## 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 HÚD'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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Louisiana Housing Corporation

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Louisiana Housing Corporation

# 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.
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	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	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	No
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	No
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	No

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

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

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- 1. The CoC solicits new members via an open website invitation including CoC contact information and meeting schedules, annual invitations sent to its email list & partner email lists, local competition Request For Proposals, outreach from CoC members to nonparticipating organizations, and by CoC staff to statewide organizations (LA Coalition Against Domestic Violence, LA Foundation Against Sexual Assault, Governor's Council on Disabilities, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs Native American Comission, Governor's Council on Homelessness) and local coalitions (affordable housing, charitable giving, prison re-entry) with overlapping interests. The new member invitation process includes outreach through in-person meetings, emails, website postings of membership process and meeting minutes. Anyone can join the CoC by attending a CoC meeting or emailing CoC staff and requesting to join with no fees or barriers to membership. CoC staff are responsible for recruiting new members, sending annual invitations, and responding to new inquiries. The membership process is in the CoC's Governance Charter.
- 2. The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by distributing invitations across multiple channels (email/website with screen reader accessible file formats, conference call, in-person meetings), by maintaining virtual attendance options for in-person meetings to maintain access for immunocompromised people and those with limited mobility, and by inviting new members during its formal meetings.
- 3. The CoC has invited organizations representing culturally specific communities to join the CoC. Organizations that represent LGBTQ+communities include Louisiana Trans\* Advocates and Capital Area Reentry Program's Out of the Box LGBTQ Center. The Baton Rouge Area Youth Network (BRAYN) offers programming that primarily serves Black youth and Presenting Resources Effectively Applying Christlike Humbleness (PREACH) advocates for decarceration and has a predominantly Black consumer population. The CoC recruited new members through BRAYN, PREACH, and ONE Rouge coalition meetings and invitations. The CoC has also invited state recognized tribes and tribal entities to participate in the CoC, including the Four Winds Cherokee Tribe in rural Allen parish, Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe in Terrebonne Parish, and other tribes who participate in the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs Native American Commission.

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.

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- 1. The CoC solicits and considers opinions from a broad array of organizations and people that have knowledge of and/or an interest in preventing/ending homelessness in the following ways. The CoC Board has seats for the: statewide domestic violence coalition; State Departments of Education, Health, Children and Family Services, and Corrections; elected seats from each of the CoC's five regions; and 1 seat filled by someone with lived unsheltered experience. People with lived experience engage in the CoC including through officially chartered CoC committees such as the Youth Action Board and participation in other committees. The CoC collaborates with local & state stakeholders including local governments, the governor's advisory bodies on homelessness, disabilities, and Indian affairs, the CoC's Consolidated Plan jurisdictions, and recipients of PATH, SSVF, GPD, RHY, and other funding sources. The CoC has held educational meetings for organizations that serve people at risk of or experiencing homelessness resulting in feedback, and distributed a survey to these stakeholders to gather opinions and information about service gaps, biggest risk factors, and ways to improve collaboration.
- 2. The CoC communicates and solicits information by direct communication with stakeholders, surveys, and by presenting, distributing materials, and requesting feedback during and after monthly and quarterly public meetings. Meeting agendas are available via the email list and CoC's website so people are aware of topics and can plan attendance accordingly. All public information is distributed by CoC email list and published to the CoC website. Contact information is provided if anyone would like to give feedback on distributed material.
- 3. The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by distributing invitations across multiple channels (email/website with screen reader accessible file formats), video call, and by engaging with the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs to understand barriers.
- 4. The CoC considers information gathered in public meetings, stakeholder conversations, interactions with people with lived expertise, and other avenues to address improvements and new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness by bringing that information to its board, committees, membership, and staff to inform decisions about policies, initiatives, and funding priorities.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organi Funding.	zations Not Previously Awarded CoC F	Program	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)			
	Describe in the field below how your CoC not	ified the public:		
1.	that your CoC will consider project application received CoC Program funding;	ns from organizations that have not pre	viously	
2.	about how project applicants must submit the	ir project applications–the process;		
3.	about how your CoC would determine which funding; and	project applications it would submit to h	HUD for	
4.	ensured effective communication and access of accessible electronic formats.	for persons with disabilities, including	the availability	
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- 1. The CoC notifies the public of its Request for Proposals (RFP) via its public website, email list, LHC's media outlets, each region's CoC member organizations, virtual monthly meetings, and CoC-wide partner stakeholders including Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV) and the Governor's Council on Homelessness that it was accepting FY23 project application proposals. The CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals on 8/2. The RFP includes the following: the Collaborative Applicant "welcomes and encourages entities that have not previously received CoC Program funds to apply."
- 2. The RFP and related documents detail the application submission process for new and renewal project applications, include method (via mail or email to the Collaborative Applicant), provides contact information, and timeline.
- 3. The CoC's process to determine whether a project application would be included in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition was communicated through RFP including funding priorities and eligible project types, RFP webinar presentation and slides, Project Scoring, Rating and Ranking documents with project metrics and associated point values, thresholds for housing projects, and ranking instructions for all projects types. All documents were announced through CoC's listserv and were posted to CoC's public website. The RFP and scoring documents included submission deadlines, threshold criteria including Housing First design and eligible activities. The Scoring Committee, whose members have no direct interest in new project funding awards, used the CoCapproved Project Scoring, Rating, and Ranking document to determine final project applications to be submitted to HUD.
- 4. The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by posting all RFP materials on its public website (with screen reader accessible file formats). A webinar about the application process was held virtually and the recording of the webinar is accessible through the CoC's website. CoC staff work with the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs to understand and address potential barriers. CoC staff also encourage anyone who is unable to access RFP materials to reach out to them directly so they can work to find a solution.

# 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

- 1. CoC Staff, Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC), which is also the collaborative applicant, and the CoC Board provided input to the statewide ESG planning/allocation process during CoC Board meetings, the Governor's Council on Homelessness, monthly collaboration meetings between LHC and all CoCs in the state, and meetings with LHC ESG staff. The CoC participates in performance measure review for statewide ESG, including # of people served by project and length of stay. The CoC consulted with the City of Baton Rouge (BR) -Parish of East BR ESG planning/allocation process by providing feedback on eligible costs/activities to meet CoC's needs and by identifying organizations with capacity to implement ESG in an effective, cost-efficient way.
- 2. The CoC participated in evaluating and reporting performance of state and BR ESG and ESG-CV recipients by reviewing project evaluation standards and collaborating on HMIS compliance strategies. CoC staff help develop project evaluation standards from system performance measures. The CoC provided capacity building resources to BR ESG in support of increasing compliance with ESG-CV reporting requirements. LHC CoC staff provide HMIS data and analysis to LHC and BR ESG staff at least annually, as requested, and during evaluation processes.
- 3.The CoC provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within its geographic area by request and via public postings of the most recent complete PIT Count and IDIS reporting. The Louisiana Office of Community Development and LHC used PIT data to determine ARP funding allocations for various statewide regions.
- 4. The CoC ensured local homelessness information was continuously collected and communicated to state ESG through LHC's Director of Housing and Homeless Services, who both chairs the CoC Board and writes the Consolidated Plan updates. The CoC provided information about data collection and communication needs to BR ESG Office of Community Development to inform Consolidated Plans and Action Plans through scheduled meetings.

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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)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

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

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

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The CoC has a formal partnership with the State Education Agency (SEA), the Louisiana Department of Education (DOE), via a designated seat on the CoC Board. The formal partnership with the SEA has influenced CoC policy and implementation of PH projects and coordinated entry and street outreach projects. This partnership facilitates easy data requests by the CoC, such as information about youth/families experiencing housing instability in the CoC's geography, which is used to inform the CoC's strategy to end youth homelessness. The DOE Board member participates in developing and revising the CoC's strategy to address youth homelessness. The CoC, with input from SEA staff, developed policies and procedures for all projects serving youth so that they will collaborate with local school districts through Homeless Liaisons to identify children and youth experiencing homelessness. This partnership creates direct communication between Homeless Liaisons and Coordinated Entry Staff about households experiencing housing instability, sheltered, and unsheltered homelessness so that they can be connected with resources to stabilize housing and ensure access to education for children/youth. Homeless Liaisons receive education from the CoC via scheduled live training, one-on-one consultation with CoC staff, and through the DOE Homelessness Liaison leadership on how to connect households with coordinated entry in any CoC in the state using the CoC's interactive Coordinated Entry access point map on the CoC's website. The partnership has increased awareness and coverage of the CoC, especially in rural areas where the SEA or local school districts are often the primary public service/resource link for low-income and marginalized populations at risk of experiencing homelessness. DOE Homelessness Liaisons assigned to Calcasieu and Lafourche parishes regularly participate in regional CoC meetings and coordination activities with CoC member agencies and stakeholders.

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.

The CoC, with the guidance of the State Education Agency (SEA) staff in designated CoC board seat, has collaborated with local school districts to identify children & youth experiencing homelessness and worked with projects to adopt the following policies and procedures to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

Projects must establish policies and practices consistent with education laws including McKinney-Vento, Head Start, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, & the Higher Education Act. Projects must assist participants in meeting the educational needs of children & youth through individual service plans, linkages to community resources like local school systems, Head Start, and Hi-Set equivalency and tutoring programs, and designating specific staff to facilitate educational services for participants with extensive or significant unmet educational needs. Designated staff at each project connect participants with Local Education Agency (LEA) resources including Homeless Liaisons, transportation, and registration and enrollment assistance. Projects must: inform participants of their McKinney-Vento education services eligibility at intake; not require children to change schools as a condition of intake; not establish project requirements that prohibit children from remaining in their school of origin; form relationships with colleges to connect youth with homeless-specific higher education services; ensure children are enrolled in school and connected to mainstream educational services (e.g. Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

This information is in the CoC's Written Standards so all current and future projects understand the resources and requirements to link people with educational 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	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.		No	No

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

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

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

1C 5a Collaboration with Endorally 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
	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

- The LA BOSCOC regularly collaborates with the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV) for consultation on creating and updating policies to ensure survivors of domestic violence are equitably represented in the CoC. In addition to a Board seat filled by LCADV, the CoC maintains a domestic violence (DV) working group which consists of DV providers and advocates that meets at least quarterly to discuss policy, access to resources, and planning. LCADV and the CoC's DV Working Group cooperated to create the LA BOSCOC's de-identified referral form for coordinated entry. This referral form is filled in by DV CE access points in order to ensure survivors have equal opportunities to be selected for housing programs through our CE prioritization list. It is sent to CoC staff to be put into HMIS as an anonymous participant for CE referrals. This form is regularly reviewed and updated by the CoC's DV working group and CE committee. The CoC consults with LA Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA) regarding emergency transfer plan policies and works with its member organizations to encourage referrals to CE. The CoC also has active participation from Victim Service Providers on its Coordinated Entry Working Group, Domestic Violence Working Group, Regional Working Groups, and its Board of Directors.
- 2. The CoC offers Trauma Informed Care (TIC) training to funded and non-funded housing and other providers throughout the CoC through continuing education facilitated by Start Corporation and through external partners like the Louisiana Department of Health and national best practices leaders. Additional training resources regarding serving survivors are available year round through LCADV. The CoC's largest street outreach and coordinated entry provider utilizes a TIC approach when engaging people experiencing homelessness, increasing rapport with participants and effectiveness of diversion activities.

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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).	

- The CoC provides training on an annual basis for CoC regional project staff through the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV), the federally-designated statewide coalition of victim service providers. LCADV provides in-person and virtual training open to all project staff on implementing trauma-informed and victim-centered best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence. Topics include trauma-informed care, coordinated community responses to domestic violence, advocacy services designed for children and parents together and for survivors who use drugs, opioid overdose prevention, federal confidentiality requirements, shelter services, legal advocacy, and standards of service. LCADV also provides online training on an ongoing basis open to all CoC area project staff for assisting survivors with disabilities, domestic violence dynamics, technology safety, domestic violence offender programming, and danger assessment. The in-person, virtual, and online training options review safety concerns, as noted in topic areas above about confidentiality and danger assessment, for people fleeing violence and provide sample methods and procedures for projects to consider implementing to keep people safe.
- 2. The CoC provides training on an annual basis through LCADV for Coordinated Entry staff. Training is in-person or virtual and focuses on implementing trauma-informed and victim-centered best practices. Topics include coordinated community responses to domestic violence, crisis call screening, and intake procedures including confidentiality protocols. The CoC's Coordinated Entry safety planning protocols training includes background on why referrals to DV providers (which have internal safety protocols in place) are appropriate and a review of policy for VSPs to not record DV survivor data in HMIS. The CoC requires all DV service providers to select a comparable database software to create their HMIS alternative. This uniform requirement enables the CoC to effectively monitor and provide technical assistance for DV providers, ensuring data protections/confidentiality for DV survivors apply CoC-wide.

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.	

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

#### (limit 2,500 characters)

- 1. The CoC has specific domestic violence (DV) Coordinated Entry (CE) sites to ensure people who are fleeing DV have access to safety planning and safe temporary housing while waiting for CE services and referral. At CE permanent housing referral and project intake, participants may decline a specific housing provider/unit without being removed from the CE prioritization list, which promotes client choice and safety. CE prioritization list does not include PII to ensure anonymity to maintain safety. CoC Program projects serving survivors prioritize safety and report on participants' self-reported safety. The CoC uses trauma-informed care (TIC) experts to review current practices, the assessment process has victim-centered practices, and the CoC offers annual training to non-DV providers on safety in the context of domestic violence via the LA Coalition Against DV (LCADV). The CoC's DV Working Group advises on policy and strategy to ensure safe and equitable access for people fleeing DV. DV survivors serve in many areas of CoC leadership, including non-DV committees, so that all CoC policy is considered through the lens of safety for DV survivors.
- 2. The CoC's coordinated entry protocols ensure confidentiality as follows. Per policies and procedures, CE assessors are required to evaluate whether it's safe to ask specific questions if participants are with a potential abuser. The CE Access protocol includes separating partners before an assessment is conducted. The assessor confirms DV status once the participant is safe and immediately provides a referral to a victim service provider (VSP) if the participant states they are fleeing DV/and would prefer to be served by a VSP. When a person discloses DV, but does not wish to be served by a VSP, CE Access Point staff assists with safety planning and relocation assistance within 1 business day. Confidentiality is protected by having the DV providers record information in an HMIS-comparable database and submit people to the CE prioritization list anonymously. At participant referral, participants sign a release, and their information is shared directly between the DV and housing providers.

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.	
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	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.	

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- 1. The CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from HMIS-comparable databases operated by victim service providers (VSP)s to assess the community and special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This is derived from APRs, CAPERs, and ESG-CV QRPs. Through Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV), the CoC also engages data from the Louisiana Domestic Violence Prevention Commission, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services' Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) annual report, and LCADV's annual statewide needs assessment, which specifically inform the CoC's funding, training, and Coordinated Entry processes for people fleeing DV and human trafficking.
- 2. Aggregate data is used to inform CoC policy development, the CoC NOFO application process, the statewide ESG funding process, and CoC requests for project staff training from LCADV and human trafficking service providers, which ensure that each of the CoC's communities have their DV needs identified and receive funding and training as available to address those needs. The CoC also cross-references aggregate data and conclusions with LCADV's data and annual needs assessment process, which includes anonymous survivor surveys, survivor listening sessions, surveys and interviews with culturally specific service providers, and surveys of victim service providers. The CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from comparable databases, including participant demographics (family size, gender identity, geographic location), to determine where DV populations are concentrated, each DV subpopulation's special housing and services needs, the level of housing and services they require, and, via the CoC's diversion and rapid resolution outcome data, which diversion/rapid resolution practices are most effective for each subpopulation.

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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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- 1. The CoC's Emergency Transfer Policy (ETP), implemented in accordance with VAWA requirements, outlines the process for project participants who have experienced domestic violence (DV). The ETP is based on a model published by HUD. Upon admission into a permanent housing (PH) program, all participants are notified of the ETP regardless of their DV status or if they're entering a DV-specific program during the project intake process all PH program participants are eligible for emergency transfer. The participants may request a written version of the policy as well for their records. Participants are informed at intake that if they experience DV at their housing unit location, they can request a transfer to another housing unit within 90 days of the DV event without penalty. The housing provider will identify a housing unit for transfer or connect the participant to a housing provider who would be able to accommodate the transfer request. The participant will assist in determining the safety of the transfer unit.
- 2. Projects notify PH participants during intake through intake interview and a VAWA compliant lease addendum about the process to request emergency transfer. Staff remind participants that if they need to change units due to threats of imminent harm or if the participant has been harmed in their unit as a result of domestic violence or sexual assault, they must inform their housing provider and then follow-up in writing (when possible) in order to begin the Emergency Transfer process.
- 3. Staff explain to participants that their written request is self-certification and the housing provider cannot require or request further documentation from the victim and must honor ETP requests from participants without discrimination. Staff also review with participants that domestic violence and other providers are required to offer reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. The participant does not have to accept a transfer unit that they have determined to be unsafe. If possible, the participant will remain in the same project, however a provider will connect the participant to an appropriate provider if unable to accommodate the ETP.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and	
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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- 1. Survivors of domestic violence are integrated into the housing and services of the CoC through its Coordinated Entry system. When a person presents for housing at a Coordinated Entry Access Point (CES Access Point) or to an outreach worker, that CES Access Point or outreach worker asks questions to determine whether that person is fleeing domestic violence (DV). If that person is determined to be fleeing DV, the worker offers them the opportunity to connect with a service provider explicitly dedicated to serving people fleeing domestic violence ("DV service provider") and receive CES services through that provider, in addition to emergency shelter, advocacy, safety planning, and/or peer counseling. The person fleeing domestic violence may choose whether to be connected with a DV service provider. DV service providers in the CoC who operate as CES Access Points provide access to the same assessment tool as survivors engaging with providers who are not focused on DV. DV CES Access Points complete a de-identified form that contains only the essential information necessary for prioritization and referral through CES. This form is sent to CoC staff, who enter this data into the CES program in HMIS with an anonymous naming convention. Once added to the list, survivors of DV are prioritized and referred in accordance with all other persons. Survivors receiving services at a VSP are either assessed by the VSP or by a community agency that provides CE assessments in order for survivors who are receiving services at VSP to have access to housing options through the CoC's projects.
- 2.The CoC actively partners with and seeks feedback from the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and victim service providers on its existing policies and the broader homeless response system in Louisiana, specific to the needs of survivors of domestic violence and dating violence. In 2021, the CoC completed a full evaluation of the CoC's procedures related to domestic violence survivors and to identify opportunities for improvement in these responses. The CoC's DV Working Group also works to identify barriers for survivors within the COC and recommends changes to processes that would create more opportunities for access for survivors. The DV Working Group is currently updating the language of the CES question that identifies persons fleeing DV to be more effective and client centered as well as evaluating the CoC's policies in advance of VAWA 2022 standard implementation.

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.	

