent with the equal access rule and provide services to transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in a manner consistent with the equal access rule. The CFHCoC uses both its grievance process and its monitoring processes to ensure housing providers comply with the CoC Written Standards both in writing and in practice. Compliance is reviewed by the Oversight Committee. Grievance and monitoring information inform the ranking committee as it evaluates applications for funding. Consequences of non-compliance with CoC policies include loss of Board and Committee positions, reallocation of existing funding and non-renewal of annual grants.

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

NOFO Section V.B.1.g.

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Brunswick County Housing Authority	2%	Yes-HCV	No

1C-7a. Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.

NOFO Section V.B.1.g.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Brunswick County Housing Authority has created a homeless preference for their PHA. The details are not fully available to us and they are not yet coordinating with the CoC's Coordinated Entry system. Brunswick is one of the "rural" counties in our catchment area.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	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.		No

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

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

Name of PHA: Wilmington Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	4
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	4
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CFHCoC requires applicants seeking funding for emergency shelter (ES), homelessness prevention services (HPS), permanent supportive housing (PSH) and rapid re-housing (RRH) to practice a Housing First model. The CFHCoC uses both its grievance process and its monitoring processes to ensure housing providers comply with the CoC Written Standards both in writing and in practice. Compliance is reviewed by the Oversight Committee. Grievance and monitoring information inform the ranking committee as it evaluates applications for funding. Consequences of non-compliance with CoC policies include loss of Board and Committee positions, reallocation of existing funding and non-renewal of annual grants. During the application process, the Ranking committee uses a combination of narratives and evaluation of program operations manuals that are scored to ensure the applicants policies are compliant with the CoC's Housing First Policies. The information provided by applicants is compared to the NC 506 Written Standards and the Ranking Committee consults with the Oversight Committee for applicant feedback include any grievances or monitoring findings that reflect a lack of compliance with the CoC's housing first policy. Including Applicants who do not comply with CoC Housing First Policies do not meet the CoC's threshold requirements for funding.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has street outreach programs, both ESG and PATH funded as well as privately funded, in two of three Counties in each catchment area. New Hanover County (NHC) is covered by ESG funded and PATH funded street outreach provided by Coastal Horizons Center (CHC), county-funded street outreach through the Getting Home Program manned by county employees, & street outreach activities funded privately by First Fruit Ministries and various churches in the area. Brunswick County has two street outreach programs. One is funded through local dollars granted to Brunswick Partnership for Housing and another that is privately funded through various churches and donations in south Brunswick County. Veterans Services of the Carolinas (VSC) provide PATH street outreach for veterans in Brunswick, Pender, and New Hanover. VSC is taking steps to expand street outreach to non-veterans in all three counties with grant funding received from the State and private resources. West Pender County and west Brunswick County are largely rural, and the resources needed to extend street outreach in those areas are significant due to distances and lack of established services of any meaningful kind. Due to lack of public transportation, those areas are also considered the least likely areas to find unsheltered persons. The areas closest to the beaches and the City of Wilmington have the highest rates of coverage. The street outreach programs in NHC and south Brunswick County operate daily. Currently, non-veteran street outreach covers about 66% of the catchment area as Brunswick Partnership for Housing covers all of Brunswick County, with private programs covering the Brunswick beach communities as well. Street outreach for veterans covers about 70% of the catchment area, as VSC covers New Hanover, eastern Pender, and eastern Brunswick Counties. NHC, which is the urban center for the catchment area, has street outreach covering 100% of the County and the coverage includes early evenings and weekend coverage. The rural areas of western Pender & western Brunswick include state forestry service properties and swamp areas that can be difficult to access. Even though there is a potential for encampments within some of those areas, they are also flood prone. The CHC is a fully trained team with peer support specialists, a clinician, and veterans. They are trained for to engage with people who are least likely to engage for various reasons include drug & alcohol use and co-occurring SUDs.

