

Before Starting the CoC Application

The CoC Consolidated Application consists of three parts, the CoC Application, the CoC Priority Listing, and all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected. All three must be submitted for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2018 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.
6. Questions marked with an asterisk (*), which are mandatory and require a response.

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

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

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

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

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

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants. For the period from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, using the list below, applicant must: (1) select organizations and persons that participate in CoC meetings; and (2) indicate whether the organizations and persons vote, including selecting CoC Board members.

Organization/Person Categories	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes
Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes
Hospital(s)	Yes	No
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes
Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	No	No
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes
Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	No	No
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	No
Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates	Yes	Yes
LGBT Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes

Other:(limit 50 characters)		
Faith Based Service Programs	Yes	Yes

1B-1a. Applicants must describe the specific strategy the CoC uses to solicit and consider opinions from organizations and/or persons that have an interest in preventing or ending homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has developed an automated coordinated entry module in HMIS which provides a list of callers and referrals which is used to send out invitations including CoC meeting minutes, future agendas with dates and locations, and relevant statewide or federal data and publications to solicit interest..Agencies and individuals who call the Lead Agency Resource Center seeking assistance for clients or for program development are invited to attend a CoC meeting and are added to the mailing list. Individuals and start-up organizations who call the Lead Agency to solicit one on one assistance in securing funding and grant writing assistance are provided an appointment to discuss their projects at the next clearing house which occurs at every CoC meeting. (2) An active 28 member Board of directors also takes responsibility for soliciting new membership and is required to add at least one new individual, annually, to the membership roster. The CoC Lead staff make multiple presentations on homeless issues to local governments, community organizations, executive roundtables, colleges, hospital boards, philanthropy educational sessions, grantors, etc. (3) Solicitation of new members is ongoing as this field experiences very high staff turnover and regular fluctuations in interest by the general public in homelessness and related issues.

1B-2.Open Invitation for New Members. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the invitation process;**
 - (2) how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members;**
 - (3) how often the CoC solicits new members; and**
 - (4) any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1) CoC membership is open to anyone who agrees to attend at least 4 continuum of care meetings annually and agrees to abide by the CoC governance document. Applications are accepted throughout the year. CoC Member Applications are available on the Agency website and a call for new members is completed at the CoC Annual Meeting. (2) CoC members are encouraged to invite any new organizations or interested parties to the CoC meetings. Any interested party is invited to the CoC meetings and is added to the CoC mailing list. This includes community partners, new agencies, and funders. All CoC meetings include a welcome and announcements portion at the beginning, where all new individuals state their name and affiliation and are welcomed to the CoC. The CoC meetings also include a clearinghouse portion

at the end of the meeting, where all individuals are invited to present any information or ask any question. This CoC has a large membership and continues to welcome new attendees at almost every bi-monthly meeting. (3) There is an ongoing solicitation for new members through invitation by CoC member agencies and invitation at a variety of community presentations at least bi-monthly. In addition, CoC membership is open to anyone who attends at least 4 meetings per year and agrees to the CoC Governance Document. Therefore, anyone who ever attends a CoC meeting is welcome to be a part of the CoC membership. (4) The CoC employs homeless and formerly homeless persons to outreach to homeless camps, feeding sites, day shelters and campsites to encourage engagement in the CoC. Homeless individuals are invited to attend, observe and/or discuss issues at the CoC meetings or provide input to the Homeless Resource Center if they are reluctant to join the meetings.

1B-3.Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. Applicants must describe how the CoC notified the public that it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, even if the CoC is not applying for new projects in FY 2018, and the response must include the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals. (limit 2,000 characters)