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- 1. The CoC regularly collaborates with the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV) on creating and updating policies to ensure survivors with lived experience are actively involved in the CoC. Additionally, the CoC maintains a Domestic Violence (DV) Working Group which consists of DV providers, advocates, and people with lived experience of surviving DV within our geography that meets at least quarterly to discuss policy, access to resources, and strategic planning of service provision for DV survivors. LCADV actively involves and promotes leadership of domestic violence survivors, including in its staff and governance board. Domestic violence survivors with a broad range of experiences actively guide the development of policy and programs, including its partnership with the CoC. The CoC recognizes that youth experiencing homelessness are more likely than the general adult population to be fleeing DV, and involves youth with a range of lived experience, including DV survivors, in the development of policy and programs through the Youth Advisory Board.
- 2. The CoC actively collaborates and seeks consultation from victim service providers and LCADV to advise the development of its programming and policies and ensure that they are flexible and responsive to the unique needs of survivors. Information from LCADV's annual Needs Assessment Report is used to inform CoC staff on current unmet needs of domestic violence survivors in Louisiana. Survivors' unique safety needs are taken into account in the CoC's Coordinated Entry policies and procedures. The CoC consults at least annually with Louisiana Trans Advocates regarding the unique needs of LGBTQ+ survivors experiencing homelessness, Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants regarding the needs of noncitizen survivors experiencing homelessness, and the Youth Action Board regarding the needs of youth survivors experiencing homelessness. The CoC's DV Working Group also provides an ongoing opportunity for the needs of survivors to be considered in all aspects of the CoC's work.

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+ individu families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	als and	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Et to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final	qual Access al Rule)?	Yes
	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs Identity Final Rule)?	Access in (Gender	Yes
1C-6a	Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Assisting Providers–Evaluating Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.		
	Describe in the field below:		
1	. how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;		
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2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti- discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

#### (limit 2,500 characters)

- 1. The CoC regularly collaborates with Louisiana Trans Advocates (LTA) to provide education about the CoC's anti-discrimination policy, and training on how to provide trauma-informed and culturally competent services. As a result of its work with LTA, the CoC made its annual Equal Access and Cultural Competency Training provided by LTA mandatory for all funded CoC projects. The CoC has also codified the Equal Access Rule in its local policies to ensure continued access to housing and services for vulnerable families and LGBTQ+households.
- 2. The CoC helps providers develop project-level anti-discrimination policies by providing assistance and feedback during project monitoring and when questions arise regarding best practices for serving LGBTQ+ households. CoC monitoring includes time for projects to work with CoC staff to troubleshoot issues and develop strategies to implement culturally competent care. LTA's mandatory Equal Access and cultural competency training is another resource providers can use to learn about current best practices to ensure that their policies and procedures best serve LGBTQ+ households. The CoC also incentivizes providers to establish LGBTQ equity strategies through the local competition scoring tools.
- 3. The CoC engages in annual monitoring activities with funded providers in which adherence to the CoC level anti-discrimination policy is monitored by a review of the project's accepted/rejected referrals and project level policies. The CoC investigates formal and informal reports of violations of the CoC level anti discrimination policy, ensuring that participants are not deprived of access to services due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 4. Addressing noncompliance with the CoC's antidiscrimination policy is as follows: If noncompliance is discovered during an annual monitoring, the CoC issues findings and concerns in an interim letter with an associated timeframe for resolution. The CoC provides providers assistance as requested in resolving issues. If the provider does not sufficiently work to resolve findings during this process, the CoC will recommend to the board that the provider be put on probation. If the provider does not resolve items as a condition of probation, the project may be barred from competing in the next CoC Program local competition.

Preference—Moving On Strategy.	using Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited —Moving On Strategy.
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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:

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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?
Louisiana Housing Authority			
East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority			

#### You must enter information for at least 1 row in question 1C-7.

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.

- 1. The CoC has taken the following steps to encourage the Louisiana Housing Authority (LHA) and East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority (EBRPHA) to adopt homeless admission preferences. LHA has a limited homeless preference and the following steps were taken to encourage expansion of the preference. Through the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC), which is the CoC's Collaborative Applicant and the statewide ESG recipient, the CoC staff met in person and by phone multiple times during the year with HA representatives to discuss adopting a broader homeless admission preference. The CoC's advocacy contributed to EBRPHA adopting a preference for veterans experiencing homelessness in their HCV program. This resulted in people experiencing homelessness making up 8% of new admissions into the HCV or public housing programs - nearly doubling new admissions of people experiencing homelessness from FY21. Persons experiencing homelessness had access to LHA and EBRPHA Section 8 applications while the waitlist was open. The CoC also discussed with EBRPHA future plans to pull referrals from Coordinated Entry for other housing resources available to people experiencing homelessness. CoC provider staff directly assisted with registrations for housed participants (Move On) and people experiencing homelessness to sign up for Section 8 waitlist openings in 2022 and 2023 and the CoC coordinated with PHAs to advertise waitlist openings in advance to ensure adequate time to implement plans to optimally target registration assistance to the most vulnerable participants. Additionally, the CoC works closely with the LHA and EBRPHA to ensure Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) are assigned and distributed quickly and completely without HMIS interaction on the side of the PHA for Move On participants. After Move On participants had been referred, additional EHVs were filled from referrals via the CoC's coordinated entry prioritization processes.
- 2. N/A Our CoC has worked with PHAs to adopt homeless preference.

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	1C-7b	b. Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing	Providers.		
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		Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate jurisdiction that your recipients use to move p	e affordable housing providers in your or or affordable housing providers in your or a	CoC's d housing:	
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		illy assisted housing owners			No
	PHA				Yes
		ome Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments			Yes
4.		w-income housing programs			No
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5.					No
	1C-7c	c. Include Units from PHA Administered Progra	ms in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.		
		NOFO Section V.B.1.g.			
		In the chart below, indicate if your CoC include CoC's coordinated entry process:	les units from the following PHA progra	ams in your	
	1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)		,	Yes
	2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)		ı	No
	3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)		,	Yes
	4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HU	ID-VASH)	,	Yes
	5.	Mainstream Vouchers		,	Yes
	6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers		,	Yes
	7.	Public Housing		ı	No
	8.	Other Units from PHAs:			
	1C-7d	d. Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications t	or Funding for People Experiencing H	omelessness.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.g.			
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	1	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to su or jointly implement a competitive project ser homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstre (FUP), other programs)?	ving individuals or families experiencin	g	0
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	2	2. Enter the type of competitive project your Coapplication for or jointly implement.	C coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit	a joint	
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1C	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
1C-7	re.1. List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
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	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
l F	f you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
PHA		
Louisiana Housing		
East Baton Rouge .		
Sabine Parish Hou.		
St. Bernard Paris		

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

Name of PHA: Louisiana Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Sabine Parish Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: St. Bernard Parish Housing Authority

# 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

- 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 no discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs	t .
1. Foster Care	Ye	s
2. Health Care	Ye	s
3. Mental Health Care	Ye	s
4. Correctional Facilities	Ye	S
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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.

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

- 1. The CoC monitors all CoC Program projects annually and provides formal and informal assistance throughout the year. All projects who formally committed to a Housing First approach are reviewed to ensure best practices are being followed. Annual monitoring activities include evaluating whether or not PH project policies use a Housing First approach by reviewing HMIS referral rejection and project termination data, policies, talking with staff about their understanding of the policies, and reviewing with staff how policies are implemented for current participants. This process allows CoC staff to provide projects resources on how to continue improving their implementation of Housing First principles as needed.
- 2. The factors and performance indicators used during evaluation, based on Housing First principles, LA BOSCOC Written Standards requirements and HMIS and APR data review, are as follows: rate of rapid placement into housing (intake to move-in) evaluated through APR review; review of admission requirements policy and practice to ensure 'no requirement of specific identification documents as a condition of project intake'; and that people are not rejecting referrals based on a participant's criminal history (with some statutory exceptions), current or past substance use, current or past experience of domestic violence, credit history, or lack of participation in supportive services programs. Termination policies, rates, and reasons are also reviewed. Requirements that must be present include: All CoC program funded projects that offer supportive services must provide services that are flexible, tailored to meet participant needs, and voluntary. They must outline for participants that lack of participation in supportive services is an invalid reason for participant termination.
- 3. The CoC regularly evaluates projects' adherence to Housing First practices outside of the local competition by annual project monitoring, evaluating coordinated entry referral outcomes, addressing participant reports of Housing First violations with projects, and providing technical assistance throughout the year on how to make services accessible and attractive rather than mandatory to participants.

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.

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- 1. The CoC's outreach efforts are local to each of its 5 Regions and include street outreach teams familiar with known locations where unsheltered people experiencing homelessness (PEH) congregate. Outreach staff visit these locations to provide access to mainstream/homelessness services and housing through the coordinated entry system (CES). The CoC ensures identification of all unsheltered PEH through partnerships with local law enforcement, library systems, and utilization of a public facing street outreach portal where community members can notify staff about people living unsheltered to allow outreach staff to engage people and avoid unnecessary arrests or delays in access to services. Street outreach staff in the CoC's 2 most populous regions participate in biweekly meetings to coordinate outreach efforts.
- 2. The CoC Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's habitable geographic area with regional outreach teams.
- 3. The CoC conducts daily street outreach in 3 of our 5 regions and at least once a week in the remaining 2 regions.
- The CoC tailored street outreach to PEH who are least likely to request assistance by having dedicated outreach teams for specific subpopulations, drop-in centers open to all, and a public facing street outreach portal. Two agencies' street outreach teams serve youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness via in person and youth accessible social media communication methods, and tailor services for LGBTQ youth and youth who are survivors of human trafficking. SSVF and PATH projects use outreach teams to serve veterans and people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. The CoC's drop-in centers offer food, transportation, and access to housing and supportive services, providing staff the opportunity to build relationships with individuals who are currently living unsheltered. The CoC's urban street outreach team works with LA Organization for Refugees and Immigrants to connect nonenglish speaking unsheltered PEH with assistance in accessing CES and other resources. The CoC website and communications for CE access points are screen reader compatible for people with visual impairments. Outreach services are available to unsheltered PEH regardless of the demographics or immutable characteristics of people served.

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	Yes	Yes

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4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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 populati in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HI APR.		495	323

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:

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

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- 1. The CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding mainstream resource availability as follows. State agencies such as the Departments of Children and Family Services (state SSI/SSDI, TANF, SNAP, Extended Foster Care, and Family Support), Health (Medicaid, waiver programs, SOAR, PATH, substance use treatment, and behavioral health), Education (McKinney-Vento and early childhood education) as well as Medicaid Insurers and job service providers including Employ BR and Christian Outreach attend monthly, quarterly, and annual CoC meetings, present about resource availability, eligibility guidelines, and distribute resource availability notices via the CoC's email list. Resources are communicated as they become available and recapped during quarterly/semi annual meetings.
- 2. The CoC works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist participants with enrolling in health insurance as follows. Medicaid insurers Healthy Blue, LA Healthcare Connections, and Amerihealth Caritas attend CoC meetings and work directly with projects to assist participants in enrolling in and accessing resources through their health insurance. CoC member Open Health Care Clinic offers philanthropy-based health insurance. The CoC works with the LA Dept of Health to ensure that participants in all regions have access to assistance in retaining or regaining health insurance in the wake of the COVID-19 wind down process. SSO, ES, and PH projects work with participants to identify any available health resources and eliminate barriers to care by providing access to transportation, assistance in scheduling appointments and following up on treatment plans as appropriate in order to increase participants' ability to access/retain stable housing.
- 3. The CoC works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff by providing information about SOAR efficacy, opportunities for free SOAR training through SAMSHA and the LA Dept of Health, and access to other SOAR trained service providers. The CoC successfully advocated to the state depts of Housing and Health for the largest expansion of SOAR case management in the state, stationing 9 SOAR trained case managers throughout the state (3 in this CoC) to not only provide SOAR services in those locations, but also serve as SOAR training hubs to increase access to SOAR case management, and therefore SSI/SSDI in underserved rural areas.

1D-7. Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.

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

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The CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate shelter (NCS) by advocating for additional NCS funding through the state and local HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) planning process - especially for rural and underserved areas without existing emergency shelter (ES) like Lake Charles and Natchitoches - and engaging with the ESG entitlement jurisdictions like the City-Parish of Baton Rouge to fund NCS as both regular ES and flexible surge capacity ES. The CoC's largest ES provider is pursuing additional opportunities to create more permanent NCS beds to allow greater flexibility in sheltering individuals and families as need fluctuates. The CoC has engaged local municipalities about pairing funding sources to support both development and ongoing operation of stable NCS activities to replace the primarily hotel/motel voucher method of NCS delivery. The CoC distributed information to stakeholders about NCS funding opportunities through the state Office of Community Development and Louisiana Housing Corporation that aim to support acquisition or rehabilitation of existing structures for the specific purpose of NCS operations in several disaster impacted regions, including 2 of this CoC's 5 regions.

The CoC's advocacy for additional NCS capacity is bolstered by its successes in utilizing NCS during the first 2 years of the Covid-19 pandemic to decrease Covid-19 infections and outbreaks among unsheltered populations (encampments), traditional congregate ES, and people experiencing homelessness due to disaster impacts. The NCS model has been adopted by the state's disaster management and response body as the primary model for medium- to long-term disaster sheltering. Local municipalities have recognized the value of NCS and supported its development as a quick and flexible way to increase ES capacity to meet the various shelter needs of distinct populations over time.

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.	

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- 1. The CoC collaborates with the LA Dept. of Health (LDH), local public health officials, and Medicaid insurers to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. By entering into data sharing agreements and participating in CoC meetings, this collaboration resulted in new practices that are used in infectious disease outbreaks. It has informed the CoC's work with ESG/ESG-CV recipients to develop a CoC wide NonCongregate Sheltering (NCS) processes to provide congregate emergency shelters with surge capacity isolation resources for shelter participants, as funding is available, now and in the future. The CoC adopted a meeting attendance policy that mandates a virtual attendance option for meetings that contribute to a CoC member's ability to vote or apply for funding, per LDH guidance. The CoC distributes public health information and connects providers with local public health offices to access PPE and other health resources as needed.
- 2. The CoC collaborates with public health agencies to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness through coordination with providers to target vaccine access initiatives to under vaccinated populations. The CoC, in consultation with public health agencies, distributes informational materials to providers to assist in mitigating the spread of infectious disease like Covid-19 and MonkeyPox. The CoC connected LDH's pilot wastewater monitoring project to Emergency Shelters some of which will be monitored for disease outbreaks by LDH through a nonintrusive and nonstigmatizing method that does not require participants to undergo testing as individuals to identify the presence of an infectious disease at a shelter. Medicaid staff attend local CoC meetings and coordinate with providers to ensure participant access to Medicaid resources including assistance with reenrolling as a result of Covid-19 "unwinding" activities. The collaboration between the CoC and public health agencies will continue to deepen as the work continues.

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.
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- 1.The CoC shares information related to public health measures and homelessness with stakeholders through monthly and quarterly CoC membership and task group meetings, CoC listserv emails, and frequent direct communication with emergency shelter, street outreach, and coordinated entry projects. This is and will continue to be a regular part of our meeting agendas as information needs to be distributed.
- 2. The CoC has facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers by deepening partnerships with state and local public health agencies and increasing interaction between those entities and providers. Public health agency staff attend monthly CoC meetings and quarterly regional CoC meetings and have built relationships with key CoC providers that foster regular informal communication. CoC providers working with people who use substances connect those participants with available public health resources for information, treatment, and services and occasionally partner with public health staff in joint street outreach activities to reach vulnerable unsheltered members of that population. CoC partnership with the State Health Dept Vaccine Equity team provided mobile COVID 19, HIV. Hepatitis, and other testing as well as vaccine and limited treatment services access to underserved populations including those who live in medical deserts. Mobile team coordinated with street outreach, coordinated entry, and other CoC providers to strategically locate health events to allow providers to assist housed, sheltered and unsheltered participants with transportation/access to infectious disease prevention and mitigation resources. The CoC connected emergency shelters with State Epidemiologist-led wastewater testing pilot project, allowing for access to early detection of infectious disease spread in congregate settings through noninvasive and stigma neutral monitoring of sewage.

1D-9.	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.	

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- 1. The CoC's Coordinated Entry (CES) covers 100% of the CoC's geography. Each of the CoC's five regions has at least one CES access point and funded street outreach access. The CoC's website connects people with their local access point via 24/7 phone access. The CES ensures coverage in these regions through specialized outreach teams, population-specific stationary access points, and accommodations for disabilities, language needs, and culturally competent responses for marginalized groups. Outreach teams deliver all CES elements in the field and use information submitted through the public facing street outreach portal to connect with participants not known to the system.
- 2. The CoC's standardized assessment process is implemented by all CES access sites. All staff supporting CES use a phased assessment process that progressively engages households to help resolve housing crises with the lightest touch possible to ensure we can serve as many people as possible throughout the year. All people who request services receive housing problem-solving (diversion/rapid exit) assessment to help them return them to housing without subsidy. If problem-solving is unsuccessful, the locally developed Participant Triage Tool (PTT), which assesses barriers to housing stability including physical and mental health, justice system interactions, and disaster impacts, is completed with the household. The PTT results are entered into the CES and, with HMIS data, are used to prioritize resources. Participants on the CES priority list are referred to community resources while they work on housing plans through continued case management.
- 3. The CoC updates its CES assessment processes regularly using feedback from projects and participant households who are served by CES. Participant feedback is received directly via phone, email, and in person at drop in center consumer town halls and Youth Action Board meetings, as well as filtered through projects serving participants. Project feedback is received directly from providers during committee and CES frontline staff working group meetings, CoC meetings, and survey responses. In the last year, the CoC has: adjusted reassessment processes to ensure that participant information is regularly updated to capture vulnerabilities; begun evaluating the PTT to identify areas for improvement; and made changes to make it easier for case managers to provide participants an update on the status of their referral.

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.	

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- 1 The coordinated entry system (CES) reaches people least likely to apply for assistance through specialized street outreach (SO) teams, population-specific access points, culturally humble services for marginalized groups, and accommodating people with disabilities and language needs. SO teams deliver all elements of CES in the field and are informed by a SO portal that reports locations of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The CoC identified youth and transgender people as least likely to apply for assistance so the CoC created multiple youth-specific access points and SO teams, and connected with LGBTQ+ organizations to train access points on LGBTQ+ cultural humility
- 2 The CoC's CES prioritizes people most in need via a centralized list. Populations that are given highest priority include households that are chronically homeless, have tri/co-morbidities, families, youth, and veterans ineligible for Supportive Services for Veteran Families. The Participant Triage Tool(PTT), a locally developed assessment using info gathered during progressive engagement interviews, looks at housing barriers like physical/mental health and legal history to determine household referral, with length of time homeless acting as a tiebreaker. All people who access CES receive housing problem-solving (diversion/rapid exit) to return them to housing without subsidy. If problem-solving is unsuccessful, participants are prioritized for housing referral according to factors described above
- 3 Housing(PH) providers are required to serve people in order of greatest need. They submit referral requests to CES that are processed within 72hours. Once they receive a referral, they must make multiple contact attempts using all available contact methods (e.g. checking with dayshelters) across multiple days. CoC staff follow up on referrals open for longer than 30days. Participants indicate geographic preference in CES and can decline several PH referrals without losing CES priority
- 4 The CoC has reduced participant burden for CES participation by: revising the assessment to be shorter/less intrusive; increasing CES access at shelters; designating a CES staff to work with people who are most likely to be referred to PH to obtain documentation; holding a case conferencing meeting for street outreach workers and housing providers to allow staff to provide more cohesive, client-centered services to participants; and assisting with transportation and connection to PH staff.