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

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

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

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	143	10

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	No
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	No
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	No
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	No
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
	Indigent Medical services/ Community Care programs	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC uses the monthly community meetings to provide information to the community on mainstream and homelessness provider services and activities. The CoC has an open membership/community meeting 11 out of 12 months with both virtual and in-person options to meet. The meetings are used to provide information on services in the community and to collect information from the community to inform strategic planning and guide decision making for the CoC. Speakers to the group include Novant hospital system, HUD Technical Assistance, Community Care of the Lower Cape Fear (lead agency for the Healthy Opportunities Pilot Project for the Cape Fear region) and other organizations. These meetings are also used to make the community aware of services such as new SUD treatment options through Project Transitions and The Healing Place Wilmington. The CoC promotes partnerships throughout the catchment area including across county lines due to the lack of community-based services in the rural counties. During the strategic planning efforts that began in December 2022 and is on-going, there has been an on-going emphasis on the importance of community collaboration and service partnerships to ensure the entire catchment area has access to needed services. Partnership and community relationship building were the focus of the CoC monthly meetings in March, June, and July 2023 as part of the strategic planning process. The SOAR program, operated by Coastal Disability Advocates based in Wilmington, is one of the leading programs in the state of North Carolina and works in all three counties in our catchment area and is recognized as a leader in our community. The staff are certified professionals, and the Wilmington program is being used as an example for success to build a successful state-wide program by the state-wide leadership council lead by NCCEH.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Covid provided an opportunity for the community to provide non-congregate shelter programs as part of the social distancing efforts to reduce the spread of the virus. This included non-congregant shelter for 74 persons through ESG-CV funding received by the CFCOG in 22-23. In 2023, Brunswick Partnership for Housing (BPH) received annual ESG funding for non-congregant emergency shelter & provides emergency shelter for about 3 households a month with ESG dollars & additional households with privately sourced funds. The non-congregant sheltering method provided options to reduce the spread of disease & for respite beds for those recovering from illness. DVSS has housed families in non-congregate shelter since their primary shelter was destroyed by Hurricane Florence in 2018 & will use this option even with the opening of their new emergency shelter facility. The non-congregant option was not without challenges due to the economic dynamics in the region. It is difficult to sustain non-congregant shelter programs during tourist season because with the influx of visitors comes an increase in prices for motels/hotels. All 3 counties in the NC 506 catchment area are beach communities & vacation destinations. Hotels/motels in the area are reluctant to allow long-term shelter in summer because it impedes their ability to make more money from the tourist trade. One motel in NHC participates consistently. Three motels in Brunswick participate but reduce participation during tourist season. There are no motels/hotels in rural Pender County, with motels on Topsail Island do not participate. Non-congregant shelter is used by BPH and is used as needed by Good Shepherd Center. Also, lack of staff capacity makes it hard to consistently provide services in a non-congregant shelter. The cost of shelter takes precedent over hiring additional staff, which leaves insufficient funds to provide sheltered families consistent case management. While this was not an issue when using non-congregant shelter as a social isolation and respite option to prevent the spread of disease, staff capacity is needed to make case management of clients in non-congregant shelter feasible. The CoC is regional with rural counties rather than a CoC concentrated in one area. Finally, the Covid dollars have expired resulting in less financial capacity to provide non-congregant shelter. Since The Salvation Army shelter closed, it provides limited non-congregant shelter to replace lost beds.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC collaborated with NC DHHS to obtain ESG Cares funding to provide non-congregant shelter options to prevent the spread of covid, provide places for unsheltered persons to recover after being hospitalized, and allow for the decompression of shelters for social distancing. The CoC has not developed specific policies around disease prevention but actively responds to public health needs and participates in planning with Emergency Services operations in the region to collaborate on climate disaster responses as well as public health emergency responses.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC participants include county public health departments, community health providers and the region's largest hospital system. While there are no formal agreements in place, the Lead Agency provides a hub for regional communication such that information can be shared via email and social media across the catchment area. Providers are invited to participate in the monthly meetings to share resources and information. The monthly forum and distribution of community information provides regular outreach to street outreach, shelters, and other housing providers to ensure they have the information needed to plan for health emergencies and outbreaks of infectious diseases. The system also provides a way for the NC DHHS to share information with the CoC that can be spread throughout the community.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers the entire NC 506 catchment area. The system is accessible through a combinations of community partners trained to collect data and a phone-based assessment/triage system that provides access regardless of location within the region. The phone-based system is accessible 5 days per week from 10 am to 7 pm. Though the system currently utilizes the ViSPDAT, the CES Policy Committee has chosen an alternative assessment process and will be recommending complete replacement of the ViSPDAT by summer 2024. The assessment process is built in to the HMIS system, which allows for easy data collection for those with system access. The number of community access points with CES/HMIS access has increased since 2021 and will further increase in 2024. Our assessment process is being guided by changes in the populations and needs identified in our community and by new tools being developed that allow for a more nuanced, trauma informed approach to data collection. Information available through the NC HMIS implementation and conferences such as the NAEH national conference help to inform the CoC's process of reviewing CES and choosing alternative methods of assessment. The new tool under review for NC 506 is heavily reliant on the Matching for Appropriate Placement (MAP) tool developed for the State of Montana, but is also reliant on local experts' understanding and experiences for data collection from persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness, domestic violence and financial crisis. The CES Policy Committee is currently working on revisions in policies and associated procedures that emphasize connections to services within 90 days of interacting with the CE system.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Goals of the revised CES is to ensure the community prioritizes the most vulnerable members of the community for services and continue the trend of reduces selective services by committed to ensuring all funded agencies use CES to house persons regardless of how the housing program is funded. Currently, the ViSPDAT using a vulnerability index scoring tool. The new MAP-based tool will also determine levels of vulnerability based on relevant criteria but with less unnecessary, traumatizing questions. Outreach to school systems and Social Services is ongoing to attempt to provide access to families least likely to reach for help. Outreach to Latino and LGBTQ community members is essential to meeting our goals as well. The NC 506 written standards reinforce client choice in housing and requires a low-barrier, housing first approach to client services. While the move away from the ViSPDAT is underway, we have moved from a rote-based interview approach to a conversational approach that is guided by the person being interviewed. Since this process of transitioning our process is happening as of this writing, the transition is a part this discussion. The community recognizes the deficiencies of the ViSPAT and the previous approach to data collection and vulnerability determination. The current system prioritizes single individuals who are chronically homeless and does not appropriately consider the needs of domestic violence survivors, families with children and youth. The changes will be implemented with training and follow-up with compliance monitoring to ensure the changes are being implemented correctly and that the system improves in effectiveness. Currently, people linger in the CES without rapid/responsive connections. The changes, including ensuring all funded providers fully engage with the system, are intended to improve the system's responsiveness overall.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC provides Fair Housing training annually to ensure that everyone served by CoC funded agencies has an opportunity to obtain the best information regarding their rights related to Fair Housing. The NC 506 Written Standards incorporate the CoC's requirements for funded agencies. Agencies must operate according to federal & local nondiscrimination & equal opportunity provisions, as codified in the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Titles II & III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, HUD's Equal Access to Housing Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule, 24 CFR 5.100, 5.105(a)(2) and 5.106(b) and establish an anti-discrimination policy, grievance procedures, & information-sharing policy & procedures with clients, staff, volunteers, & contractors. Agencies must not discriminate based on any protected characteristic, including race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, ancestry, religion, sex, familial status, age, gender identity, LGBTQ+ status, marital status, domestic/sexual violence victim status, or sensory, mental, or physical disability. Agencies must make shelter/housing available to all eligible individuals, ensure equal access to programs for all individuals and their families; provide housing, services, and/or accommodations in accordance with a clients' gender identity; and determine eligibility regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. Agencies must adhere to anti-discrimination policies & procedures and provide access to facilities, services, financial aid, or other benefits provided under the program to all current & potential clients and ensure staff has access to training & education annually on the CFHCoC's Anti-Discrimination policies, procedures, & the Equal Access Rule. Agencies must ensure access to persons with LEP, including translated documents, notice of participants rights, grievance forms, & other materials vital for program access and work with language services/interpreters to assist persons who need assistance communicating. Agencies must train staff, volunteers, & contractors on the confidentiality, privacy policies & practices. Grievance procedures must be accessible by staff & clients; posted on the agency's website and in a public space; and resolve conflicts in a way that respects, treats clients fairly & equally. Impediments to fair housing are reported to the City of Wilmington through the consolidated plan development process.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	10/06/2022

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC worked with its NC HMIS implementation partners in fall 2022 to analyze racial inequities in CoC processes through an analysis of CoC demographic data over a 4-year period. The data analysis used Stella P data from 2018 through 2021. We also collected qualitative data through listening sessions with persons experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. The data collected showed significant inequities in housing opportunities for people identifying as black/African American through homeless service programs as well as significant over representation of people identifying as black/African American in our population of persons experiencing homelessness in the community. The Wilmington, Brunswick New Hanover Pender Counties CoC Quantitative Data Report was published on 10/6/22. Additionally, as part of our CoC data analysis process for internal reporting and for the City of Wilmington's HOME ARPA application, we used more recent HMIS data and the 2020 census data to create additional reporting. Per the Census, persons in the community who identify as black/African American represent 11% of the population overall, but 35% of people experiencing homelessness in the community. In terms of service delivery, the CoC identified the ViSPDAT and its assessment process as a cause of service disparities in our region, though not the only cause, and this is led to our CES policy committee to begin the revision process such that the CES would provide a less traumatic and more equitable assessment tool. Data collection from marginalized populations must improve and that means the tools used must improve. In addition, we recognized that our leadership was not representative of the community we served and, to address that deficit, we recruited new members to the CoC community who could both speak with experience in terms of experiencing racial inequities and could bring other members of the community in to engage with the CoC. As a result, the CFHCoC Board of Directors racial and ethnic make up improved substantially over a 2-year period to become more reflective of the community and provided energy to actively engage with underserved populations.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes

6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	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.	No
Other:(limit 500 characters)		
12.	The CoC is working locally and with the 7 CoC NC HMIS implementation to gather and analyze data on racial disparities in the State of NC.	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