1D-9b.	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.	

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- 1. To ensure that all people experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geography have access to available housing and services, the CoC uses the following affirmative marketing strategies: The CoC expanded its street outreach network to include more outreach to rural areas and primarily BIPOC neighborhoods in its most urban region. The CoC works with population-specific advocacy and grassroots organizations such as the Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI), Louisiana Trans Advocates, faith-based organizations, and several Black-led grassroots organizations to connect those respective populations to resources. CE access points accommodate specific language needs via phone based interpreter services, and the CoC works with LORI to improve accessibility for non-native English speakers. The CoC's website has an outreach portal where people in need of housing can request resources. Street outreach workers seek out people experiencing homelessness with disabilities, mental/behavioral health disorders, and other barriers that make them least likely to seek services.
- 2. Participants are informed of their rights and remedies under fair housing and civil rights law by requiring that projects inform participants upon intake of: their right to reasonable accommodations; their eligibility for McKinney-Vento Act education services; project's participation rules and termination process; clients' right to limit data sharing. The CoC's CE policy is publicly posted on its website and it describes participants' rights under the Fair Housing Act, the Louisiana Equal Housing Opportunity Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and HUD's Equal Access Rule/Fair Housing Provision of the Interim Rule. CoC staff check that projects have a process in place to share the above mentioned information with participants as part of the annual monitoring process.
- 3. The CoC's grievance procedure for participants offers participants a mailing and email address to submit grievances. Projects are encouraged to report rights violations to the CoC manager through the same mechanism. Close relationships with local and state consolidated plan jurisdictions are maintained to ensure potential violations can be reported and investigated promptly. The CoC works closely with legal services providers to ensure that participants who believe their rights have been violated can access legal advice and representation.

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.	08/18/2023

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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.	

- 1. On August 18, 2023, the HMIS Lead for the CoC conducted a racial equity assessment. The assessment compared racial demographics from the 2020 Census for the regions covered by the CoC with racial demographics from: 1. the 2023 point-in-time (PIT) count and; 2. HMIS data about shelter (ES), PSH programs, RRH programs, and all people who accessed coordinated entry (CE) between June 2022 and May 2023. All persons were placed into one of two larger categories: those who identified as white and those who identified as black, indigenous, or other persons of color (BIPOC). BIPOC includes Black, Native American/Alaskan Native, Pacific Islanders, Asian, and others. Ethnicity was also part of the assessment, with two categories: Hispanic and Non-Hispanic. Outcomes were not analyzed as part of this racial equity assessment.
- 2. The CoC's overall census 1,467,593 persons showed that 62% of the region identified as white and 38% identified as BIPOC. However BIPOC made up 60% of people surveyed during the 2023 PIT Count and made up the majority of people served by ES, RRH, PSH, and CE. According to HMIS data ES population was 27% white and 73% BIPOC; PSH programs had 21% white and 79% BIPOC; for RRH programs had 17% white and 83% BIPOC. Of those referred to housing programs from CE, 73% identified as BIPOC. For ethnicity, 4% of the CoC's population identified as Hispanic in the most recent US census and 96% identified as Non-Hispanic. Persons identifying as Hispanic had lower representation in homelessness services: ES (3%), CE (2%), PSH (2%), and RRH (2%). While BIPOC persons are slightly overrepresented in the ES system, PSH and RRH projects are showing that BIPOC households who have been unable to self-resolve homelessness are prioritized for those projects and referrals from CE are proportional to demographics seen in ES. This suggests that there are not racial disparities in how CE participants are referred to housing.

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

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

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

The CoC took steps to improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance including: updated the Coordinated Entry System (CES), partnered with health service providers to increase access to medical care, recruited BIPOC led providers, and increased the scope and reach of street outreach services. The CoC participated in the National Alliance to End Homelessness Community of Practice: CES Mini Lab to improve the CoC's capacity to identify and resolve housing barriers through CES by evaluating its CES standardized assessment's ability to identify housing barriers that disproportionately impact BIPOC participants. The CoC works with the LA Dept of Health and Medicaid providers on health equity initiatives and to ensure that people experiencing homelessness (PEH) that are Medicaid eligible receive assistance to get enrolled.

The CoC recruited BIPOC led providers serving PEH in its most urban area, resulting in 5 new CoC member agencies, including Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI), which is helping nonenglish speaking PEH to navigate CES. The CoC, in partnership with LORI, is identifying primary nonenglish languages used in its most urban region and will work to translate key CoC documents to increase access for nonenglish speakers. The CoC increased the availability and coordination of street outreach services in both urban and rural areas, providing underserved BIPOC who are unlikely to present in person for services with access to CES and its associated diversion and referrals services. A housing solutions meeting occurs bi-weekly to coordinate outreach and supportive services to these and other vulnerable populations. The CoC is expanding the reach of street outreach and CES by promoting a public facing Street Outreach Portal, where members of the community can provide information about people experiencing unsheltered homelessness directly to CoC staff, who then assign street outreach staff for follow up and service provision. In 2022, the CoC introduced this tool to major library systems, providers in rural communities, and municipal governments, and has seen a related uptick in use by those entities, resulting in additional, primarily BIPOC, persons connecting with CES and related resources.

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.

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1.The CoC primarily relies on HMIS data to track progress on eliminating/preventing racial disparities in homeless assistance. The CoC supplements this data with Louisiana Department of Education data that tracks households experiencing homelessness, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act (MKV), by race and through other state and local data sources as needed. Biweekly street outreach (SO) meetings provide the opportunity for front line staff to share potential disparities among people experiencing homelessness. Some providers have compliance departments that analyze APR outcomes (example, 19a1 and 19a2 for income changes, 23c for exit destinations) and derive a plan to improve.

The most recent racial equity test was conducted in August 2023 by the CoC. BIPOC individuals made up 38% of the CoC's population (per 2020 Census), but constituted roughly 60% of the population experiencing homelessness (per 2023 PIT count), and 73% of the emergency shelter(ES) population (per 2023 HMIS data). BIPOC households that were unable to self-resolve homelessness were referred to PSH and RRH projects at rates proportional to the percentage of BIPOC households in ES. The HMIS system administrators conduct regular race equity analyses, funded/unfunded housing reports, no positive outcome analyses, and training on current living situation (CLS) data to address fairness. Year by year system performance and longitudinal system analysis comparison are also conducted regularly and track disparities in access and service provision.

To address disparity, SO has expanded throughout the CoC to include daily SO in urban, primarily BIPOC neighborhoods. SO increased its coverage and frequency in rural areas as well: Houma and Natchitoches/Sabine rural regions do daily SO; Lake Charles and Plaquemines/St. Bernard rural regions do weekly SO.

MKV liaisons in public school districts ensure families experiencing homelessness maintain access to education and services acting as a key homelessness resource for families in rural areas. The liaisons increase engagement with the CoC by referring families to coordinated entry when appropriate and accepting referrals from projects for services. The CoC has increased its engagement with state-recognized Indian tribes in the Lake Charles and Houma regions to incorporate their experience into the CoC's planning process.

2. The CoC uses The CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool, Longitudinal System Analysis, and Coordinated Entry evaluation.

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

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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.

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The CoC has implemented the following outreach efforts to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes: Recruited members for the CoC's Youth Action Board (YAB) - a chartered CoC Committee that advises the CoC on youth-specific policy and initiatives - via engagement with organizations that work with youth with lived experience and recruitment calls on social media; Included youth with lived experience in the development and implementation of a Youth Homelessness Needs Survey: Encouraged YAB members to recruit eligible youth to participate in the CoC's work; Coordinated Entry (CE) Specialist conducted participant interviews to identify system strengths and weaknesses; Encouraged providers at membership meetings to proactively seek out engagement with and offer meaningful employment opportunities to people with lived experience; Recruited for a designated Board seat for a person with homeless experience; Engaged with Tribal leadership of several state recognized Indian Tribes and solicited input and offered further opportunities for engagement with tribal members with lived experience. Additionally, the CoC's leadership team included a person with lived experience whose input into policy development, strategy, and implementation was routinely solicited and incorporated into decision making, resulting in an increase in collaboration and transparency in CoC governance activities.

The CoC has developed the following strategies with input from people with lived experience to further engage those with lived experience in leadership and decision making: targeted engagement and capacity building. The CoC consistently works with youth providers to offer participants opportunities to build capacity through engagement with organizations like True Colors United Youth Action Society and other CoC's Youth Action Boards. The CoC's planning staff and leadership attend community meetings of participants at day shelters and drop-in centers to build rapport and relationships, and get feedback that can be incorporated into policy and implementation revisions, while also providing education about CoC governance and developing paths to leadership and decision making in partnership with participants. The CoC will continue to solicit engagement from people with lived experience through email and web postings.

1D-11a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	

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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.	15	6
2	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	2
3	. Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	0

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4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	4	4	1
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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.

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The CoC and its member organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience by: employing people with lived experience in direct service and management positions at the CoC's largest drop-in shelter and largest youth service provider; professional development is provided via direct supervision, in-service training, and continuing education.

The CoC collaborates with community partners, like local libraries that offer services including career counseling and resume assistance, to encourage career development. The CoC works with local grassroots organizations to identify potential resources like job fairs to share with projects throughout the CoC. CoC member agency Christian Outreach Center provides multiple employment readiness, life skill development, and transitional employment programs to previously incarcerated people. Providers connect participants with mainstream employment resources like the Louisiana Workforce Commission and Employ BR to build resumes, practice interview skills, and receive job placement assistance.

Several CoC member organizations employ peer support staff that provide valuable guidance and support to program participants, as well as informing the CoC about how it can better support participants' employment goals. CoC staff and a project peer support specialist work closely with Youth Action Board (YAB) members to provide them opportunities for professional development such as networking with other YAB's, participation in True Colors United meetings, and future sponsorship of conference attendance. CoC staff work closely with the YAB peer support specialist and support this staff person in engaging in survey development and distribution, stakeholder engagement, policy development, and other marketable skills.

Louisiana Housing Corporation, the CoC's collaborative applicant, provides capacity building, leadership, and soft skill development to people with lived experience in CoC leadership and decision making positions, and encourages people with lived experience to apply for open positions through job postings. The CoC encourages providers and stakeholders at regional meetings to proactively solicit engagement and offer meaningful employment opportunities to participants and others with lived experience.

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.	

- 1.The CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness through: street outreach staff who share this feedback at biweekly street outreach network meetings. In collaboration with a local university the CoC is in the process of distributing a needs assessment survey for youth with lived experience of homelessness. The CoC solicits input from organizations that work with people at risk of homelessness, but that may not currently be served through CoC or ESG Programs, to better understand how the system could better serve individuals not currently connected with traditional homelessness services.
- 2.The CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC and other homelessness programs through direct feedback from households receiving services at the CoC's drop-in centers, several projects' monthly surveys of project participants, exit interviews, and direct communication with participants and households seeking services. Coordinated Entry (CE) staff have conducted interviews with participants to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current CE system. Several CoC projects employ people with lived experience who have received services from the CoC, whose input and feedback about service delivery and strategy is actively sought and incorporated into the implementation of projects like drop-in centers. Several projects conduct accessibility studies that examine challenges that people experiencing homelessness have in accessing services and information from those studies is used for planning.
- 3.The CoC has taken steps to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness including implementing case management practices that are flexible, assertive, and client centered, reducing barriers to engagement by coordinating with street outreach teams to connect with hard to reach unsheltered participants and maintaining unconditional positive regard when interacting with participants engaged in street economies like sex work and illegal drug use or distribution. Feedback from people with lived expertise has further informed the CoC's landlord engagement efforts and advocacy to increase affordable housing availability. Feedback from people in unsheltered situations informed new processes to increase coordination between street outreach and housing projects to decrease time between referral and housing move in for Coordinated Entry participants.

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

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The CoC has taken steps to engage local governments around reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development and reducing regulatory barriers to housing development in the last 12 months including: Providing education to stakeholders including CoC members, state agencies, local governments, advocacy organizations, and elected officials about the need for additional affordable housing and engaging around rezoning (1) residential areas to allow for higher density development and multifamily housing in areas that have exclusively allowed single family detached housing, and (2) rezoning commercial areas with a surplus of unused office space and converting to housing units. The CoC has engaged in multiple conversations with the East Baton Rouge Parish ESG/CDBG/HOME ARP recipient around supporting the conversion of office space to affordable housing units, with the CoC providing information on emerging best practices and available planning resources.

The geography of the CoC is made up of communities with high flood risk for both tropical weather systems and localized street flooding, exacerbated by aging infrastructure and years of housing development that did not plan for the effects of an increase in tropical storm activity (Katrina, Laura, Ida, etc.) and rising sea levels. The CoC has advocated to the State Housing Finance Agency and local city/parish governments, including elected members of the East Baton Rouge Metrocouncil to support local initiatives to pair blight reduction activities with funds for development and construction, allowing for new, safe, energy efficient housing to be developed on existing housing sites, reducing the impact of new housing development on floodplains and watershed areas. These initiatives also serve to keep local communities intact, by replacing aging housing with similar units instead of repurposing land, thereby decreasing rates of original resident displacement. The CoC has further advocated for an increase in homeownership assistance resources targeted to provide RRH participants and residents of the communities described above with opportunities to begin building home equity and generational wealth, increasing the likelihood that families and communities will maintain affordable housing stability in the future.

Yes

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

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16	E-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.	
	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their	08/02/2023
	project applications to your CoC–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	
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.	08/02/2023
1E	E-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
	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
	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.

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5. Us	ed data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
(e.g	ovided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over- oresented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the entified barriers.	Yes
1E-2a	. Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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	You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:	
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1. Wh	nat were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2. Ho	w many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	32
3. Wh	nat 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.	

- 1. The CoC analyzed data regarding project success in permanently housing participants using FY22 HMIS data and Annual Performance Report (APR). Data points 5a.8, Maintaining Housing, and 23.C, Exit to Housing, related to positive outcomes when people exit projects informed project ranking.
- 2. The CoC analyzed data regarding length of time between project intake and permanent housing on a quarterly basis and during project scoring and ranking by using the CoC APR question 22.C to answer a specific question on the project scoring tool regarding length of time between project intake and housing move in. Projects are then given feedback on their performance in an effort to reduce the timeframe between intake and housing.
- 3. The CoC considered the following specific severities of needs and vulnerabilities when rating and ranking projects: belonging to a vulnerable populations (youth 24 and under, families, experiencing chronic homelessness); experiencing homelessness in an underserved rural area; and Housing First elements: having low or no income, current or past substance abuse, history of victimization/abuse/domestic violence (DV), criminal histories with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, and if a project is one of a kind for geographic areas for a special homeless population/subpopulation.
- 4. Projects targeting hardest to serve populations are not penalized but incentivized to serve people with high severity of need and vulnerabilities via high value scoring elements for hardest to serve population characteristics to offset points that may be lost on performance questions, e.g. # of people employed. All projects were incentivized to implement the Housing First model, not screening out based on: having low/no income, active or history of substance abuse, a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, a history of victimization, e.g. DV, SA, or childhood abuse. Points were available for: serving a vulnerable population (youth 24 and under, families, experiencing chronic homelessness); serving exclusively people experiencing chronic homelessness; serving primarily/exclusively DV; and operating exclusively in an underserved rural area. Bonus points were awarded to projects that have identified barriers for inclusion of BIPOC and LGBTQ people.

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.

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- 1. The CoC developed scoring tools with the input of the CoC membership and the Board of Directors (BoD). The CoC's participant population from 6/1/22-5/31/23 was 73.9% BIPOC (70.5% Black or African-American) and 26.1% White. The CoC BoD has a multiracial composition with 3 of 12 members being Black or Black and other races. The CoC incorporated input from stakeholders, notably BIPOC providers and project staff, in the determination of rating factors for project applications, specifically the inclusion of scoring incentives that promote staff sustainability (\$16/hr minimum pay for staff, provisions for health insurance, and a minimum of 120hrs of annual paid leave) to assist projects in advocating and securing resources for staff sustainability. The scoring and ranking criteria were approved at a BoD meeting where input was solicited from both BoD members and members of the public.
- 2. The CoC's Scoring Committee is composed of CoC stakeholders that represent the interests of several subpopulations: Youth with lived experience of homelessness, Veterans, and health equity advocates. All (100%) voting members of the Scoring Committee were Black/African American. The committee approves renewal project scores and rankings, scores and ranks all new project applications, and determines which new projects will be selected and amount of funds requested. The CoC BoD (25% BIPOC) provided input and approved the Scoring Tools and Rating, Ranking, and Selection process.
- 3. The CoC developed local competition scoring tools intended to encourage applicants to incorporate racial equity work into their project evaluation/assessment, strategic planning, and implementation. Projects were awarded 2 bonus points for actions applicants have taken to: a) identify barriers to services faced by BIPOC participants in their projects and b) address those disparities and remove barriers faced by BIPOC participants. As a result, projects that actively seek to improve their racial equity are given a scoring advantage that informs the project's ranking in the local competition, thereby increasing the chance that the project will ultimately be funded by HUD.

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.

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- 1. The CoC's written reallocation process is: Voluntary: CoC staff contacts all projects prior to CoC Program NOFO release to see if a project is fully or partially reallocating funds. Projects voluntarily reallocating get bonus points for new viable projects submitted in local competition. Involuntary: Each project is monitored annually and gets verbal and written project feedback about performance & compliance with program rules. If a project has unresolved deficits after one year with no improvement and no viable plan for improvement, they will be recommended for reallocation to the Board, which votes on all reallocations. The CoC also considers whether a project eligible for reallocation currently meets a unique need of the community, and the impact of reallocation on current project participants. Projects being involuntarily reallocated are informed in writing in advance of the project submission deadline and have an opportunity to appeal.
- 2. The CoC identified underperforming projects via its annual monitoring and performance review process and provided written feedback and technical assistance to help address challenges. The review process looks at project outcomes, policies, service delivery, and grant management practices. One underperforming project voluntarily partially reallocated this year.
- 3. The CoC partially reallocated a low performing project this year. The partially reallocated project encountered challenges in raising and maintaining bed utilization and is reducing its geographic area served in an effort to increase project performance. Other projects with identified areas of improvement were working on solutions and CoC staff continue to assist where appropriate.
- 4. The CoC partially reallocated a low performing project this year.