As indicated in 1D-10a, we recognized that our leadership was not representative of the community we served and, to address that deficit, we recruited new members to the CoC community who could both speak with experience in terms of experiencing racial inequities and could bring other members of the community in to engage with the CoC. As a result, the CFHCoC Board of Directors racial and ethnic make-up improved substantially over a 2-year period to become more reflective of the community and provided energy to actively engage with underserved populations. These steps are the beginning of our process and policy improvements, along with the re-vamping of our assessment tool and processes. The next steps include become more active with the groups that represent marginalized populations including closer relationships with Cape Fear Latinos, who are represented on our board but do not yet engage with the CoC in a robust manner, and with the faith-based organizations that have traditionally represented people of color. Until late 2022, black churches were not engaged with the CoC and yet represented congregations that are highly motivated and engaged with the needs in the community. Discussions about community engage coalesced around lack of shelter and the growing number of unsheltered homeless in the community and has grown to into actual cooperation and collaboration that has changed the dynamics of CoC leadership. This change also led to New Beginnings Church presenting a successful application to provide emergency services in the community through a successful application for ESG Street Outreach dollars. New Beginnings is led by a Pastor who is also the President of the Wilmington Ministerial Alliance which is an organization of primarily black churches in the community.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC uses.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC uses biennial comprehensive data analysis of HMIS data, Stella P data, and PIT data to create reports and dashboards that allow us to analyze demographic data. We worked with Stella P data to create the dashboard report for NC 506 during the analysis completed with C4 Innovations in 2022. We will continue to review data using these tools to review our progress in reducing disparities in service provision and outcomes for housing. Data analysis occurs on an ongoing basis due to concerns about data quality and our desire to improve data quality. We will be working with HUD Technical Advisor ICF to review data as we continue working on a three-year strategic plan for the region. We will implement the HUD racial analysis tool going for FY24.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC's outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Beginning with strategic planning with HUD TA in late 2022, the CoC began a more intensive outreach to engage people with current lived experience as well as people with recent lived experience in CoC activities and to contribute to decision making. Flyers for strategic planning meetings and CoC monthly meetings are distributed throughout the community inviting all stakeholders to participate. Community meetings lead by Vigilant Hope and Hope Recovery Church have had the most success engaging people with current lived experience to participate in discussions, but it is difficult to translate that participation into regular involvement by person with recent and current lived experience due to feelings about being in the room with people who provide services to them. Vigilant Hope's on-going relationships with people currently experiencing homelessness in the community, their advocacy and their training tools provide indirect consultation with unsheltered in the community, but the involvement is not a substitution for direct involvement and sharing of respect and honoring the people living the experience today. We posted the meeting invitations and solicitations for participation on Facebook and shared them with the press as well as with community stakeholders via email. We also shared information with homeless providers, the library staff and street outreach teams to share throughout the community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC being a collaborative organization and not a single entity cannot directly employ anyone due to lack of funding. This question, as well as several others, ask questions as if the CoC were a single organization which is in direct conflict with the type of entity HUD has created. That being said, many of the CoC member agencies, including the Lead Agency, specifically seek employees with lived experience of homeless as well as SUDs to work as Peer Support Specialists and Support Services Specialists. The Lead Agency is currently seeking a person with Peer Support training & experience to work in the CE Support Services role. The Healing Place, RHA, Physicians Alliance for Mental Health, and Coastal Horizons Center employ people with lived experience to work in their organizations. Please with lived experience work on CHC and VSC's street outreach teams.

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and

3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.
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Our CoC has been meeting and has developed a series of questions to guide listening session conversations. Some of these conversations will take place at a faith-based day center that welcomes people to get off the street for rest, food, access to computers and offers a meeting space for community partner agencies to come and meet with their clients. The day center effort is a five-partner ecumenical initiative that is built on the longevity of individuals engaging with pastors over time in various other settings. The day center functions using an ethos of "radical hospitality" and so the listening sessions will be hosted over shared meals in a game-like format (taking the questions and making them into game cards where one person chooses a card and several people share their answers). The day center also plans to invite students from the local college who are studying social work, public health, etc... to participate in these sessions. The day center also hosts a mobile shower trailer, which offers another opportunity to converse with individuals who are homeless (especially those living in cars) and glean information that will be helpful to the CoC. Volunteers at these events will receive training on how to converse and engage authentically in the spirit of empathy, care and compassion. As a part of the data collection process for racial data analysis and in the strategic planning process, the CoC conducted and will conduct listening sessions with persons with lived experience. The CoC provided and will provide compensation to help encourage their participation. We also regularly follow up on grievances and complaints both directly from clients but also from their support services case management providers who assist them in advocating when there are concerns about service delivery. The CoC provides access on-line through a web form and by paper for those with grievances or concerns to provide information to the CoC Lead Agency and the CoC Oversight Committee. The non-governmental members of the CoC have become active advocates and facilitators to assist persons experiencing homeless to raise concerns, obtain needed services, and communicate information to the CFHCoC Board of Directors.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
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	NOFO Section V.B.1.t.	
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	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
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1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
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2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

Beginning April 2022, the CFHCoC Board took a leadership roll to address the NHC Commissioners regarding ordinances that would criminalize homelessness. The CoC board wrote a letter against approval of the ordinance, and it did not pass. The Chair and Vice Chair spoke to the Wilmington City Council and County Commissioners to advocate for improved engagement and collaboration with the CoC and addressed concerns about the potential ordinance and other plans at the County level that would have negative impacts on the ability of providers to connect with clients to deliver needed services in November 2022. The commissioners did not approve the ordinance in April 2022, but the issue came up again in January 2023 and the CoC Board also provided a letter asking for collaborative efforts to address needs and for commissioners to reject the ordinance. When the commissioners approved the ordinance that criminalized homelessness on County owned properties, the CoC has continued to advocate against the ordinance. CoC Board members lead community discussions, the largest occurring on Monday, March 20th called the State of Homelessness that invited the community, local elected leaders and people currently experiencing homeless as well as people with previous lived experience to discuss the state of homelessness in Wilmington, the recently enacted ordinance, and the impact of the criminalizing homelessness on the community. During this time the CoC became involved in the issues of encampments on public property, including land owned by the NC DOT as well as the city of Wilmington. The City ended up evicting a small encampment from the city owned property, but with the ordinance pushing people off public property, the CoC stepped up to advocate against encampment busting in other parts of the community that met with mixed success. Community advocacy led to the development of the popup Warming Shelter that operated in 2022 and 2023 and, later, the development of the Living Hope Day Shelter that opened in May 2023.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/25/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/25/2023

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

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	No

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

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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	215
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 V.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Ranking committee used a combination of reports, narratives, and documentary evidence to evaluate applications in addition to review history of applicants' ability to manage funds, when the information was available. The committee focused on the community priorities identified in the NC 506 written standards and compared the project application, narratives, and project operations manuals with the CoC requirements. The operations manuals were particularly important to ensure that the operational guidelines were consistent with the projected described in the application and that the proposed operational plan met the CoC's objectives and requirements for housing first. The CoC anticipates that projects serving the most vulnerable may have lower performance levels, therefore the focus is on meeting the housing first requirement, comprehensiveness of providing needed services, and fiscal responsibility. Due to the scarcity of affordable housing in the region, the committee considers the ability of applicants to provide housing options that most closely align with tenant-choice but acknowledge long wait times are a part of the challenge that applicants face. Therefore, the committee considers the applicants ability to provide supportive services while navigating housing opportunities with equal importance. Successful programs will have a housing retention rate that is reasonable for the population, but 100% housing retention is not expected.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Ranking committee was comprised of a diverse group racially with approximately 20% of the members identifying as black/African American and included a member with lived experience with homelessness. This group updated the NC 506 Written Standards, developed the narratives, and contributed to the update of the scorecards for the 2023 HUD CoC Grant Competition. The CoC ranked the projects using the scoring tools they developed during the review and revision process. Narratives for both new and renewing project applications include the following: Are the program's projects accessible to underserved and marginalized communities in accordance with the CoC's equal access and anti-discrimination policies stated in the NC 506 Written Standards? How do you identify inequities in your service delivery and how do you correct inequities? Does your staff and your Board reflect the population you serve? Please provide staffing and Board demographic percentage in comparison to the population served. The answers to this set of questions were scored as a part of the scoring process. Applications were ranked based on how they scored.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

It is the goal of the CFHCoC to implement a Rating, Ranking and Reallocation Policy that responds to the needs of those in the community experiencing homelessness. The policy relies on objective performance measures to evaluate success and supports organizations and projects with experience in effective service delivery and stewardship of funds, regardless of the funding source (HUD, ESG, etc.). The CFHCoC values the efforts of organizations to change, grow, and incorporate new models of best practice as the needs of the homeless service system change. The CFHCoC requires Housing First programs and encourages creative and innovative project proposals as well as project applications from new applicants and organizations. Projects are rated and scored on objective factors based upon local, state and federal standards. The Ranking Committee uses CoC-approved, separate scorecards for new projects, renewal projects and projects with less than 1 year of data within each project category. The CFHCoC ranks all projects according to project application score from highest to lowest based on their respective scorecard only. Whether they are a renewal, or a new project will not be a factor. The tie breaker for project applications will be the cost per participant; total funding request/households served. The recommended ranking of projects will be presented to the CFHCoC Board for their approval. The CFHCoC is supportive of voluntary reallocation of grant funds by grantees who wish to change project type to meet community needs. Amounts that are voluntarily reallocated prior to the local application process will be added to the total available funding for other project applications. Reallocation because of the scoring process will be based on projects' position in the project rankings and their alignment with community needs, as identified by the CoC Board. It is the CFHCoC policy that consistently underperforming projects should not be funded. This year there was no reallocation for low performance, however the CFCOG voluntarily reallocated its PSH project, which will be assumed by Coastal Horizons Center and will protect the existing participants and provide increased service options.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced—Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/16/2023

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/16/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/22/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/22/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- 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.	MCAH/Wellsky
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

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

In the field below:

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CFHCoC's HMIS system is Community Services by Wellsky and is compliant with HUD's 2022 data standards. There are three recognized DV providers in our region. Two of the three use EmpowerDB to manage data. EmpowerDB is HUD compliant with HUD's 2022 HMIS data standards. The third DV provider has not disclosed the software they currently use. They provide reporting to us using excel spreadsheets. The HMIS committee has been in contact with EmpowerDB and has viewed demonstrations of the software system Apricot, which is part of the same software suite, as a possible alternative to Wellsky for providing a more flexible and responsive database for the CoC, which is already HMIS compliant.

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

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	238	39	199	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	130	0	130	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	10	0	10	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	87	0	87	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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

NOFO Section V.B.3.c.