1E-4a.	Rea	illocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.f.			
	Did :	your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No
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1	IE-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.		your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local application?	Yes
3.		your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) mitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	appl If yo	ou selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified licants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. Ou notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you fied applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/12/2023

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	a.   Projects Accepted–N	lotification Outside of e-snaps.		
	NOFO Section V.B.2	.g.		
	You must upload the	Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the	e 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1E-5	b. Local Competition Se	election Results for All Projects.		
	NOFO Section V.B.2	•		
		Local Competition Selection Results attachment to	o the 4B. Attachments	
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1E-5	c. Web Posting of CoC	Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before	CoC Program	
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You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

# 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.		
	Not Scored–For Information Only		
Ent	er the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is o	currently using.	WellSky Community Services
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.		
	Not Scored–For Information Only		
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Sel	ect from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS co	verage area.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.		
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.		
Ent	er the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC d	lata into HDX.	04/28/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC Data Submission by Victim Service Providers	and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Col	lection and
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	•	
	NOFO Section V.B.S.D.		
	In the field below:		
1		ave taken to ensure DV housing and s	envice
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 provide comparable database–compliant with the FY	ers in your CoC are using a HUD-com 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	pliant
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3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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- 1. The CoC identified a single software for all DV housing and service providers that meets all of HUD's comparable database requirements to use so agencies could receive support from CoC and HMIS staff to implement quality data collection and entry practices. The single comparable database software across its entire geography is EmpowerDB. The software specializes in reporting for victim service providers (VSP)s and services VSPs almost exclusively. The HMIS specialist on the CoC team will provide guidance and support for quality assurance and timeliness with assistance from the HMIS system administration team.
- 2. All data elements established by the 2022 HMIS Data Standards required for the CAPER and APR are supported by our comparable database implementation. Reports can be produced in a de-identified, aggregate manner with all necessary fields for HUD reporting. These reports can be set to specific date ranges such as those under a program's grant term. The APR, CE APR, and CAPER can be successfully uploaded to SageHMIS.info without issue. Additionally, EmpowerDB supports the ESG-CV quarterly CAPER upload as well. The CoC and HMIS staff support DV providers to complete and submit these responses and review aggregate performance measures.
- 3. All data elements established by the 2022 HMIS Data Standards required for the CAPER and APR are supported by our HMIS database implementation. Reports can be produced in a de-identified, aggregate manner with all necessary fields for HUD reporting. These reports can be set to specific date ranges such as those under a program's grant term. The APR, CE APR, and CAPER can be successfully uploaded to SageHMIS.info without issue.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	400	137	179	68.06%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	70	5	56	86.15%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	323	75	248	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	857	0	857	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	238	0	10	4.20%

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2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.
	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

- 1. In the LA BOSCOC, most providers which are non-HMIS participating are so almost exclusively as a result of their capacity. Since these providers are not funded to participate in HMIS, they lack the resources to meaningfully and accurately engage with the database. In FY21, the LA BOSCOC applied for and received a \$77,000 expansion to its annual HMIS grant to hire a data entry specialist or "super user" whose primary role as part of the HMIS system administration will be to engage with and assist providers who are either nonfunded or who lack the capacity to dedicate staff to HMIS. The super user will provide guided instruction or manual data entry for these programs to increase the quality and quantity of data in HMIS. By removing or lessening the burden of data entry from these providers, HMIS coverage should increase significantly with non-participating agencies. The CoC will continue to improve communications between non participating providers and Coordinated Entry, Emergency Shelter, and Housing projects to demonstrate the utility of HMIS usage to non-participating providers as an additional recruitment method.
- 2. The CoC will fill the HMIS super user position and begin providing data entry assistance to non-participating providers. The CoC has increased communication with CES and PH providers by extending the invitation to PH providers to attend monthly housing solutions meetings, increasing communication about data quality, and scheduling data sessions with providers to ensure the data in HMIS accurately reflects the work they are doing. This work will increase efficacy of the CES and the CoC will use the resulting aggregate data and deidentified participant level experiences with being housed through CES as educational materials for non participating providers. The CoC will promote HMIS participation by sharing positive outcomes, aggregate HMIS data identifying system trends, and other demonstrations of HMIS utility to stakeholders who are non participating but have the capacity to participate in HMIS. The CoC will continue to build relationships with non participating providers through general and one on one meetings, workshops, and other activities to identify and remove barriers to HMIS participation.

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.	

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

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	
Ent	er the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/23/2023
2B-2.	PIT Count Data-HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	
Ent	er 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.	

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- **Project:** LA-509 CoC Registration and Application FY2023
  - 1. Multiple providers who specialized in serving youth experiencing homelessness were involved in planning the 2023 Point-in-Time (PIT) count. In the Baton Rouge region Empower 225 and Youth Oasis staff members, including the executive director of Youth Oasis, participated in planning and training for the unsheltered count. Youth Oasis' project level Youth Advisory Boards, made up of youth with lived experience, contributed information to the unsheltered PIT count planning process via Youth Oasis staff. The Education and Treatment Council had staff involved in planning for the PIT count in the Calcasieu region. Planning activities for the PIT count include recruiting volunteers for the unsheltered count, selecting hot spots for unsheltered count routes, participating in training activities on data entry into the mobile app used for unsheltered counts, and engaging with shelters to ensure sheltered data is accurately collected on the night of the PIT.
  - 2. Youth Oasis, Empower 225, and the Education and Treatment Council all participated in planning and developing routes for the unsheltered count, provided significant input to the development of the PIT planning process and provided information regarding unsheltered youth locations. Additionally, all providers, including those specializing in youth services, participated in a pre-PIT Count Known Location Survey created by CoC staff to help identify locations where unsheltered persons, including youth, were located in order to create randomly selected low probability routes to survey as part of the geo sampling initiative.
  - 3. No youth experiencing homelessness participated as counters on the night of the 2023 PIT count.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.
	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 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.

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- 1. Louisiana suffers from frequent severe weather events almost every year, particularly in summer. These events leave many residents displaced and without shelter or home. As a response to the impacts of Hurricane Ida in 2021, the CoC's 2022 PIT count was the first time the CoC engaged with FEMA to include numbers of participants in the CoC who were sheltered in FEMA disaster Emergency Shelter (Transitional Sheltering Assistance) on the night of the PIT in the sheltered count. The 2023 PIT Count did not include people sheltering in FEMA disaster Emergency Shelter as those shelter operations ceased prior to the day of the 2023 PIT Count.
- 2. There was no change in methodology for the 2023 PIT unsheltered count. Local PIT surveyor teams consisting of provider staff and volunteers conducted an unsheltered PIT count canvas the night of the PIT count and engaged in additional counting activities in the days after, soliciting responses about sleeping location on the night of the PIT. The CoC engaged with the vendor for our mobile PIT app Simtech to conduct a geographic sampling of our regions to facilitate hot spot identification. As part of the PIT planning process, a known locations survey was sent to PIT captains for each region who identified which census tracts were likely to have high and low probability of PEH. From there, the Counting Us staff created a heat map that included tracts the survey teams would canvas in person (all high probability tracts and randomly selected low probability tracts). The number of low probability tracts to survey in person was determined by calculating the total areas (315) with a 95% confidence level and 10% confidence interval. Once the PIT was completed, the HUD PIT report from Simtech calculated the sampling data.
- 3. The 2023 PIT count resulted in the lower amount of PEH counted in the CoC due to the lack of people sheltering in FEMA disaster Emergency Shelter at the time of the 2023 PIT count.
- 4. Changes in the sheltered count methodology are listed under response 1.

## 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

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- 1. The CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing first time homelessness by collecting regular anecdotal information from CoC member providers, ESG-funded emergency shelters, the Coordinated Entry Committee, street outreach staff, and homeless prevention (HP) providers. When anecdotal data suggests that there may be a change in existing risk factors, additional relevant data is requested from sources including the HMIS System Administrator, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)'s staff for youth aging out of foster care, the Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) Homeless Liaisons, the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the Louisiana Department of Corrections (DOC). The CoC also gathers data directly from people with lived experience to inform its understanding of first time homelessness. In partnership with a local university the CoC is currently distributing a Youth Homelessness Needs Survey and project-level consumer groups provide anecdotal information about risk factors for first time homelessness. All of this information is used to inform the CoC's strategy to reduce first time homelessness.
- 2. The CoC's strategy to address individuals and families at risk of first time homelessness focuses on HP and diversion. The CoC funds HP through ESG, ESG-CV, TANF, and SSVF to pay rent arrears and legal representation to prevent evictions and through youth specific HP services for eligible households. Coordinated Entry access points provide diversion case management, referrals to mainstream resources, and in the most urban region, private funds to reconnect participants with their existing support networks. The CoC works with representatives of DCFS and DOC to prevent people from exiting foster care and DOC into homelessness and with DOE and VA to identify families, youth, and veterans at risk of experiencing homelessness. The CoC has also developed formal partnerships with DCFS, DOC, DOE, and VA to create a structure for referring people at risk of experiencing homelessness directly to the CoC's CES. The CoC convened a group of stakeholders that worked with youth to develop a strategy to address youth homelessness, including strategies to prevent youth from entering into homelessness.
- The CoC Manager is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
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	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:	
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1.	natural disasters?	Yes
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

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The number of first time homeless individuals in the LA BOSCOC was affected by persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance due to displacement by a natural disaster. From 2020 to the present, there have been three major hurricanes (Laura/Delta/Ida) that impacted the CoC's geography. A significant amount of the housing stock was destroyed, up to 60% in the Calcasieu and Houma regions respectively, resulting in a rise in people experiencing first time homelessness. The housing stock is still significantly below pre-storm levels, so the CoC continues to see an elevated number of first time homeless individuals in hurricane-impacted regions even as significant progress has been made in coordinating with federal and state disaster response and recovery teams to find housing solutions for the majority of initially displaced residents experiencing first time homelessness.

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.	

- The CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time (LOT) individuals and persons in families experience homelessness has multiple elements. CoC-Program-funded projects are incentivized to adopt a Housing First service model to reduce project entry barriers. People experiencing homelessness (PEH) are quickly referred to housing & services through the COC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) to exit homelessness quickly through rapidexit case management and prioritization. A CES Navigator assists households most likely to be referred next to housing with obtaining resources to reduce barriers to housing and decrease the amount of time between project intake and permanent housing. CoC, ESG, and some VA projects get referrals through CES, which prioritizes based on the household's need (determined by the Participant Triage Tool), disability status, and the longest LOT homeless. CoC staff assist PH projects in improving case management processes to support quick movement of PEH from intake to permanent housing. The CoC coordinates with Legal Services, SOAR case managers, and the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services to increase access to SSI/SSDI, reducing a barrier to housing by increasing income. Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC), provides a free online platform, LAHousingSearch.org, where landlords can make units publicly available to a wide audience, including PEH. With the addition of EHV from the ARP, Move On strategies are implemented to free up existing PSH beds for new clients with high levels of need. The CoC has funded new Rapid Re-housing projects through both CoC
- 2. The CoC identifies people with the longest LOT homeless through record review and participant interviews that ask how long people have been experiencing homelessness. These interviews are documented in HMIS and are updated when participants present for services or are contacted through street outreach. The CES quickly refers participants for housing assistance by prioritizing households with the highest need and longest LOT homeless.

Program and statewide ESG and will continue doing so through 2023.

3. The CoC Manager at LHC is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce individuals and families' LOT homeless.

2C-3.	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.	

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- The CoC's strategy to increase exits to permanent housing (PH) from emergency shelter (ES), safe havens, transitional housing (TH), and rapid rehousing (RRH) is to improve project staff's ability to help locate and secure housing, identify and eliminate barriers to securing PH, build housing skills, and reduce evictions through landlord mediation. Project staff are given guidance on best practices, access to training and training materials, and given an opportunity to share with colleagues across projects to identify effective strategies. Project staff also help participants increase income through job training, job search assistance, connection to SOAR or SSI/SSDI application assistance, and education services. ES projects decrease time spent in shelter by developing the resources, community connections, and staff skill to implement diversion with participants. RRH projects provide security and utility deposits to remove financial barriers and supportive services for up to 6 months after rent support ends to ensure PH maintenance. The CoC works with projects to ensure participants are terminated only after all other options have been exhausted. TH and RRH projects with low exits to PH receive guidance to improve supportive services options and other ways to find and resolve housing barriers.
- 2. The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which people in PH projects other than RRH retain their PH or exit to PH has multiple elements. All new PSH projects and most existing PSH projects follow Housing First principles, terminating participants only after all other interventions have been exhausted. Project staff help participants locate and secure housing. Evictions are reduced by project staff that provide landlord mediation and by helping participants to access legal services when needed. Projects eliminate barriers to self-sufficiency by linking participants to supportive services, including SSI/SSDI application assistance, job search and training resources, and educational resources. The majority of PSH projects in the CoC are tenant-based, which allows participants to move units as needed to better meet their needs and maintain housing.
- 3. The CoC Manager at Louisiana Housing Corporation is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

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

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- 1. The strategy the CoC has implemented to identify individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness is analyzing CoC data annually, including system performance measures and de-identified HMIS data. When the CoC analyzes the System Performance Measures, staff is able to pull client level data. Additionally, the Coordinated Entry (CE) staff attempt contact with all participants not yet referred to housing or self-resolved, who pass through the CE System (CES) monthly. Regional Street Outreach Networks allow for CE and Street Outreach staff from different projects to communicate regularly regarding participants, allowing for quick reconnection with services. Communication between CE staff and participants allows for identification of persons who returned to homelessness.
- 2. The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness has multiple elements. CE access points and CoC Program and ESG projects connect people with mainstream benefits, including SOAR case management. to help increase financial resources to maintain housing. CoC Program and ESG projects educate participants about fair housing including tenant rights and responsibilities and budgeting for core expenses. Many RRH projects have policies that provide extended supportive services for 6 months after their participants' rent support ends to reduce returns to homelessness, including case manager assistance in negotiating with landlords and in locating shortterm assistance to resolve housing crises, reducing returns to homelessness. CoC Program permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects allows people to move units and be rehoused to prevent re-entry into homelessness and provide supportive services to help participants navigate moving so they do not end up in homelessness. The CES provides a path for RRH participants to be "bridged" to PSH should they be eligible and in danger of exiting at risk of homelessness. SWLA Law Center and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services provide legal services to prevent evictions. Statewide ESG also funds homeless prevention services (eviction prevention assistance, security and utility deposits, first month rent funding) to stabilize or quickly rehouse people before they re-enter homelessness.
- The CoC Manager at the Louisiana Housing Corporation is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy.
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.
	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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- 1. CoC's strategy to increase employment income is to connect participants with job readiness, job training, and educational programs that increase the participant's ability to attain sustainable employment, while also connecting them with mainstream employment organizations to help achieve employment. In addition to the assistance routinely provided by Coordinated Entry staff, programs like Baton Rouge's Southeast Louisiana Legal Services located at the One Stop Homeless Services Center and Lake Charles' Southwest Legal Aid assist participants to get documents that are necessary for employment, like state IDs. Christian Outreach, a CoC member, has a 10-week annual employment program that trains 40+ participants a year; section 8 participants are incentivized with \$100/wk utility assistance for attending the program. The CoC also incentivizes projects to adopt a Housing First model to ensure that participants that are working to grow their employment income are not screened out.
- 2. The CoC's strategy to increase access to employment includes working with municipalities, WIOA-funded employment programs, and business associations to publicize employment opportunities to projects. The CoC works with mainstream employment organizations (EOs) to help households increase income by referring participants to job search assistance through regional Career Solutions Centers including those at public libraries, Ticket to Work programs, the One Stop, WIOA-funded employment programs (EmployBR), and SNAP Employment and Training through the Department of Children and Family Services. Mainstream EOs present at CoC meetings to projects and the CoC distributes information about employment programs and other EO resources to its membership through its listsery. Project staff facilitate connections by directly providing transportation, or referring to transportation assistance, and by developing income and budgeting plans with participants.
- 3. Louisiana Housing Corporation's CoC Manager is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase job and income growth from employment.

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

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- The CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources is as follows. Annually, the CoC connects projects with SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) training regarding the SSI/SSDI application process and eligibility requirements through the Office of Behavioral Health. Project staff refer clients to legal services and SOAR case management as needed to aid in the SSI/SSDI application process. Starting in October 2023, the CoC, in partnership with the state Housing Finance Agency and Department of Health, is stationing SOAR case managers in three of the CoC's five regions to increase access to SOAR case management in rural geographies that lack the type of supportive resources needed to navigate the cumbersome SSI/SSDI application process. SOAR case managers will coordinate closely with Coordinated Entry Access Points and street outreach teams and provide mobile services for both people experiencing sheltered/unsheltered homelessness and housed participants. The new SOAR Case managers will also serve as SOAR training hubs to increase the amount of SOAR provider staff available to provide assistance in underserved rural geographies. The CoC also works with the Departments of Health and of Children and Family Services to reduce administrative barriers to accessing SSI/SSDI to help increase awards to those that are eligible. Besides SSI/SSDI benefits. Coordinated Entry and project staff work with participants to identify and apply for all cash benefits that the participant may be eligible for through federal, state, and local government programs.
- 2. The Continuum of Care Manager at the Louisiana Housing Corporation is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase income from non-employment sources.

## 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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- 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

3.	A-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	Yes	
	housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?		
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3.	A-2. New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.		
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.		
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.		
	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes	
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3A-3.	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
Louisiana Housing	PH-RRH	33	Healthcare
BOSCOC PSH 2023	PH-PSH	32	Both

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## 3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Louisiana Housing Corporation - RRH Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): G9MAZAU3T661

3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your 33 CoC's Priority Listing:

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

## 3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? BOSCOC PSH 2023

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): J5B1XEL22N13

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your 32 CoC's Priority Listing:

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

## 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
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for I	our CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding nousing rehabilitation or new construction?	INO
3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
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	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.	

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Not Applicable

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

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

3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	
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proj	our CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component ects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other eral statutes?	No
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.	

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Not Applicable

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

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

4	A-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?		Yes
4,4	n-1a. DV Bonus Project Types.		
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.		
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2023 Priority Listing.		
	Project Type	_ _	
1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	No	
	-	Yes	

to view questions 4A-2, 4A-2a. and 4A-2b.

4A-3.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects Your CoC's Geographic Area.	n
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	
1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	9,272
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	144
3.	Unmet Need:	9,128

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

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1. LCADV calculated the number of domestic violence (DV) survivors needing housing or services utilizing state-level data about households impacted by DV and, of those impacted, the percentage that needed housing assistance to get to safety. We used US Census data to find the LA BOSCOC's population: 1,480,622. The NISVS found 35.9% of women and 15.9% of men in Louisiana have experienced DV, which equates to 386,338 DV survivors in the CoC parishes. Of these, the NISVS further found that 2.4% of DV survivors report needing housing assistance. 2.4% of 386,338 is 9,272 of survivors in the CoC who need housing and/or housing services.

Using HMIS and comparable database data, the CoC is currently serving 144 survivors with housing services.

- 2. Data sources were HMIS and comparable database data for currently being served, census and state-level data from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) [Smith, S.G., Chen, J., Basile, K.C., Gilbert, L.K., Merrick, M.T., Patel, N., Walling, M., & Jain, A. (2017). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010-2012 State Report. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.]
- 3. There are various reasons that the CoC is currently unable to meet the full needs of all survivors in its territory. Barriers include an overall lack of vouchers to house all survivors requesting housing and a lack of affordable housing across various regions of Louisiana. The lack of affordable housing stock has been exacerbated in recent years due to Hurricanes Laura (2020), Delta (2020), and Ida (2021) which caused extensive physical damage. An additional barrier to serving all DV survivors has been a historical lack of collaboration between domestic violence providers and housing providers. This collaboration has improved significantly in recent years with 3 additional DV providers now participating in CES since last year and ongoing joint outreach and education from LCADV and the CoC to recruit additional CES contributing DV providers through training and workshops. This collaborative relationship will continue to deepen with this project.

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

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

4A-3b. Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.

NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2023 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	LA Coalition Against Domestic Violence
2.	Project Name	DV-RRH Expansion
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	35
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	MNFDFN4K51K3
5.	Amount Requested	\$662,132
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	93%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	91%

4A-3b.1. Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

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

1. how the project applicant calculated both rates;

2. whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and

3. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

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- 1. Retention rates were calculated using the total number of participants ever in the project, and the number of participants still in the project as of 9/1/23. Placement rates were calculated using the number of eligible referrals from CE and the number that were actually housed, from 10/1/22 (the start date for the project's CoC funded RRH) to 9/1/23.
- 2. The rates account for exits to safe housing destinations. Project subrecipients track returns to abusive partners within their comparable database. These housing placements are considered not safe and therefore, removed as a successful housing placement for the purpose of calculating this rate.
- 3. The data sources for the housing placement and retention rates include subrecipients' comparable databases and administrative data from current agency projects providing housing assistance.

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4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)
	Describe in the field below how the project applicant:
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2.	prioritized survivors–you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan, etc.;
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain-address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

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- 1. LCADV RRH Project subrecipients successfully ensured domestic violence survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into safe affordable housing by utilizing ongoing relationships with landlords and homeowners for quick housing location, providing housing search assistance, eliminating gaps in move-in needs by using Flexible Housing assistance funds, and connecting participants to community resources.
- 2. Subrecipients are agencies who operate DV shelters with a survivor-centered mission. Subrecipients were educated about the CoC's coordinated entry (CE) processes, and case managers relayed information to survivors in shelter about how and when information would be shared and the benefits of participating. Survivors self-selected if they were interested. RRH subrecipients share non-personally identifying information with COC staff for interested survivors to be placed on the CE prioritization list along with other people experiencing homelessness. All RRH subrecipients accept eligible referrals from the prioritization list when they have an RRH unit opening.
- 3. Subrecipients determine which supportive services are needed along with the participant. They use a survivor-led, empowerment-based model to inform survivors of services available. The survivor decides which services they need. After identified, the participant and the staff complete a mutually agreed upon service plan together. This plan can change at any time based on the needs of the participant.
- 4. Subrecipients connected survivors to support services by making supported referrals, providing participants with transportation, telephone, and childcare services as needed, and ongoing case management to assess survivor needs. Support services survivors were connected to include mainstream benefits, legal advocacy, employment, education, credit counseling/repair, and health care (including mental, medical and dental).
- 5. Due to the nature of flexible funding, often a one-time stabilization expense, proposed subrecipients successfully supported program participants move into permanent housing or stabilized safe housing with that source. Subrecipients provided ongoing advocacy and case management with survivors as needed to address housing stability after the financial assistance ended. In the RRH project, subrecipients utilize a step-down assistance structure in addition to ongoing advocacy and case management to assist survivors with long term housing stability.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and

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5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

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- 1. All in-person intakes are completed in private offices to ensure confidentiality. Proposed subrecipients are trained in the dynamics of domestic violence and incorporate best practice models into their organizational spaces, starting with the intake process. They use a survivor centered, trauma informed approach, which is applied to intake that is conducted by phone via hotline, and in a physical intake location. While proposed subrecipients will serve families, most often an adult and children, staff are trained to ensure if a couple does come in together or reach out together, conversations are always conducted separately, and safety is the top priority.
- 2. Proposed subrecipients work from a trauma-informed empowerment model which emphasizes survivor choice in all aspects of decision making, including participation in a safe housing program and the subsequent housing location.
- 3. Proposed subrecipients keep their safe housing, emergency shelter and transitional housing program locations confidential. This includes restrictions on publication of physical addresses. The location of survivor housing units is also kept out of shared databases to protect confidentiality of these locations.
- 4. In-depth safety planning training and confidentiality are included as part of each advocate's required training prior to interacting with survivors. Proposed RRH Project subrecipients are all victim service providers and they receive extensive initial and ongoing training on safety planning and confidentiality. These topics are at the core of domestic violence organization missions.
- 5. Proposed subrecipients are experienced in making physical adjustments to congregate living facilities to ensure survivor safety. This includes safety fencing, secure access codes on doors, appropriate lighting in common areas, and monitored security systems. Subrecipients also have experience assisting survivors with modifications or additions to their chosen unit as needed to increase the participant's safety level. These may include installing security cameras, additional locks or security alarms.

4A-3d.1. Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.

NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.

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LCADV proposed RRH Project subrecipients evaluate and update their policies around confidentiality, emergency procedures and operating practices based on their impact to the safety of program participants annually at a minimum; however, policies are reviewed and updated as needed when new information is brought to management's attention. In addition, all policies and procedures utilized by member programs are reviewed by LCADV during annual monitoring visits. Feedback and guidance are given by LCADV to each subrecipient to ensure the highest level of safety for people experiencing domestic violence while interacting with LCADV member programs. Additional monitoring visits may happen in between annual visits if information is brought to project staff that indicates a concern is present and additional follow-up is needed.

In addition, as LCADV member programs, proposed RRH Project subrecipients evaluate survivor safety using the following participant-based methods:

- 1. Actual outcomes: Subrecipients evaluate the number of program participants that have experienced a subsequent incident of violence while receiving services.
- 2. Survivor feedback: Each program participant is given a feedback survey. The first question on the survey is "I know more ways to plan for my safety." Participants answer yes or no to this question and can also leave comments and suggestions for improvement. A successful outcome for this question is the percentage of yes answers to this question equaling over 90%. Percentage of yes answers are monitored monthly and this percentage is used to identify areas within the program where additional safety planning training is needed. Participant feedback and suggestions are utilized to strengthen current practices to maximize survivor safety.

As survivor safety is our most important goal, when areas identified for improvement show through safety evaluations, LCADV will provide immediate, intensive TA and support to subrecipients to ensure that any identified safety improvements are made quickly and efficiently.

As an example, safety evaluations in our Flexible Housing Assistance Program found a need for resources to improve the safety of survivors' homes. LCADV responded to this need by adding a safety enhancement category to eligible program expenses. This allowed program staff to assist survivors with enhancing the safety of their units including installing security cameras or extra locks.

4A-3e. Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)
	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;

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

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- 1.LCADV RRH Project subrecipients are domestic violence (DV) service providers with years of experience working with survivors. The subrecipients have an emergency shelter component to their services. Through shelter, subrecipients have a vast array of experience in assisting survivors with housing location and stabilization and they use a trauma informed-empowerment model which emphasizes survivor choice in all aspects of decision making, including housing location.
- 2.LCADV believes that all survivors of DV have the right and capability of making decisions for themselves and the right to establish a nonviolent living situation. Survivors are offered the opportunity to regain control over their lives through finding safety, emotional support, and advocacy. Proposed RRH Project subrecipients currently provide supportive services in an environment of agency and mutual respect and always work to minimize power differentials. Recognizing imbalances in power as the core behind abusive behaviors is central to our work and a core component of our service delivery model is providing a participant with an opportunity to be heard and understood. This is critical to developing a trusting relationship. When participants are heard, understood and respected and when they are treated as individuals capable of making informed choices about their own well-being, they are likely to engage in an open, trusting relationship with sub-recipient program staff. Subrecipients do not use punitive measures.
- 3.Trauma information is routinely given to program participants including defining trauma, information on the physiological responses to trauma and how it affects one's long-term health and memory, recognizing the effects of trauma in themselves and their children, as well as creating a trauma plan for triggering events. Subrecipient program staff receive training on trauma informed service provision and on speaking with survivors about trauma as part of their initial 40-hour training upon hire. Program staff receive subsequent training on trauma annually through online, on-demand modules and in-person trainings
- 4.Subrecipients use a variety of strengths-based approaches including recognizing the inherent resources people can use to counteract difficult situations, promoting the use of informal support networks, and building a strong relationship between the participant and program staff. Subrecipients currently assess strengths in an individualized manner that fits each survivor's unique needs using these tenets. All case plans include identification of survivor-defined goals, action steps to achieve those goals, the person responsible and a timeframe for completion. Staff track progress toward those goals, which is updated weekly or monthly depending on case plans.
- 5.Subrecipients complete training on cultural competencies including the recognition of program participant language, customs, beliefs, values, and racial, ethnic, religious, or social institutions. The training encompasses the awareness, knowledge and skills in order to effectively work with participants as whole people, made up of their cultural background and life experiences. LCADV and its proposed subrecipients recognize other forms of oppression, such as racism, classism, and homophobia as contributing to DV in our society. Proposed subrecipients are routinely monitored for compliance with state Quality Assurance Standards that include compliance with all federal and state laws regarding equal access and non-discriminatory practices.
- 6. Proposed subrecipients are currently providing weekly peer-to-peer support

groups to survivors of DV and their children- for many years. Groups are facilitated by program staff and topics covered include DV dynamics, safety planning, and the effects of trauma. Advocates provide individual, supportive services using a peer-to-peer model. Survivors who request assistance with spiritual needs are referred to appropriate, local resources to meet that survivor-defined need. Special care is given to make referrals that are in alignment with the survivor's specified religion and/or religious beliefs.

7.Proposed subrecipients provide parenting education, support, and access to resources, as well as access to childcare options for residential families while parents are receiving individual or group services and while the parent is looking for housing or employment. Parent education and support focuses on the effects of DV on children, parenting after abuse, non-violent discipline methods, and safety planning with children. Staff offer support to parents who need assistance with a plan for discussing the abuse with their children in an age-appropriate way. Many children stay silent about what they have seen or heard and carry guilt and other negative feelings about their experience. Assisting survivors with support to foster these tough conversations with their children encourages families to work on healing together.

4A-3f. Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.

NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)

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

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Project: LA-509 CoC Registration and Application FY2023

- 1. Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence's (LCADV) proposed RRH Project subrecipients have extensive expertise providing crisis DV services. During FY2022, all subrecipients employed advocates that staffed a 24/7 DV crisis helpline, emergency shelter and provided trauma-informed, survivor directed support. This support included safety planning, individual peer counseling, support groups and civil legal assistance including navigating the restraining order process.
- 2. Advocates also provided direct case management services to households in conjunction with their long-term housing stability safety plans. These plans were survivor directed and included help with housing search, identifying barriers to housing stability, and connection to financial resources. They also provided safety planning specific to the identified housing unit including tangible safety resources such as security cameras, lock changing, etc.

To support this goal, they provided access and support to the following resources either directly through their own agency or by warm referrals to other agencies: employment, education, health care (including mental, medical, and dental), childcare and transportation. Subrecipients ensured that program participants had access to phones, computer, internet, or other needed methods to complete applications, communicate with benefit program staff, and to make and keep phone and online appointments. They provided access to transportation to make all in-person appointments with any health, social service, and employment resources available, and assisted participants with obtaining any needed documentation such as IDs or social security cards needed for benefit eligibility.

Proposed subrecipient staff assisted participants with applications for mainstream benefits for which they are eligible including FITAP, SNAP, Kinship Care, Medicaid, and Child Care Assistance. Child advocates working in subrecipient programs regularly assisted parents with applying for Childcare Assistance and locating appropriate childcare centers, and worked with Department of Education's McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons to link eligible children to early childhood education.

- 3. To assist survivors with civil legal representation for protection orders and child custody, LCADV operated a civil legal project, the Legal Access Network. LCADV recruited, trained, and utilized contract attorneys across the state, including in the CoC's territory, to provide survivors with free legal representation for civil legal matters related to their safety and stability. In the past 12 months, this network has provided direct legal services to over 83 survivors.
- 4. Many of the proposed sub-recipients of this project participated in LCADV's Allstate Moving Ahead Financial Empowerment program in FY2022. Through this program, participants had access to financial empowerment education, including credit repair. Advocates from participating programs were trained on strategies to assist survivors with improving their credit score. Programs partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)'s Independence Project to link participants to microloans which significantly improve survivors credit scores. Over the past 12 months, 45 survivors reported an improvement in their credit score (37 improved by 1-25 points, 6 improved by 26-50 points, 1 improved 50+ points). In addition, 155 survivors created a financial plan and 128 met a personal financial goal.

5. Subrecipients work with survivors on securing and maintaining employment. This is done through referrals and connections to the local workforce development programs and job readiness efforts. Subrecipients assist survivors with creating resumes, obtaining needed interview clothing and required certifications, securing transportation to interviews, and other employment resources.

4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Practices for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(e)
	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivordefined goals and aspirations;
5.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6.	provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

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- 1.Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence(LCADV)'s proposed RRH Project subrecipients will create a landlord portfolio to support survivors with housing navigation. The units will use Fair Market Rent and HQS inspection. The program participant selects their unit with no other conditions for approval. Housing Advocates (HAs) will work with each household to create plans to address any housing stability concerns. Using a Housing First approach, program participants will move rapidly into permanent housing once their immediate safety needs have been addressed. Supportive services will be voluntary and offered to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness and include offering, at a minimum, monthly case management to focus on housing stabilization, safety planning and addressing any participant needs. The trauma-informed principles utilized will include addressing any continued safety needs for the household, survivor-led collaboration on housing location and housing stability goals, and transparency of HAs with survivors regarding program participant responsibilities.
- 2.Proposed subrecipients will provide supportive services in an environment of agency and mutual respect and will always work to minimize power differentials. Recognizing imbalances in power as the core behind abusive behaviors is central to our work and a foundation of our service delivery model will be to provide participants opportunities to be heard and understood so we develop a trusting relationship. When participants are heard, understood, respected, and treated as individuals capable of making informed choices about their own well-being, they are likely to engage in an open, trusting relationship with sub-recipient staff. Participants will have no barriers to entry or preconditions and will not be terminated from the project for lack of participation. Supportive services will be voluntary and offered to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness. Punitive interventions will not be used.
- 3. Trauma education will be routinely given to program participants, including defining trauma, physiological responses to trauma, impact on long-term health and memory, and recognizing the effects of trauma in themselves and their children. All agency staff will have access to unlimited training and technical assistance provided by LCADV who has extensive training in trauma, and many have experience working directly with survivors of trauma. Moving into permanent housing is often the first time a survivor will be in a home alone after fleeing an abusive relationship. For this reason, physical and emotional safety are of the utmost importance as triggering events are common in this stage. HAs will create safety plans with each program participant in the RRH Project. These safety plans will include physical safety and emotional safety and will focus on a plan specific to their home. These plans will include locating the safest area to shelter in place within the home, identifying all exit routes from the home, addressing unexpected situations, dealing with trauma triggers, and contact attempts from the abusive party.
- 4.Proposed subrecipients will assess strengths in an individualized manner that fits each survivor's unique needs. Once a trusting relationship is formed and strengths and informal support networks are identified, the creation of realistic, attainable, survivor-led goals will be developed. Using trauma informed care principles, HAs will ensure that goals are small and have a reasonable timeframe for completion. The completion of these goals will be highly celebrated to build resiliency in program participants.
- 5. Proposed subrecipients will work with participants as whole people, made up

of their cultural background and life experiences. HAs are trained on and recognize cultural aspects of participants including the recognition of language, customs, beliefs, values, and racial, ethnic, religious, or social institutions. Procedures will be in place for the provision of services to people with visual, hearing, or cognitive disabilities. Materials and interpreters will be available for survivors with Limited English Proficiency.

6.Participants will have access to weekly support groups. HAs will provide individual, supportive services using a peer-to-peer model. Participants will be connected to appropriate local spiritual guidance as requested.

7.Participants will have access to parenting support and childcare through direct and referred services with 1-to-1 assistance, written materials and group options provided by proposed subrecipients. This support will be provided using the trauma-informed principles of promoting empowerment to parents, building resilience and collaboration within families, and understanding trauma and its impacts on the family. The project will also provide legal support and referrals to participants to support their parenting and the safety of their children.

4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.		
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(f)			
	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:		
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and		
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.		

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- LCADV and project subrecipients seek feedback from project participants with a broad range of lived experiences and will use that feedback to inform program development throughout the project's operation. Case managers who work with RRH participants will build relationships that promote honest communication, regularly asking participants about their experience within the project and how the project can be improved to better meet their needs. Case managers bring these ideas to LCADV staff members during our monthly Zoom meetings. In these meetings, we discuss any identified barriers or issues raised by participants and brainsform ways to meet the identified needs. In addition, project participants are given annual surveys to complete to provide information on their experience. These surveys are collected and reviewed and changes to our project are made as appropriate. LCADV also routinely conducts Needs Assessments throughout the state of Louisiana, using a variety of means to communicate with survivors with a range of lived expertise. Outreach efforts for this initiative include online surveys, survivor listening groups, connection with churches and organizations serving underserved communities, and surveys of organizations currently serving survivors. LCADV will specifically include information about this project in our feedback requests and will use the information compiled to inform our policy and program development for this
- 2. LCADV has structures in place to ensure survivors in Louisiana are consulted and able to participate in identifying needs and defining policy and program solutions to help survivors. We routinely involve survivors with a range of lived expertise in policy and program development for all initiatives and projects. LCADV is a membership organization, with individual survivor memberships being a core membership group. Survivors of various backgrounds throughout the state are members of LCADV and provide us with expert guidance as we plan programs and initiatives. We connect with survivors through our Formerly Battered Women's Roundtable, which is a caucus group in our bylaws that ensures representation of survivors in LCADV's program development. We also are connected to independent survivor groups around the state. In addition, LCADV has board members and staff who identify as survivors of domestic violence, bringing additional voices of survivors into the policy development conversation.

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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1E-5d. Notification of CoC- Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da	09/20/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin	09/21/2023
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal	09/22/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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4B. Attachments Screen

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#### PHA Homeless Preference (1C-7)

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#### JOHN BEL EDWARDS GOVERNOR



## Louisiana Housing Corporation

September 7, 2023

Carrie Patterson Louisiana Housing Corporation 2415 Quail Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Ms. Patterson,

The Louisiana Housing Authority has both general and limited housing preferences for Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) and those preferences are:

Prefere	nce		Points
1.	Applicants in Tax Credit or other units designated for PSH under the Road Home Program.	15	- Absolute preference
2.	Applicants with incomes not exceeding 30% AMI, or exceeding 30% of AMI only because two persons in the household receive Supplemental Security Income.	15	- preference
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12.	Non-preference or standard applicant (none of the above)	0	
All hou	aseholds must be PSH eligible.		

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tjackson@lhc.la.gov.

Thank You,

Homeless Preference

Tonika Jackson-Smart

Tonika Jackson-Smart Housing Finance Deputy Administrator Louisiana Housing Authority

#### 4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

PHAs must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the PHA will use [24 CFR 982.202(d)].

#### Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]

PHAs are permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the PHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the PHA plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources.

#### **PHA Policy**

Preferences for the HCV waiting list for East Baton Rouge Parish only:

Equal weight will be given to both the listed preferences:

The PHA will give elderly (62 years of age or older) head-of-household and/or disabled families preference.

The PHA will give homeless veterans preference. Written verification of both veteran and homeless status will be required from the Department of Veteran's Affairs Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (VA). Determination of homelessness and veteran status will be made by the VA through their local office and/or the One Stop Homeless Services Center in coordination with the VA.

Preferences for the HCV waiting list for the City of Plaquemine only:

The PHA will give a residency preference for head-of-household applicants who reside within the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana. Applicants will need to provide current proof of residency. The use of a residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or otherwise denying admission to the program based on the race, color, ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, or age of any member of an applicant family.

Local preferences and set asides are outlined in the PHA's Annual Plan which is updated annually. The PHA must inform all applicants about all available preferences and give all applicants an opportunity to qualify for the preferences.

Preference information on applications will be updated as applicants are selected from the waiting list. At that time, the PHA will mail a written notice to the applicant requesting verification of the family's preference claim.