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

- 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
- 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 V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC collected youth homeless data from our youth shelter provider, Coastal Horizons. They are the only shelter serving homeless youth in the three-county region. CHC provides data in HMIS for all three of their programs including Open House Youth Shelter, the CHC youth maternity transitional housing program, and the Youth Transitional Housing Program. CHC receives RHYS funding for their programs. We had youth involved in the PIT Count, working with one of the faith-based counting partners, but we did not ask them to specifically identify their status. Open House is well known in the community and is a common place that homeless youth to gather. Older youth, 18 to 24, are most likely to "couch surf" due to the lack of facilities in the community and we commonly identify these youth through the CES.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC chose to collect unsheltered data over a three-day period from 1/24/23 to 1/26/23. Sheltered data was collected as of 1/25/23. We made the change in unsheltered data collection to allow us to cover the most ground with limited volunteers. We hosted a resource fair as a part of the count week activities as well as fielded volunteer teams and our CoC street outreach teams in the counties in which each were based. This allowed us to collect more data in encampments in the area and to identify a larger number of unsheltered homeless than in previous years. We think the higher total number of homeless counted in 2023 resulted from a combination of our increased data collection efforts, the extremely high cost of rental housing, loss of affordable rental units to lower income homebuyers, and lack of affordable unit development over the last 10 years. This was the first year that we tried this approach and the data collected allowed us to use HUD's extrapolation tool to complete our count when collected data was insufficient to be recorded by the HMIS system.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is developing a comprehensive strategy for reducing homelessness, including first-time homeless, with its current strategic planning that began in December 2022 and is on-going. Reducing first time homelessness is a challenge in an economic environment that has seen a loss of affordable rental housing, lack of housing development, and extreme changes in the cost of rental housing as well as the cost of new homes for purchase. The CoC does not currently have a formal homelessness prevention program, but employees the CE interview process as a way to assess whether callers are or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless for the first time and uses diversion tools during interviews to help prevent persons from entering homelessness for the first time. In addition, the community several agencies with homelessness prevention dollars to who we can refer persons at risk of homelessness. Those resources are limited but are important to the current system. The NHC Department of Social Services has an ERAP program. The Salvation Army has a privately funded prevention program with a unique assessment process. The Help Hub is a donation funded organization that provides smaller amount to help those facing eviction pay rent. In Brunswick County, the VFW has a program to help veterans pay rent when facing eviction. The CFHCoC Board oversee the prioritization of programs, including homelessness prevention programs. They develop the strategy for the community based on community identified priorities. The Board Chair leads that discussion and is in the Strategic Planning work group.

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

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

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

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Due to the lack of affordable housing in the region, the CoC has focused on expanding the availability of PSH projects in the region as a way to help move those experiencing homelessness through the system faster. Currently, people experiencing homelessness can expect to be in the system 181 days, which is well above the 90-day target. Therefore, the CES committee is working on a referral strategy that will roll out with the new CES in 2024. The strategy will pair those coming into the CES with community partners who will work with them almost immediately to meet needs and identify possible options to remedy homelessness, and who will be there to support the person through the process of obtaining permanent housing even while waiting for housing options to become available.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our PSH programs, which have historically focused on the most vulnerable households in our community have a high housing retention rate, better than 90%. We currently lack capacity to increase the number of units in the community but have funded a scattered-site PSH that can help participants identify housing anywhere within the CoC's catchment area, which is a wider footprint than in the past. As stated above, the CES committee is working on a referral strategy that will roll out with the new CES in 2024. The strategy will pair those coming into the CES with community partners who will work with them almost immediately to meet needs and identify possible options to remedy homelessness, and who will be there to support the person through the process of obtaining permanent housing even while waiting for housing options to become available. We are still trying to develop a moving-on style program with the one of the local housing authorities, but we have not been successful in engaging their upper management. Without HUD taking steps to require PHAs to participate with the CoC, some housing authorities will continue to be unwilling to change their current practices. The CFHCoC Board oversee the prioritization of programs and strategies to impact the creation of permanent housing opportunities. They develop the strategy for the community based on community identified priorities. The Board Chair leads that discussion and is in the Strategic Planning work group that is working on priorities for all homeless reduction programs including PSH and PH options.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has focused on increasing the availability of PSH and improving the quality of PH_RRH programs to ensure supportive services are provided and the programs operate in a manner that commits to providing stable housing and providing case management in accordance with HUD guidance for each project type. The CFHCoC Board oversee the prioritization of programs and strategies to impact the creation of permanent housing opportunities. They develop the strategy for the community based on community identified priorities. The Board Chair leads that discussion and is in the Strategic Planning work group that is working on priorities for all homeless reduction programs including PSH and PH options.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our PSH programs, which have historically focused on the most vulnerable households in our community have a high housing retention rate, better than 90%. We currently lack capacity to increase the number of units in the community but have funded a scattered-site PSH that can help participants identify housing anywhere within the CoC's catchment area, which is a wider footprint than in the past. As stated above, the CES committee is working on a referral strategy that will roll out with the new CES in 2024. The strategy will pair those coming into the CES with community partners who will work with them almost immediately to meet needs and identify possible options to remedy homelessness, and who will be there to support the person through the process of obtaining permanent housing even while waiting for housing options to become available. We are still trying to develop a moving-on style program with the one of the local housing authorities, but we have not been successful in engaging their upper management. Without HUD taking steps to require PHAs to participate with the CoC, some housing authorities will continue to be unwilling to change their current practices. The CFHCoC Board oversee the prioritization of programs and strategies to impact the creation of permanent housing opportunities. They develop the strategy for the community based on community identified priorities. The Board Chair leads that discussion and is in the Strategic Planning work group that is working on priorities for all homeless reduction programs including PSH and PH options.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC has a highly successful SOAR program that serves persons experiencing homelessness in our catchment area. Our Street Outreach teams and emergency shelters work closely with the SOAR team from Coastal Disabilities to assist both sheltered and unsheltered persons obtain basic income and increase their chances of obtaining stable housing. The SOAR program is also active with the hospital system in the area and works with the system in all three counties of the catchment area to reach those experiencing homelessness but not yet connected to other services. The SOAR team is integral to the CoC. The CFHCoC Board and the Coastal Disabilities Executive Director both participate in strategies to improve SOAR outreach in the community.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Horizon Housing E...	PH-PSH	4	Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Horizon Housing Expansion Grant

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): C74LFVDPM4A7

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 4

5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

n/a

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

n/a

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

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.		
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.		
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.		
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.		
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.		
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.		
	. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).		
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.		
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.		
8.	Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.		
Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Ltr from Lived Ex...	09/19/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Monitoring Checklist	09/18/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	CoC timeline & to...	09/18/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Project Scoring T...	09/18/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	CHC RRRH-PSH New P...	09/18/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notice to Applica...	09/18/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/18/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Public Notice of ...	09/18/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD Competition R...	09/18/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Leveraging Memo	09/19/2023
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Document Description: Monitoring Checklist

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Document Description: CoC timeline & tools posting 7.28.23

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Document Description: Project Scoring Tools

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Document Description: CHC RRH-PSH New Project Scorecard

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Document Description: Notice to Applicant Project Rejected

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Document Description: Notification of Project Accepted Rep. Sample

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Submission Summary

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

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Submission Summary	No Input Required



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Date: September 19, 2023

As the chairperson of the Lived Experience Committee for the Cape Fear Homeless Continuum of Care, this letter serves as an update for our collaborative application for the CoC Grant.

Our CoC is currently involved in strategic planning with a HUD TA. From this work, we are also currently in the process of forming a lived experience working group. Additionally, we have formed our conversational questions and identified eight hosts to conduct lived-experience interviews. Committee members have agreed to participate in the listening sessions to guide conversations.

Additionally, in the fall of 2022, our CoC Director hosted an equity survey. Also some of our CoC participating agencies have hosted listening sessions with people who are unhoused to get a clear picture of how our systems are working.

As a young CoC Board, we are continuing to work toward listening to and including persons with lived experience in our work and recognize the importance of persons with lived experience.

Signed,

Pastor, Hope Recovery Faith Community

The regions "fair share" amount is slightly smaller than in 2022. For more information, you can read the entire Fair Share Explainer from the State.

Continuum of Care	NC ESG Fair Share	Emergency Services	Housing Stability
		-Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter- (60% max.)	- Homelessness Prevention, RRH & HMIS- (40% min.)
NC-506	CFHCoC	\$163,749 \$98,250	\$65,499

5/16/2023 - NOTICE OF ESG APPLICATION TIMELINE

NC ESG 2023 Application Cycle		NC 506 ESG Application Approximate Timeline	
CoC Action Dates	Activity	Applicant Deadlines	
5/23/2023	Applicant Training		
6/5/2023	Official announcement of ESG RFA		
6/15/2023	Approx. CoC Special Board Meeting - Approval of Scoring Documents		
7/18/2023	Approx. Complete applications due to CoC	7/14/2023	
7/28/2023	Approx. Ranking committee meeting to complete initial review (as group) then assign applications for scoring		
8/1/2023	Approx. Ranking committee completes scoring and sends notices		
8/8/2023	Approx. Applicant appeals due	8/3/2023	
8/8/2023	Approx. Applicant appeals reviewed by Ranking Committee		
8/8/2023	Funding Recommendation notices sent		
8/10/2023	Applications for funding recommended to the CoC Board		
8/10/2023	CoC Special Board Meeting - Deadline to approve applications for funding		
8/11/2023	Funding Approval Notices Sent		
8/15/2023	Approx. NC DHHS Smart Sheet Link Open to accept applications from approved applicants		
8/31/2023	ESG funding application official submission date	8/31/2023	

This is a proposed timeline and due to events or conflicts some dates may change.