If the PHA denies a preference, the PHA will notify the applicant in writing of the reasons why the preference was denied and offer the applicant an opportunity for an informal review. If the preference denial is upheld as a result of the review, or the applicant does not request such a review, the applicant will remain on the waiting list without benefit of the preference. Applicants may exercise other rights if they believe they have been discriminated against.

If an applicant falsifies documents or makes false statements in order to qualify for any preference, they will be removed from the waiting list.

## PHA Moving On Preference (1C-7) Attachment coversheet

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	Housing for persons who are homeless		
10.	Persons at risk of institutionalization	2	
$\sqrt{11}$	Homeless persons	1	
12.	Non-preference or standard applicant (none of the above)	0	
All hou	aseholds must be PSH eligible.		

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tjackson@lhc.la.gov.

Thank You,

Homeless Preference

Tonika Jackson-Smart

Tonika Jackson-Smart Housing Finance Deputy Administrator Louisiana Housing Authority Letter Signed by Working Group (1D-11a)

**Attachment Coversheet** 



August 31, 2023

Subject: Lived Experience Working Group Letter of Support

Greetings,

We are writing this letter to show our support to the Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care 2023 application. We support this application for the following reasons;

- They prioritize people in the most vulnerable conditions.
  - Provide the appropriate housing support to make sure they succeed.
- They coordinate well with emergency shelters to facilitate people moving from homelessness into housing quickly.
- They include insight from people with lived experience of homelessness.
- They are giving youth a chance to have their voice heard.
- They connect people with supportive services that help them stay housed.

Kind regards,

Katelyn Johnson

Youth Action Board Chair

Amea Smith

Lived Experience Specialist

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Youth Action Board Member

# Housing First Evaluation (1D-2a) Attachment Coversheet

Housing First Evaluation - Options Villa

#### **Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary**

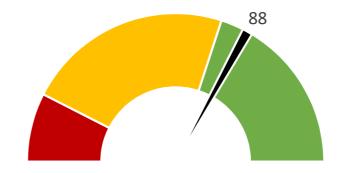
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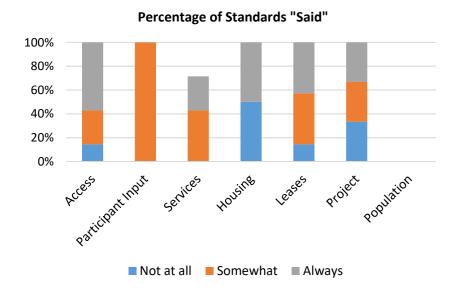
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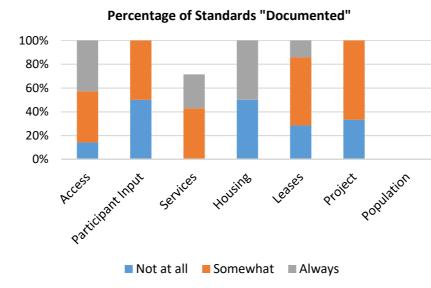
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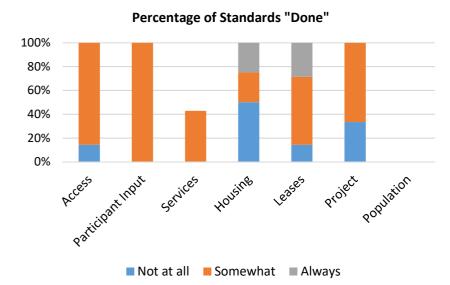
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<b>Non-Compliant Standa</b>	Non-Compliant Standards ("Not at all" to Whether Standard is Said)							
Category	No.	Name	Standard					
Access	5	Intake processes are person centered and flexible	Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific - appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.					
			Intake schedules not flexible and client centered					
Housing	2	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/					
			Site based project states that it is sober living environment					
Housing	3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.					
			Optional notes here					
Leases	3	Leases are the same for	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per					
			Site based project's rules and leases are more restrictive than an average lease					
Project-specific	3	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.					
			property management and service provider staff are the same					

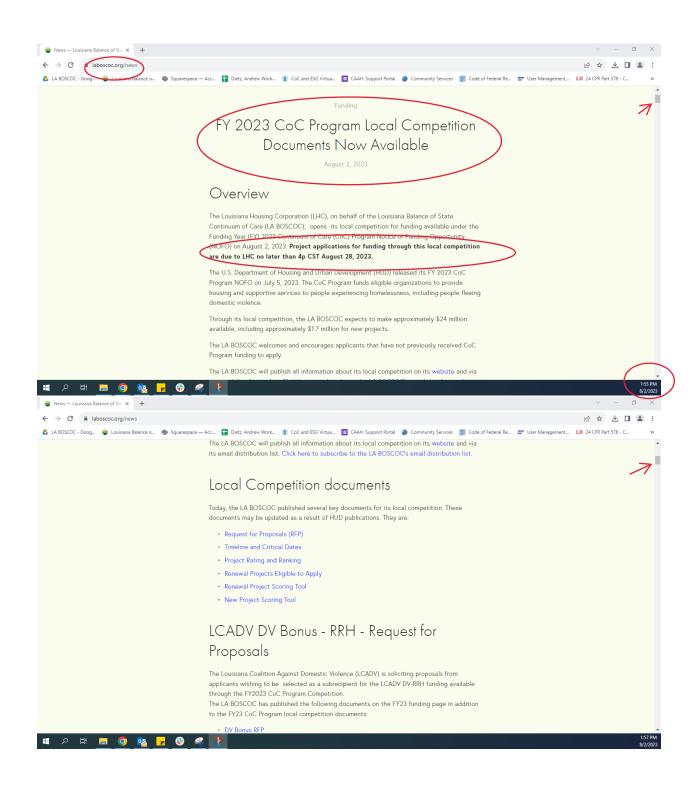
Non-Documented Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Documented)				
Category	No.	Name	Standard	
Access	1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source.	
			Policies state that the site based project is "sober living"	
Participant Input	2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.	
			Policies and procedures do not capture formal or informal opportunities for participant involvement	
Housing	2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/	
			Site based project states that it is sober living environment	
Housing	3	The rules and regulations	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with Optional notes here	
Leases	2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit.	
			Written policies do not document offered choice of roommate, however that is staff practice	

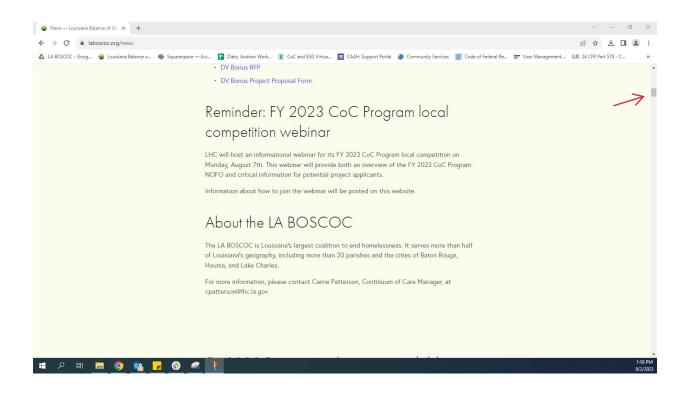
Leases	3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market.
			Site based project's rules and leases are more restrictive than an average lease
Project-specific	3	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.
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			Optional notes here
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# Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline (1E-1) Attachment Coversheet

Screenshots of webposting with local competition deadline





**Local Competition Scoring Tool (1E-2)** 

**Attachment Coversheet** 

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### Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care



# Renewal Project Scoring Tool and Detailed Instructions Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Local Competition Funding Year 2021

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#### I. Introduction

The Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCOC) is Louisiana's largest coalition to end homelessness. This document is part of a series related to the LA BOSCOC's local competition for funding under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Funding Year (FY) 2023. For more information, including other documents in this series, please visit the LA BOSCOC's website at <a href="https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition">https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition</a>.

The LA BOSCOC uses standardized scoring tools and procedures to rate, rank, and select projects submitted for inclusion in its consolidated application to the FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO. This document contains three elements of that process:

- The Renewal Project Scoring Tool, which defines the metrics against which renewal projects are assessed;
- Additional documentation, which describes additional documents that project applicants must submit to earn points under certain scoring criteria;
- Detailed instructions regarding each metric.

The LA BOSCOC scores projects according to this document and therefore encourages applicants to incorporate this document into their project design and application creation processes.

All information about the LA BOSCOC's local competition, including the scoring tools, will be published to its website at <a href="https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition">https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition</a> and via its email distribution list. <a href="Click here to subscribe to the LA BOSCOC's email distribution list.">Click here to subscribe to the LA BOSCOC's email distribution list.</a>

#### II. Scoring Tool

Q#	Section	Element Name	Points
1	Project Design	Prioritized Target Population	4
2	Project Outcomes	Intake to Leasing	4
3	Project Outcomes	Exiting to/Maintaining Permanent Housing	8
4	Project Outcomes	Exiting to Shelter/Streets/Unknown	8
5	Project Outcomes	Increased Income	4
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14	CoC Participation and Compliance	Funding Draw Timeliness	2
15	CoC Participation and Compliance	Monitoring	4
16	CoC Participation and Compliance	Financial Stability	4
17	CoC Participation and Compliance	Equal Access Rule Training	4
18	CoC Participation and Compliance	Disaster Plan	2
		BASE POINTS POSSIBLE	100
а	Bonus Points	Rural Service Area	4
b	Bonus Points	Domestic Violence	4
С	Bonus Points	Staff Sustainability	4
d	Bonus Points	Equity	4
		BONUS POINTS POSSIBLE	16

#### III. Additional Documentation

All projects are required to submit their most recently completed Annual Performance Report (APR) to <a href="mailto:cpatterson@lhc.la.gov">cpatterson@lhc.la.gov</a> along with their project applications.

Certain scoring elements require projects to submit "additional evidence or attestations." To fulfill this requirement for a given scoring element, projects should submit either of the following to <a href="mailto:cpatterson@lhc.la.gov">cpatterson@lhc.la.gov</a> along with their project application:

- Evidence that the requirement was met, with relevant passages highlighted or specified; or,
- A signed letter from an authorized signatory for the organization attesting that the requirement was met.

The following scoring elements require this additional documentation:

Q#	Section	Element Name	Requirement
n/a	Threshold Criteria	HMIS	DV service providers only: the project records and maintains participant data in an HMIS comparable database
11a	Project Type Specific Scoring	Domestic Violence	Participant safety assessment
11b	Project Type Specific Scoring	Permanent Supportive Housing	Percentage of participant households receiving SSI/SSDI, being served by a SOAR case manager, or ineligible to receive SSI/SSDI
11d	Project Type Specific Scoring	TH-RRH Joint Component	Written policies and procedures
11e	Project Type Specific Scoring	Supportive Services Only	Written policies and procedures
14	CoC Participation and Compliance	Funding Draw Timeliness	Funds drawn at least quarterly from LOCCS
16	CoC Participation and Compliance	Financial Stability	Project had no issues or concerns during its most recent audit OR did not meet the single audit requirement threshold
18	CoC Participation and Compliance	Disaster Plan	To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criterion.
С	Bonus Points	Staff Sustainability	Refer to question for more information
d	Bonus Points	Equity	Refer to question for more information

### IV. Detailed Instructions

#### A. Threshold Criteria

The Renewal Project Scoring Tool includes seven threshold criteria. Projects must meet or fulfill each element of all threshold criteria to be considered for funding.

#### 1. Recipient and Subrecipient Eligibility

Criterion Element	Description		
Eligible Organization(s)	The recipient and, as applicable, all subrecipients must be eligible organizations, which are limited to:  • Non-profit organizations • Local governments and instrumentalities of local government • Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities • Public housing authorities		
Eligible Service Area	The project must propose to serve exclusively parishes within the LA BOSCOC's geography. For a list of parishes, refer to the RFP.		

### 2. Population Eligibility

Each project type is limited to serving certain populations. Those populations are below.

Population Availability/Restriction	PSH	RRH, TH, and TH-RRH	SSO, SSO-CES
Must serve one of the following:  (1) People who were eligible for assistance under the project's FY 2022 grant agreement;  (2) 100% people who meet the DedicatedPLUS definition; or,  (3) 100% people experiencing chronic homelessness.	X		
May serve people who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3, i.e. people experiencing literal homelessness or fleeing domestic violence		Х	Х
May serve people who qualify as homeless under paragraph (2) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3, i.e. people at risk of homelessness		X <sup>1</sup>	Х
If serving exclusively single person households: may choose to restrict participant intake to a single gender	X	X	Х
If serving any multi-person households: must intake participants regardless of their gender	Х	Х	Х

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Restrictions apply. For more information, contact cpatterson@lhc.la.gov.

#### 3. Eligible Activities

Each project type is limited to certain activity categories as listed in 24 CFR Part 578, Subpart D. Those activities are listed below.

Eligible Activity	PSH	RRH, TH, and TH-RRH	SSO, SSO-CES
Leasing	Х	$X^2$	
Rental Assistance	Х	Х	
Operating Costs	Х	X <sup>3</sup>	
Supportive Services	Х	Х	Х
HMIS	Х	Х	Х
Administration	Х	X	X

#### 4. Matching Requirement

Projects must provide **at least** 25% match for all CoC Program funds (excluding funds provided under the Leasing activity). Match may be either cash or in-kind. Eligible sources of match are defined in 24 CFR 578.73(b).

#### 5. HMIS

Organization Type	Description
Homeless Services Provider	Project must record and maintain participant data in the LA BOSCOC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database, ServicePoint.
Domestic Violence Services Provider	Project must record and maintain participant data in a HMIS-comparable database.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TH-RRH only

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> TH-RRH only

### 6. Coordinated Entry

Each project type is required to engage the LA BOSCOC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) in certain ways. Those ways are listed below.

CES Requirement	PSH	RRH, TH, and TH-RRH	SSO, SSO-CES
Must intake participants exclusively through CES	X	X	n/a
If the project is funded to conduct outreach: must provide the Access, Assessment, Diversion, and Rapid Exit elements of CES to project participants	X	X	X
If the project is funded for CES activities: must provide the Access, Assessment, Diversion, and Rapid Exit elements of CES as part of the CoC's CES system			X

### 7. Housing First

Criterion Element	Description
Project Qualified as Housing First in FY 2022	Project must continue to answer "Yes" under question 3B when HUD publishes applications in e-snaps.
Project Did Not Qualify as Housing First in FY 2022	Project must, at minimum, check the same boxes for question 3B when HUD publishes applications in e-snaps.

# **B. Scoring Elements**

Projects receive points for each of the following scoring elements. Scoring elements may have one or multiple measures under which points are awarded.

### 1. Project Design

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
Prioritized Target     Populations     Objective     Severe Barriers	4	<ul> <li>4 Points: target population includes at least one of the following:</li> <li>People experiencing chronic homelessness</li> <li>Families</li> <li>Youth (aged 18-24)</li> </ul>

### 2. Project Outcomes

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown	
2. Intake to Leasing Objective	4	Average days between participant project entry and participant lease-up.	
Sys. Performance		PSH <b>2 Points</b> : <= 60 days <b>1 Point</b> : <= 100 days	RRH or TH-RRH <b>2 Points:</b> < = 30 days <b>1 Point:</b> < = 90 days
3. Exiting to/Maintaining Permanent Housing Objective  Sys. Performance	8	Percentage of participant households during the last complete project performance period that for: PSH exited to permanent housing or remained in the project o RRH exited to permanent housing only:  PSH  RRH or TH-RRH	
		8 Points: 90%+ 5 Points: 70%+ 2 Points: 50%+	8 Points: 70%+ 5 Points: 60%+ 2 Points: 50%+

		<u>10</u>	
4. Exiting to Shelter/ Streets/Unknown Objective  Sys. Performance	8	Percentage of participant households that exited to an emergency shelter, the streets, another place not meant for human habitation, or an unknown location during the last complete project performance period:  8 Points: <= 5%  5 Points: <= 10%  2 Points: <= 15%	
5. Increased Income at Exit Objective  Sys. Performance	4	Percentage of participant households that exited the project during the last complete project performance period that increased their employment income by any amount since intak or most recent annual evaluation:  PSH RRH or TH-RRH 4 Points: 15%+ 4 Points: 20%+  2 Points: 10%+ 2 Points: 15%+  1 Points: 5%+ 1 Points: 10%+	
6. Increased Non-Cash Benefits Objective Sys. Performance	8	Percentage of participant households that exited the project during the last complete project performance period and that increased the number of non-cash benefits received by any amount since income or most recent annual evaluation:  8 Points: 30%+  2 Points: 10%+	
7. Projected Households Served Objective Sys. Performance	8	Total number of households served during the last complete project performance period as a percentage of the total number of households proposed to be served during that period:  8 Points: At or above 90%  5 Points: Between 85% and 89%  2 Points: Between 80% and 84%	
8. Bed Utilization Rate Objective Sys. Performance	8	Total number of beds occupied during the last complete project performance period, averaged over four quarters, as a percentage of the total number of beds proposed to be occupied during that period:	

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		<ul><li>8 Points: At or above 95%</li><li>5 Points: Between 90% and 94%</li><li>2 Points: Between 85% and 89%</li></ul>
9. HMIS Data Quality Objective Sys. Performance	10	HMIS data quality as reported on the project's most recent Annual Performance Report (APR), OR project is a DV services provider:  10 Points: 95%+ OR project is a DV services provider  5 Points: 90%+  2 Points: 85%+
10. Cost Effectiveness Objective Sys. Performance	4	Cost effectiveness is a function of how much the project costs per positive outcome. "Positive outcomes" are defined here as participants who exited to or remained in the project during/at the end of its last complete performance period.  Each project's cost effectiveness value (CEV) is equal to (Total CoC Program Funds Spent - Administrative Costs Budget Line) ÷ (Total Participants Exited to/Maintained Permanent Housing).  4 Points: CEV <= \$11,000  3 Points: CEV <= \$11,500  1 Point: CEV <= \$12,000

### 3. Project Type Specific Scoring

Each project is scored using one and only one of the following elements according to its project type or, if the project primarily serves people fleeing domestic violence, using the Domestic Violence scoring element.