2023 HUD CoC Grant Competition Information

HUD CoC 2023 Application Cycle		NC 506 HUD CoC Application Approximate Timeline	
CoC Action Dates	Activity	Applicant Deadlines	
7/5/2023	NOFO Released and Community notified		
7/28/2023	CoC Applicant Presentation		
7/28/2023	Timeline and Proposed Scorecard Publication		
7/28/2023	CoC Applicant Presentation		
8/10/2023	Applicant Non-binding Letter of Intent to Apply	8/4/2023	
8/10/2023	Board of Directors Special Meeting to Review/Vote on Scorecards		
8/10/2023	Board approved scorecards posted		
8/25/2023	Applications due to CoC Ranking Committee for Scoring	8/24/2023	
8/25/2023	Ranking Committee begins scoring		
9/1/2023	Initial Scoring and Ranking Decision Due - Notices to Applicants		
9/1/2023	Public Posting on Web		
9/12/2023	Appeal of ranking decisions due from Applicant	9/8/2023	
9/12/2023	Committee Review of Appeals		
9/12/2023	Final Funding Decisions to Applicants		
9/12/2023	Public Posting on the Web		
9/19/2023	Completion of Collaborative Application & Post to Web		
9/21/2023	CoC Board of Directors Meeting to Vote on Applications		
9/22/2023	Application Submission in eSNAPS Begin	9/22/2023	
9/26/2023	Application Submission Deadline - eSNAPS	9/26/2023	

This is a proposed timeline and due to events or conflicts some dates may change.

Tools For The 2023 HUD CoC Grant Competition

eSNAPS Access Link for new Users to create a profile

The following information will help you understand the CoC's Grant Competition Processes:

CFHCoC Rating-Ranking-Reallocation Plan

NC 506 Written Standards (2023)

The following information will help you understand HUD scoring as it relates to data and system performance. It relates back to information in the NOFO.

2023 HUD Competition Report for NC 506

NC 506 Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Report for 2023 CoC Grant Competition

PPRN	Est. ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
\$ 1,026,334	\$ 511,874	\$ 476,043	\$ 71,843	\$ 102,633	\$ 51,317

New Project Applicant Submission Checklist & Instructions for CoC Scoring & Ranking +

Renewal Project Applicant Submission Checklist & Instructions for CoC Scoring & Ranking +

Staff Development Checklist (ALL APPLICANTS) +

New Project Applicant Narratives and Scorecards (Draft) +

Renewal Project Applicant Narratives +

Renewal PH-RRH and PSH Project Applicant Scorecard Draft +

Renewal TH-RRH Component Project Scorecard Draft +

Renewal Project CE-SSO-HMIS Applicant Scorecard Draft +

Renewal HMIS-CE Project Applicant Scorecard Draft +

New PSH and RRH Project Applicant Scorecard Draft +

**New SSO-CE-HMIS Project
Applicant Scorecard Draft** +

**New TH and TH- RRH
Project Applicant
Scorecard Draft** +

FY 2023 Continuum Of Care Notice Of Funding Availability

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) has posted the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and the Renewal Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program grants on Grants.gov and will be available on the Funding Opportunities page on HUD's website later today. Additional resources will be available on the Continuum of Care Program Competition page of HUD's website.

The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications should be available in *e-snaps* this month. Collaborative Applicants and project applicants will be able to access the applications to review, update, and enter required information for the application process.

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, September 28,
2023 at 8:00 PM EDT**

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Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	350	301	347	558
Emergency Shelter Total	168	117	138	224
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	63	62	59	75
Total Sheltered Count	231	179	197	299
Total Unsheltered Count	119	122	150	259

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	52	51	92	88
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	15	10	19	32
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	37	41	73	56

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	19	12	18	35
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	18	11	11	27
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	1	1	7	8

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	42	35	20	19	24
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	31	29	13	10	17
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	11	6	7	9	7

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

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2023 HDX Competition Report

HIC Data for NC-506 - Wilmington/Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Counties CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	238	189	191	98.95%	34	47	72.34%	223	93.70%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	103	103	103	100.00%	0	0	NA	103	100.00%
RRH Beds	10	10	10	100.00%	0	0	NA	10	100.00%
PSH Beds	256	140	256	54.69%	0	0	NA	140	54.69%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	607	442	560	78.93%	34	47	72.34%	476	78.42%

Notes

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

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

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

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC.	101	88	82	113

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for NC-506 - Wilmington/Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Counties CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

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

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

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

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	498	406	72	165	93	40	111	71
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	599	472	136	269	133	59	187	128

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

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

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	639	471	523	514	-9	147	286	139
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	709	533	532	522	-10	178	334	156

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

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

NC-506 - Wilmington/Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Counties CoC

	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	199	127	214	40	42	92	226	196	250	26	35	145			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	147	95	204	40	42	92	101	88	88	26	35	145			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	73.87	74.80	95.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	44.69	44.90	35.20	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	757	564	564	182	114	97	135	120	108	141	286	73	378	274	371
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	672	482	449	118	70	53	20	21	37	94	113	41	163	199	308
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	40	135	179	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	129	22
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	5.95	28.01	39.87	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.65	7.32	3.68	64.82	7.14

Date of PIT Count

Report Submission Date in HDX

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