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
11a. Domestic Violence Objective	8	Percentage of participant households whose safety improved during the last complete project performance period.
Severe Barriers		To receive points under this element, projects must assess participant safety at exit and submit evidence or an attestation

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	thereof as part of their response to the FY 2023 CoC Program RFP. Projects are encouraged to consult with the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV) to determine the most appropriate way to conduct this assessment  8 Points: 90%+	
	5 Points: 85%+	
	2 Points: 80%+	
8	Percentage of participant households who secured, made progress toward securing, or were barred from securing SSI/SSDI during the last complete project performance period.  To receive points under this element, projects must assess what percentage of participant households served during the	
	specified period met any of the following criteria and submit evidence or an attestation thereof as part of their response to the FY 2023 CoC Program RFP:  • Household is receiving income from SSI/SSDI;  • Household is actively being served by a SOAR-trained case manager;	
	Household is not eligible to receive SSI/SSDI. ( <i>Note:</i> this does not include households that have been denied SSI/SSDI due to curable deficiencies in their application.)	
	8 Points: <= 5%	
	<b>5 Points:</b> <= 10%	
	2 Points: <= 15%	
8	Average days between participant entry and participant exit during the last complete project performance period.	
	<b>8 Points:</b> <= 270 days	
	<b>6 Points:</b> <= 300 days	
	<b>4 Points</b> : <= 360 days	
	<b>2 Points</b> : <= 390 days	
8	Project has written policies and procedures for delivering all services outlined in its project application, including clear distinctions between its transitional housing and rapid re-housing components and a process for moving between them.	
	8	

		To receive points under this element, projects must submit their applicable policies and procedures as part of their response to the FY 2023 CoC Program RFP.
		8 Points: project policies and procedures includes all specified elements
		4 Points: project policies and procedures includes some but not all specified elements
11e. Supportive Services Only	8	Project has written policies and procedures for delivering all services outlined in its project application and, as applicable, in the most recent version of the LA BOSCOC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.
		To receive points under this element, projects must submit their applicable policies and procedures as part of their response to the FY 2023 CoC Program RFP.
		8 Points: project policies and procedures includes all specified elements
		4 Points: project policies and procedures includes some but not all specified elements

### 4. CoC Participation and Compliance

Scoring Element	Total Point s	Points Breakdown			
12. Funds Utilization Objective	6	Percentage of grant funds spent as of the most recently completed APR as compared to the total amount of grant funds awarded during the related project performance period.			
		6 Points: 95%+			
		4 Points: 90%+			
		2 Point: 85%+			
13. APR Timeliness Objective	4	4 Points: project submitted its APR to the LA BOSCOC for review within 60 days of the last complete project performance period's end date AND project submitted its APR to HUD within 90 days of the last complete project performance period's end date			

		2 Points: project submitted its APR to HUD within 90 days of the last complete project performance period's end date	
14. Funding Draw Timeliness Objective	2	To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criterion.	
		2 Points: funds were drawn at least quarterly from LOCCS during the last complete project performance period	
15. Monitoring Objective	4	<b>4 Points:</b> project has no Findings outstanding from its calendar year 2022 LA BOSCOC monitoring, OR project has not yet been monitored for calendar year 2022	
16. Financial Stability	4	To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criterion.	
		4 Points: project's organization had no issues or concerns during its most recently completed financial audit, OR project did not meet the single audit requirement threshold	
17. Equal Access Training Objective	4	To receive points under this element, projects must have met the attendance requirements of the CoC's mandatory 2023 Equal Access Rule Training.	
		4 Points: At least 1 project staff member attended the April 2023 Equal Access Rule Training	
18. Disaster Plan	2	To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criterion.	
		2 Points: Disaster Plan or attestation must describe how projects assist participants with disaster planning, how projects assist participants in the aftermath of a disaster and that provisions have been made for the project's continuity of services if disaster impacted.	

### 5. Bonus Points

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
a. Rural Service Area Objective	4	For the purposes of this scoring element, all parishes are considered rural except Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, and Terrebonne.
		4 Points: 100% of project's beds are located in rural parishes
		2 Points: 50%+ of project's beds are located in rural parishes
b. Domestic Violence Objective Severe Barrier	4 s	<b>4 Points:</b> 100% of project's beds are dedicated to victims of domestic violence
c. Staff Sustainability Objective		
		For the purposes of this scoring element, "all staff" refers to all staff whose costs are paid for in any portion by the project.
		Projects receive <b>2 points</b> if all staff are paid at least \$16/hour.
		Projects receive <b>1 point</b> if all staff either receive health insurance through their employer or receive payments intended to defray the cost of purchasing health insurance.
		Projects receive <b>1 point</b> if all staff receive at least 120 hours of paid leave per year (combined personal leave and sick leave excluding holidays) prorated to each staff person's Full Time Equivalents (FTEs).
d. Equity 4		To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criteria.
	To qualify, the actions below mu last three years.	
		Projects receive <b>1 point</b> if they assessed whether black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) face barriers to equitably accessing or receiving services in their project.
		Projects receive <b>1 point</b> if they have addressed or have made a written commitment to addressing BIPOC barriers identified above, OR no barriers were identified in the assessment above.

Projects receive **1 point** if they assessed whether lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and other people whose genders or sexualities are heteronormative (LGBTQ+) people face barriers to equitably accessing or receiving services in their project.

Projects receive **1 point** if they have addressed or have made a written commitment to addressing LGBTQ+ barriers identified above, OR no barriers were identified in the assessment above.

### Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care



# New Project Scoring Tool and Detailed Instructions Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Local Competition Funding Year 2023

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#### I. Introduction

The Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCOC) is Louisiana's largest coalition to end homelessness. This document is part of a series related to the LA BOSCOC's local competition for funding under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Funding Year (FY) 2023. For more information, including other documents in this series, please visit the LA BOSCOC's website at <a href="https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition">https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition</a>.

The LA BOSCOC uses standardized scoring tools and procedures to rate, rank, and select projects submitted for inclusion in its consolidated application to the FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO. This document contains three elements of that process:

- The New Project Scoring Tool, which defines the metrics against which renewal projects are assessed;
- Additional documentation, which describes additional documents that project applicants must submit to earn points under certain scoring criteria;
- Detailed instructions regarding each metric.

The LA BOSCOC scores projects according to this document and therefore encourages applicants to incorporate this document into their project design and application creation processes.

All information about the LA BOSCOC's local competition, including the scoring tools, will be published to its website at <a href="https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition">https://laboscoc.org/fy23-coc-program-competition</a> and via its email distribution list. <a href="Click here to subscribe to the LA BOSCOC's email distribution list.">Click here to subscribe to the LA BOSCOC's email distribution list.</a>

# **II. Scoring Tool**

Q#	Section	Element Name	Points Possible
1	Project Design	Prioritized Target Population	4
2	Project Design	Chronic Homelessness/DedicatedPLUS	4
3	Project Narratives	Community Need	12
4	Project Narratives	Permanent Housing and Self-Sufficiency	11
5	Project Narratives	Income and Mainstream Benefits	11
6	Project Narratives	Implementation Timeline	4
7	Project Data	Project Budget	10
8	Project Data	Cost Effectiveness	6
9	Organization Information	Homeless Services Experience	12
10	Organization Information	Fund Leveraging Experience	4
11	Organization Information	Organization Structure and Financial Accountability	4
12	Organization Information	Monitoring Outcomes	4
13	CoC Participation	Point in Time Count	2
14	CoC Participation	Housing Inventory Chart	2
15	Leveraging Resources	Leveraging Housing Resources	5
16	Leveraging Resources	Leveraging Healthcare Resources	5
		BASE POINTS POSSIBLE	100
а	Bonus Points	Rural Service Area	4
b	Bonus Points	Reallocation	10
С	Bonus Points	Staff Sustainability	4
d	Bonus Points	Equity	4
		BONUS POINTS POSSIBLE	22

#### III. Additional Documentation

All projects are required to submit their most recently completed Annual Performance Report (APR) if applicable to cpatterson@lhc.la.gov along with their project applications.

Certain scoring elements require projects to submit "additional evidence or attestations." To fulfill this requirement for a given scoring element, projects should submit either of the following to cpatterson@lhc.la.gov along with their project application:

- Evidence that the requirement was met, with relevant passages highlighted or specified; or,
- A signed letter from an authorized signatory for the organization attesting that the requirement was met.

The following scoring elements require this additional documentation:

Q#	Section	Element Name	Requirement
С	Bonus Points	Staff Sustainability	Refer to question for more information
d	Bonus Points	Equity	Refer to question for more information
15	Leveraging Resources	Leveraging Healthcare Resources	Formal written agreement that includes, at minimum, (1) the value of the commitment and (2) the dates the healthcare resources will be provided, as well as any additional documentation needed to establish that the project meets all listed criteria
16	Leveraging Resources	Leveraging Housing Resources	Formal written agreement that includes, at minimum, (1) the value of the commitment and (2) the amount of housing resources and the timeframe in which they will be provided, as well as any additional documentation needed to establish that the project meets all listed criteria

### IV. Detailed Instructions

#### A. Threshold Criteria

The New Project Scoring Tool includes seven threshold criteria. Projects must meet or fulfill each element of all threshold criteria to be considered for funding.

### 1. Recipient and Subrecipient Eligibility

Criterion Element	Description
Eligible Organization(s)	The recipient and, as applicable, all subrecipients must be eligible organizations, which are limited to:  • Non-profit organizations • Local governments and instrumentalities of local government • Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities • Public housing authorities
Eligible Service Area	The project must propose to serve exclusively parishes within the LA BOSCOC's geography. For a list of parishes, refer to the RFP.

#### 2. Population Eligibility

Each project type is limited to serving certain populations. Those populations are below.

Population Availability/Restriction	PSH	RRH	TH-RRH
Must serve one of the following:  (1) People who were eligible for assistance under the project's FY 2022 grant agreement;  (2) 100% of people who meet the DedicatedPLUS definition; or,  (3) 100% of people experiencing chronic homelessness.	X		
May serve people who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3, i.e. people experiencing literal homelessness or fleeing domestic violence		Х	Х

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May serve people who qualify as homeless under paragraph (2) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3, i.e. people at risk of homelessness		X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>
If serving exclusively single person households: may choose to restrict participant intake to a single gender	X	Х	X
If serving any multi-person households: must intake participants regardless of their gender	Х	Х	Х

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Restrictions apply. For more information, contact cpatterson@lhc.la.gov. <sup>2</sup> Restrictions apply. For more information, contact contact cpatterson@lhc.la.gov

### 3. Eligible Activities

Each project type is limited to certain activity categories as listed in 24 CFR Part 578, Subpart D. Those activities are listed below.

Eligible Activity	PSH	RRH	TH-RRH
Leasing	Х		Х
Rental Assistance	Х	Х	Х
Operating Costs	Х		Х
Supportive Services	Х	Х	Х
HMIS	Х	Х	Х
Administration	Х	Х	Х

### 4. Matching Requirement

Projects must provide at least 25% match for all CoC Program funds (excluding funds provided under the Leasing activity). Match may be either cash or in-kind. Eligible sources of match are defined in 24 CFR 578.73(b).

#### 5. HMIS

Organization Type	Description
Homeless Services Provider	Project must record and maintain participant data in the LA BOSCOC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database, ServicePoint.
Domestic Violence Services Provider	Project must record and maintain participant data in an HMIS-comparable database.

#### 6. Coordinated Entry

Each project type is required to engage the LA BOSCOC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) in certain ways. Those ways are listed below.

CES Requirement	PSH	TH	TH-RRH
Must intake participants exclusively through CES	Х	Х	Х
If the project is funded to conduct outreach: must provide the Access, Assessment, Diversion, and Rapid Exit elements of CES to project participants	X	X	Х

#### 7. Housing First

Under Section 3B, the project must:

- Answer "yes" to Section 3B-5a;
- Check all of the boxes except "none of the above" under Section 3B-5b;
- Check all of the boxes except "none of the above" under Section 3B-5c;
- Answer "yes" to Section 3B-5d.

### **B. Scoring Elements**

Projects receive points for each of the following scoring elements. Scoring elements may have one or multiple measures under which points are awarded.

### 1. Project Design

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
Prioritized Target     Population     Objective     Severe Barriers	4	Under Section 3B-3, the project application:  4 Points: proposes to serve at least one of the following target populations:  • People experiencing chronic homelessness/Dedicated Plus • Families • Youth (aged 18-24)
2. Chronic Homelessness/ DedicatedPLUS Objective Severe Barriers	4	Percentage of project beds that are dedicated to people who are experiencing chronic homelessness and/or who meet the edicatedPLUS Definition:  4 Points: 100%  2 Points: 50%+

### 2. Project Narratives

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
3. Community Need	12	Under Section 3B-1, the project application:
		<b>Up to 5 Points:</b> identifies and describes specific, significant community need(s).
		<b>Up to 5 Points:</b> outlines a comprehensive strategy to address those community need(s).
		Up to 2 Points: identifies specific project outcomes tied to those community need(s).

4. Permanent Housing and Self-Sufficiency	11	In the applicable Sections (the narrative in 4A-1, the housing chart in 4B, and the yes/no responses in 4A-4, 4A-5, and 4A-6, the project application:
		Up to 6 Points: the project's plan to help participants move into and sustain permanent housing includes (1) the specific needs of the target population, (2) plans to address those needs through case management, and (3) information about the accessibility of supportive services such as housing search, primary health care, mental health services, educational services, employment services, etc.
		Up to 3 Points: proposes that participants will be EITHER housed in units owned and operated by the project applicant OR describes how the project will (1) identify units and (2) engage landlords through new or existing relationships.
		<b>Up to 2 Points:</b> provides regular or as-needed transportation to attend mainstream benefits appointments, employment training, or jobs.
5. Income and Mainstream Benefits	11	In the applicable Sections (the narrative in 4A1, the narrative in 4A-2, and the chart in 4A-3), the project application:
		Up to 5 Points: describes how (1) the project will help participants increase their employment income, (2) the project will help participants increase their non-employment income (e.g. accessing SSI/SSDI), and (3) the project's supportive services offerings will lead to participants increasing their income.
		Up to 4 Points: commits to assisting participants in becoming more independent by coordinating and integrating with other mainstream health and social services providers and benefits.
		Up to 2 Points: offers an appropriate suite of supportive services that neither over-commits the applicant nor over-relies on external partners or entities.
6. Implementation	4	In Section 3B-2, the project:
Timeline		Up to 4 Points: has a specific and realistic implementation timeline.

# 3. Project Data

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
7. Project Budget	10	In Part 6 - Budget Information, the project application:
		Up to 6 Points: has a specific and realistic budget that proposes adequate services that take into consideration the needs of the target population.
		Up to 2 Points: is requesting sufficient HMIS funding to successfully maintain participant data in HMIS (or, for domestic violence service providers, in an HMIS-comparable database).
		Up to 2 Points: is requesting sufficient outreach funding to successfully connect with participants referred to the project.
		Note that projects are not required to fund dedicated HMIS or outreach staff (although they may choose to do so). HMIS and outreach can be part of a larger suite of duties assigned to one or more case managers or other staff.
8. Cost Effectiveness Objective	6	Cost effectiveness is a function of how much the project costs per positive outcome. "Positive outcomes" are defined here as participants projected to be served.
		Each project's cost effectiveness value (CEV) is equal to (Total CoC Program Funds Budgeted - Administrative Costs Budget Line) ÷ (Total Participants anticipated to be served).
		6 Points: CEV <= \$11,000
		<b>4 Points:</b> CEV <= \$11,500
		<b>2 Points</b> : CEV <= \$12,000

# 4. Organization Information

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
9. Homeless Services Experience	12	In Section 2B-1, the project application:
Схрепенсе		<b>Up to 9 Points:</b> describes the project applicant's (and subrecipients', if applicable) experience in effectively utilizing funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including (1) working with and addressing the project's target populations' identified housing and supportive services needs and (2) developing and implementing relevant project systems and services.
		Up to 3 Points: describes key staff at the organization level (e.g. project directors, executive staff) with relevant experience developing similar projects.
10. Fund Leveraging Experience	4	In Section 2B-2, the project application:
Experience		Up to 4 Points: describes the project applicant's (and subrecipients', if applicable) experience in leveraging Federal, State, local, and private sector funds.
11. Organization Structure and Financial	4	In Section 2B-3, the project application:
Accountability		Up to 4 Points: describes the project applicant's (and subrecipients', if applicable) financial management structure.
12. Monitoring Outcomes	4	Based on Section 2B-4 and the LA BOSCOC's records:
Objective		4 Points: the project applicant has no unresolved HUD monitoring, OIG audit, or LA BOSCOC monitoring findings.

# 5. CoC Participation

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
13. Point in Time Count Objective	2	<ul> <li>Based on the LA BOSCOC's records:</li> <li>2 Points: one of the following must be true: <ul> <li>The project applicant participated in the 2022 Point in Time (PIT) Count by submitting emergency shelter or transitional housing data; or,</li> <li>The project applicant was not operating any emergency shelter or transitional housing projects in the LA BOSCOC during the 2022 PIT Count.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14. Housing Inventory Chart Objective	2	<ul> <li>Based on the LA BOSCOC's records:</li> <li>2 Points: one of the following must be true:         <ul> <li>The project applicant contributed in the calendar year 2022 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) by submitting data for any of its emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing projects; or,</li> <li>The project applicant was not operating any emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing projects in the LA BOSCOC in February 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# 6. Leveraging Resources

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
15. Leveraging Healthcare Resources Objective	5	These points are available for RRH and PSH projects that leverage healthcare resources to help people experiencing homelessness.  To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies all of the below criteria, including the formal written agreement specified in criteria (3).  To be eligible for these points, projects must meet ALL of the following criteria:  (1) Project type is RRH or PSH;  (2) Project is EITHER:  (a) A substance abuse treatment or recovery provider that will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all project participants who qualify and choose those services; or,  (b) Receiving funding for eligible activities from a healthcare organization equivalent to 25% of CoC Program funds being requested;  (3) Project must have a commitment in the form of a formal written agreement that must include, at minimum, (1) the value of the commitment and (2) the dates the healthcare resources will be provided.  Note: in-kind resources must be valued at the local rates consistent with the amount paid for services not supported by grant funds.  Note: eligible sources of health care resources include but are not limited to direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project and provision of health care services by a private or public organization tailored to the participants of the project.  Note: eligibility for the project must comply with HUD program and fair housing requirements. Eligibility criteria cannot be restricted by the eligibility requirements of the health care service provider.

#### 16. Leveraging Housing Resources Objective

#### 5 **5 Points**:

These points are available for RRH and PSH projects that leverage housing resources to help people experiencing homelessness.

To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies all of the below criteria, including the formal written agreement specified in criteria (3).

To be eligible for these points, projects must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- (4) Project type is RRH or PSH;
- (5) Project pairs housing resources (vouchers, site based housing units, etc) from non CoC or ESG funded sources with Supportive Services funded through CoC Program funds;
- (6) Project must have a commitment in the form of a formal written agreement that must include, at minimum, (1) the value of the commitment and (2) the dates the healthcare resources will be provided.

### 7. Bonus Points

Scoring Element	Total Points	Points Breakdown
a. Rural Service Area Objective	4	For the purposes of this scoring element, all parishes are considered rural except Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, and Terrebonne.
		4 Points: 100% of project's beds are located in rural parishes
		2 Points: 50%+ of project's beds are located in rural parishes
b. Reallocation Objective	10	<b>10 Points:</b> the project applicant has voluntarily reallocated at least one renewal project during the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.
		Note that only one project per applicant can benefit from these bonus points. If an applicant submits more than one new project that could receive these points, the applicant must specify which project will benefit from these points on or before the deadline for new project application submissions.
c. Staff Sustainability Objective	4	To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criteria.
		For the purposes of this scoring element, "all staff" refers to all staff whose costs are paid for in any portion by the project.
		Projects receive <b>2 points</b> if all proposed staff will be paid at least \$16/hour.
		Projects receive <b>1 point</b> if all staff will either receive health insurance through their employer or receive payments intended to defray the cost of purchasing health insurance.
		Projects receive <b>1 point</b> if all staff will receive at least 120 hours of paid leave per year (combined personal leave and sick leave excluding holidays) prorated to each staff person's Full Time Equivalents (FTEs).
d. Equity	4	To receive points under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criteria.
		To qualify, the actions below must have been taken within the last three years.

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## Scored Forms for One Project (1E-2a)

### **Attachment Coversheet**

Scored Form for Renewal Project - Myriam's House

			Agency Name	Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul of Baton Rouge
	Quest #	Max points/a nswer	Project Name	SVDP Myriam's House
T h	1a	Y/N	Eligible Organization(s)	Υ
r e	1b	Y/N	Eligible Service Area	Υ
s h o	2	Y/N	Population Eligibility	Υ
l d	3	Y/N	Eligible Activities	Υ
С	4	Y/N	Matching Requirement	Υ
r i t	5	Y/N	HMIS	Υ
e r	6	Y/N	Coordinated Entry	Y
i a	7	Y/N	Housing First	Y
PoDsg rjein	1	4	Prioritized Target Populations	4
P	2	4	Intake to Leasing	4
r	3	8	Exiting to/Maintaining Permanent Housing	8
j e	4	8	Exiting to Shelter/Streets/Unknown	0
c t	5	4	Increased Income at Exit	0
0	6	8	Increased Non-Cash Benefits	2
u t	7	8	Projected Households Served	8
С О	8	8	Bed Utilization Rate	8
m e	9	10	HMIS Data Quality	0
S	10	4	Cost Effectiveness	4
PSS rpc	11a	8	Domestic Violence	

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jcr eie —	11b	8	Permanent Supportive Housing	8
cf	11c	8	Rapid Re-Housing	
ti	11d	8	TH-RRH Joint Component	
С	11e	8	Supportive Services Only	
C C 0 0	12	6	Funds Utilization	6
Cm p	13	4	APR Timeliness	2
PI ai ra	14	2	Funding Draw Timeliness	2
t n	15	4	Monitoring	4
c e i	16	4	Financial Stability	4
р & —	17	4	Equal Access	4
Q	18	2	Disaster Plan	2
ВР	a	4	Rural Service Area	0
oo n i	b	4	Domestic Violence	
un s t	С	4	Staff Sustainability	4
S	d	4	Equity	4
				Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul of Baton Rouge
				SVDP Myriam's House
			TOTAL POINTS	78
			POINTS POSSIBLE	100
			FINAL SCORE	78.00%

Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced (1E-5)

**Attachment Coversheet** 

-September 12, 2023 email notification of projects to all project applicants

Projects Reduced begins pg 6

Projects Rejected begins pg 7

<sup>\*</sup>Project names reflected in the notification email may be different than final project names submitted to ESNAPS. See pg. 8 for key to project names.

#### **Carrie Patterson**

All project applicants

From: Carrie Patterson

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Crystal Scrantz; 'Heavens Care'

Cc: Brett Burns (LHC); Andrew Dietz (LHC); Victoria Johnson; Toni Jones (LHC)

**Subject:** LA BOSCOC FY23 CoC Program local competition - Notification of projects accepted,

reduced, and rejected

Good morning LA BOSCOC FY23 CoC Program project applicants,

Thank you all for the time and effort spent in creating and submitting project applications for the FY23 CoC Program Competition. Below, please find the finalized CoC approved Project Scoring and Ranking Sheet that includes all projects submitted through the LA BOSCOC FY23 local competition.

<u>For projects that have been selected for inclusion:</u> All New and Renewal Project Applications must be submitted to the LA BOSCOC (LA-509) in e-snaps by September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4p.

If you have been notified by CoC staff that your project application has required technical corrections, please submit your application in e-snaps <u>after</u> you have completed those technical corrections.

If you have not been notified through a conditional funding letter or otherwise that your project application has required technical edits, please proceed with submitting your application in e-snaps.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions: <a href="mailto:cpatterson@lhc.la.gov">cpatterson@lhc.la.gov</a>

Best,

	Tier 1											
Rank	Agency	Project	Project Type	New/Renewal	Score	FY 2023 Requested Funds	Prioritization Bracket	Source of funds				
1	Start Corporation	BOS PSH 1	PSH	Renewal	101.00%	\$1,053,599	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds				
2	Start Corporation	Starting Over	PSH	Renewal	96.00%	\$308,273	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in	Annual Renewal funds				

							second or later year	
3	HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two	Homes from the HAART	PSH	Renewal	96.00%	\$112,202	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
4	Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul of Baton Rouge	SVdP PH Projects	PSH	Renewal	92.00%	\$91,294	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
5	HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two	HAART Hope and Healing	PSH	Renewal	87.00%	\$237,364	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
6	Start Corporation	Starting Point	PSH	Renewal	84.00%	\$187,523	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
7	Start Corporation	Visions II	PSH	Renewal	84.00%	\$202,149	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
8	Start Corporation	Fresh Start	PSH	Renewal	82.00%	\$251,035	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
9	Start Corporation	Safe Start	PSH	Renewal	82.00%	\$121,613	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds

10	Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul of Baton Rouge	Myriam's House	PSH	Renewal	78.00%	\$122,467	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
11	Start Corporation	Partners in Health and Housing for BR	PSH	Renewal	77.00%	\$295,668	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
12	Volunteers of America of South Central LA	Home at Last	PSH	Renewal	74.00%	\$116,018	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
13	Volunteers of America of South Central LA	Rural Supportive Housing	PSH	Renewal	74.00%	\$148,449	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
14	The Haven	DV RRH	RRH	Renewal	73.08%	\$481,415	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
15	Volunteers of America of South Central LA	Housing First	PSH	Renewal	72.00%	\$220,997	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
16	Louisiana Housing Corporation	CoC RRH	RRH	Renewal	67.00%	\$811,655	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
17	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Options Villa	PSH	Renewal	63.00%	\$210,053	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH	Annual Renewal funds

							TH-RRH projects in	
							second or later year	
18	Options for Independence	Visions I	PSH	Renewal	62.00%	\$146,626	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
19	Youth Oasis	TH-RRH	TH-RRH	Renewal	60.00%	\$560,506	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
20	Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	TPCG Rapid Re-Housing	RRH	Renewal	48.00%	\$152,868	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
21	O'Brien House	OBH Permanent Housing	PSH	Renewal	44.00%	\$28,450	Bracket 1 Renewal PSH RRH TH TH-RRH projects in second or later year	Annual Renewal funds
22	Start Corporation	Start Now	PSH	Renewal	130.77%	\$942,576	Bracket 2 Renewal first year projects	Annual Renewal funds
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		Tier 2 Funds	-	ed (7% of ARD + Bonus)	\$3,347,320						

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Rank	Rank Agency Project Type New/Renewal Score FY 2023 Requested Funds Prioritization Bracket Funds									
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Tier 2 Funds Requested (7% of ARD + 100% of CoC Bonus)	\$3,347,320							
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n/a	CoC Planning Grant	Louisiana BoS CoC Planning Project

Notification of Projects Accepted (1E-5a)

**Attachment Coversheet** 

-September 12, 2023 email notification of projects accepted to all project applicants

\*Project names reflected in the notification email may be different than final project names submitted to ESNAPS. See pg. 8 for key to project names.

#### **Carrie Patterson**

All project applicants

From: Carrie Patterson

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:28 AM

**To:** casey.guidry@startcorp.org; 'Laura Martinez'; catherine.felarise@startcorp.org; Winona

Connor (LHC); Kelly Hogan; Aimee LeBlanc (LHC); Joshua Hollins (LHC); Joanne

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'Antoine Foret'; 'Tekoah Boatner'; 'julie havenhelps.org'; 'Eric Odom'; 'Mariah Wineski';

Crystal Scrantz; 'Heavens Care'

Cc: Brett Burns (LHC); Andrew Dietz (LHC); Victoria Johnson; Toni Jones (LHC)

**Subject:** LA BOSCOC FY23 CoC Program local competition - Notification of projects accepted,

reduced, and rejected

Good morning LA BOSCOC FY23 CoC Program project applicants,

Thank you all for the time and effort spent in creating and submitting project applications for the FY23 CoC Program Competition. Below, please find the finalized CoC approved Project Scoring and Ranking Sheet that includes all projects submitted through the LA BOSCOC FY23 local competition.

<u>For projects that have been selected for inclusion:</u> All New and Renewal Project Applications must be submitted to the LA BOSCOC (LA-509) in e-snaps by September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4p.

If you have been notified by CoC staff that your project application has required technical corrections, please submit your application in e-snaps <u>after</u> you have completed those technical corrections.

If you have not been notified through a conditional funding letter or otherwise that your project application has required technical edits, please proceed with submitting your application in e-snaps.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions: <a href="mailto:cpatterson@lhc.la.gov">cpatterson@lhc.la.gov</a>

Best,

	Tier 1									
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**Attachment Coversheet** 

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	Tier 2										
Rank	Agency	Project	Project Type	New/Renewal	Score	FY 2023 Requested Funds	Prioritization Bracket	Source of Funds			
34	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Louisiana State Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative	PSH	Renewal	64.00%	\$3,347,320	Bracket 6 Renewal LAPSH Project	Annual Renewal funds			
		Tier 2 Funds Req	\$3,347,320								

	DV Bonus										
Rank	Agency	Project	Project Type	New/Renewal	Score	FY 2023 Requested Funds	Prioritization Bracket	Source of Funds			
35	Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence RRH - Expansion	RRH	New	n/a	\$662,132	Bracket 7 New DV Bonus LCADV RRH Project	DV Bonus			
DV Bonus Funds Requested (10% of PPRN)						\$662,132					

	Planning Grant										
Rank	Agency	Project	Project Type	New/Renewal	Score	FY 2023 Requested Funds	Prioritization Bracket	Source of Funds			
n/a	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Louisiana BoS CoC Planning Project	Planning	New	n/a	\$1,195,471.00	n/a Planning Grant	Planning			
	Planning Grant (5% of FPRN)										

CoC Funding Application Summary	CoC Funding Application Summary								
Tier 1 Funds Requested (93% of ARD for all renewals)	\$22,235,763								
Tier 2 Funds Requested (7% of ARD + 100% of CoC Bonus)	\$3,347,320								
DV Bonus Funds Requested (10% of PPRN)	\$662,132								
Planning Grant (5% of FPRN)	\$1,195,471								
TOTAL COC PROGRAM APPLICATIONS	\$27,440,686								

	Projects Reduced								
Rank	Agency	Project	Project Type	New/Renewal	FY 2022 Funds	Reduced by Amount		FY 2023 Requested Funds	
16	Louisiana Housing Corporation	CoC RRH	RRH	Renewal	\$909,959	\$98,304	\$	811,655.00	

	Projects Rejected/Not Funded									
Rank	Agency	Project	Project Type	New/Renewal	Score	FY 2023 Requested Funds	Prioritization Bracket			
N/A	Heaven's Care	Heaven's Care PSH	PSH	New	0.00%	\$4,480,723	N/A			

FY 2023 HDX Competition Report (2A-6)

**Attachment Coversheet** 

LA-509 FY2023 HDX Competition Report

### PIT Count Data for LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

### **Total Population PIT Count Data**

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	757	613	4731	678
Emergency Shelter Total	317	244	4,035	247
Safe Haven Total	27	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	130	86	114	53
Total Sheltered Count	474	330	4149	300
Total Unsheltered Count	283	283	582	378

### **Chronically Homeless PIT Counts**

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	111	88	148	127
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	50	27	52	54
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	61	61	96	73

#### PIT Count Data for LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

#### **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	40	46	1318	40
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	39	45	1,316	36
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	1	1	2	4

#### **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	5	91	40	69	42
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	5	77	26	40	25
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	0	14	14	29	17

<sup>\*</sup>For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

### HIC Data for LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Rates								Total Commons	
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	400	179	263	68.06%	121	137	88.32%	300	75.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	70	56	65	86.15%	5	5	100.00%	61	87.14%
RRH Beds	323	248	248	100.00%	75	75	100.00%	323	100.00%
PSH Beds	857	857	857	100.00%	0	0	NA	857	100.00%
OPH Beds	238	10	238	4.20%	0	0	NA	10	4.20%
Total Beds	1,888	1,350	1,671	80.79%	201	217	92.63%	1,551	82.15%

HIC Data for LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

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#### Notes

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	118	76	94	174

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	88	68	92	66

#### **Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons**

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	445	379	495	323

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

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HIC Data for LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

### **FY2022** - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### Summary Report for LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State 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	832	700	83	73	-10	36	31	-5	
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	1133	990	113	92	-21	57	49	-8	

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.

# FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	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")	1238	1257	663	679	16	222	272	50
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2071	1530	666	682	16	187	209	22

## **FY2022** - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months			lomelessness 24 Months		of Returns Years
	Destination (2 Years Prior)	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	14	2	14%	1	7%	0	0%	3	21%
Exit was from ES	238	18	8%	3	1%	15	6%	36	15%
Exit was from TH	76	4	5%	0	0%	3	4%	7	9%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	240	3	1%	6	3%	6	3%	15	6%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	568	27	5%	10	2%	24	4%	61	11%

### **Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons**

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons		4731	
Emergency Shelter Total	244	4035	3791
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	86	114	28
Total Sheltered Count	330	4149	3819
Unsheltered Count		582	

### Metric 3.2 - Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	1422	1050	-372
Emergency Shelter Total	1130	746	-384
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	309	328	19

## **FY2022** - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	330	292	-38
Number of adults with increased earned income	36	7	-29
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	11%	2%	-9%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	330	292	-38
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	133	93	-40
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	40%	32%	-8%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	330	292	-38
Number of adults with increased total income	144	96	-48
Percentage of adults who increased total income	44%	33%	-11%

## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	175	211	36
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	13	20	7
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	7%	9%	2%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	175	211	36
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	38	41	3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	22%	19%	-3%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	175	211	36
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	49	54	5
Percentage of adults who increased total income	28%	26%	-2%

## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	897	887	-10
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	191	104	-87
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	706	783	77

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	1386	1652	266
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	272	238	-34
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	1114	1414	300

## **FY2022** - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	527	737	210
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	106	96	-10
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	176	226	50
% Successful exits	54%	44%	-10%

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

# FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1152	1367	215
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	552	777	225
% Successful exits	48%	57%	9%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	730	729	-1
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	686	712	26
% Successful exits/retention	94%	98%	4%

# FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

## LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

	All ES, SH		All TH		All PSH, OPH		All RRH			All Street Outreach					
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022												
1. Number of non- DV Beds on HIC	345	255	4092	170	140	156	630	927	849	445	379	485			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	235	235	230	147	128	129	630	927	707	445	353	485			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )	68.12	92.16	5.62	86.47	91.43	82.69	100.00	100.00	83.27	100.00	93.14	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1515	978	775	308	328	330	880	932	925	775	1031	1138	422	1167	1344
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1255	859	663	226	251	232	149	257	152	322	462	782	261	754	953
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	21	27	31	12	45	46	4	22	6	4	20	20	131	98	65
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	1.67	3.14	4.68	5.31	17.93	19.83	2.68	8.56	3.95	1.24	4.33	2.56	50.19	13.00	6.82

# FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

### Submission and Count Dates for LA-509 - Louisiana Balance of State CoC

### **Date of PIT Count**

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/23/2023	

## Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/24/2023	Yes

New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources (3A-1)
Attachment Coversheet

-Housing Leveraging Commitment: Market Properties LLC Letter



2750 Alaska Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802(225) 877-4033

August 7, 2023

Eric Odom **Executive Vice President** Easterseals Louisiana 935 Gravier Street - Suite 720 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Re: Letter of Support - Permanent Supportive Housing

Dear Mr. Odom,

Thank you for calling to express your interest in partnering with Market Properties to leverage housing resources/services specifically for participants of Easterseals' Permanent Supportive Housing programs. Market Properties is a Supportive Housing Group with 200 apartment units in the Greater Baton Rouge Area. We have enjoyed partnering with Easterseals Louisiana and providing safe secure housing for their clients. Properties Market has a total of 200 apartment units. We are willing to allow Easterseals PSH rental assistance program to utilize 25% of our units for their PSH clients.

We understand that housing opportunities in the Baton Rouge area can be difficult to obtain, and therefore stand ready to help your program participants during this fiscal year (August 1,2024 to July 31,2025). We support Easterseals Louisiana in its endeavor to serve people experiencing homelessness in our community.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Market Properties at 225-877-4033 or email Marketpropertygroup@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jacob Landry

Co-Owner/ Market Director

2750 Alaska Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

# New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project-Leveraging Healthcare Resources (3A-2) Attachment Coversheet

- -Healthcare Formal Agreements
- Louisiana Department of Health Commitment Letter for Louisiana Housing Corporation - RRH Expansion New Project Pg.1
- Primary Care Providers for a Healthy Feliciana, Inc. Commitment Letter for Easterseals BOSCOC PSH 2023 New Project Pg. 2



## State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health Office of Aging and Adult Services

September 18, 2023

Winona Connor, Housing Finance Deputy Administrator Louisiana Housing Corporation 2415 Quail Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Ms. Connor,

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) offers this commitment of healthcare resources to the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) for the FY23 Continuum of Care Rapid Rehousing (CoC RRH) Project. This project is a vital component in providing housing and supportive services to the most vulnerable populations, including the chronically homeless, Veterans, victims of domestic violence, persons with mental illness, substance abuse disorders and youth. LDH will provide the required match obligation of \$173,931.00 for this essential program to continue providing assistance to program participants through Medicaid services. The match obligation will fulfill the required amount for the FY23 grant term of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) confirms that all appointed staff will adhere to project eligibility for program participants based on Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Fair Housing requirements. In addition, LDH will continue to collaborate with LHC on programs facilitating the empowerment of citizens to obtain self-sufficiency and independent living.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by phone at (504) 256-9694.

Sincerely,

Michell Brown

State Director

Permanent Supportive Housing

**BoS Rapid Rehousing** 

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Christi C. Hunt, ChiefExecutive Officer \* Darie Gilliam, Chief Clinical Officer

September 20, 2023

Eric Odonm
Executive Vice President
935 Gravier Street — Suite 720
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Re: Letter of Support — Medical and Behavioral Health Services

Dear Mr. Odom

Primary Care Providers for a Healthy Feliciana, Inc. which operates the RKM Primary Care clinics wish to thank you for your interest in partnering with our organization to leverage healthcare resources/services specifically for participants of Easterseals' Permanent Supportive Housing programs. PCPFHF, Inc has eleven delivery Federally Qualified Health Center sites across five parishes in southeast Louisiana. Our clinics offer medical, behavioral health, and in some clinics dental services.

We understand the need of ensuring healthcare is accessible and readily available to our most vulnerable population residing in the Baton Rouge area, and therefore stand ready to help your program participants during this fiscal year (September 2023 to August 2024). We support Easterseals Louisiana in its endeavor to serve people experiencing homelessness in our community. Please see the included schedule of in-kind support we are willing to extend to Easterseal's homeless population.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 225-683-5292 ext 10203.

Sincerely,

Christi C. Hunt,

**CEO** 

Primary Care Providers for a Healthy Feliciana, Inc.

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#### Primary Care Providers for a Healthy Feliciana, Inc.

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### **Estimated In-Kind Support:**

Estimated # of Clients	Type of Services	Value of Service	# Visits per Year	Total Annual Value
15	Primary Care	188.00	3	8,460.00
30	Behavioral Health Assessments	188.00	30	5,640.00
15	Medication Management	188.00	30	5,640.00
5	MAT	188.00	30	5,640.00
Total Estimated Value of Inklnd				
Services				25,380.00

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