An Email notification including two attachments describing HUD types of projects and project threshold requirements was sent out on July 10, 2018 to our 225 persons mailing list. The majority of our CoC member agencies are not HUD funded. The list was used to notify 65 member agencies, multiple program providers, regular meeting attendees and private individuals and service groups that the CoC was soliciting new projects, with special emphasis on projects not previously funded, and projects proposing to serve victims of domestic violence. The notification was also posted on our website emphasizing our interest in soliciting new projects from agencies not previously funded. It was also mailed out a second time to partner agencies with encouragement to share it with their own mailing lists to increase additional exposure of the notification to non traditional affiliations. Notification on the website was prominent and identified the date and time of a public meeting to discuss potential new proposals. CoC Lead provided a template to be used to indicate interest in soliciting new projects and announced a special CoC public meeting. The CoC held a special public meeting on July 20th, 2018 in conjunction with the United Way of Indian River County to discuss proposals that were submitted and to decide which projects could be included in the NOFA and which projects could be developed or supported by other funding available to or through the CoC. Five new projects from organizations not previously CoC funded were selected for project review. Results were shared by email and three new projects proceeded to the ranking and review committee process. Two proposals from agencies not previously funded were withdrawn by the agency themselves.

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects. Applicants must use the chart below to identify the federal, state, local, private, and other organizations that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness that are included in the CoCs coordination, planning, and operation of projects.

Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects	Coordinates with Planning and Operation of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
Head Start Program	No
Funding Collaboratives	Yes
Private Foundations	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
Faith Based Community Housing and Services	Yes
U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmworker Housing	Yes

1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. Applicants must describe how the CoC:
(1) consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds; and
(2) participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1)The State of Florida is the ESG recipient in this CoC. The CoC secures an allocation of ESG funds competitively through submitting an application to the Department of Children and Families, State Office on Homelessness. Only the CoC Lead Agency, designated by the State, can apply for these balance of

state, non entitlement dollars. The successful Lead Agency notifies all provider member agencies of the amount of funds which will become available, and the expenditure limits for each category. The Lead Agency solicits applications from HUB partners and other CoC members to identify their needs and state their willingness to participate in administering and distributing the assistance. The agency or program determines the amount of funding they can manage, and agrees in writing to participate, using the coordinated entry system in HMIS and completing all required documentation. 2) A review of ESG including using the coordinated entry process and eligibility determination is presented at a regular CoC meeting. Small group reviews and new end user trainings are also provided by the Lead Agency for those who request it. The Resource Center Manager monitors expenditures by category, monthly. Required monthly reporting for ESG is accomplished through CAPER reports transmitted to the State Office using Clienttrack. Lead Agency uses CAPER to review performance on the required data elements and follows up on housing outcomes for all clients assisted. 60% of ESG funding must be used for Rapid Rehousing, 40% for prevention. The Lead Agency Data Quality Manager provides monthly performance reports to review enrollments and exits to better define and measure the population who is seeking services.

1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area? Yes to both

1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide local homelessness information other than PIT and HIC data to the jurisdiction(s) Consolidated Plan(s)? Yes

1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the CoC’s protocols, including the existence of the CoC’s emergency transfer plan, that prioritizes safety and trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety; and**
 - (2) how the CoC maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

The DV provider has only one 60 bed shelter in Martin County. Many victims cannot travel across Indian River and St.Lucie counties from there to go to work or allow their children to continue in their home school. Victims who cannot utilize that shelter often self refer or are referred directly to the Homeless Resource Center by the DV provider. As soon as a “no contact” is secured, or the offender is in jail the CoC lead works with DV outreach staff.who are trauma informed trained staff to handle the process of intake and assessment and housing placement. Client data, and funding source to pay for housing or hotel

stays is kept out of HMIS until client approves data entry. Victim information is kept on a separate database accessed only by the CoC's Resource Center Manager. Resource Center staff identify safe housing, inform landlord of safe housing transfer requirements and handle rent reasonableness, leases etc. The Victim Services Provider is a voting Board Member of the CoC and supports this process. The DV provider develops safety plans and provides outpatient supportive services at confidential meeting locations. This maximizes the ability of the CoC to assist clients and other victims who cannot access the very limited beds in the victim services provider system. DV victims are treated as an extreme housing emergency. Agency credit card and private philanthropy funds are used to make payments for outside services to avoid possible identification of victims. Policy and Procedures are in place in the CoC manual to address the needs of victims, including the process for housing choice, virtual referrals, emergency transfers, additional demands of the confidential intake process outside of Clienttrack, the protocols for safety planning for adults and children, and how to inspect a potential rental housing location for barriers to victims' safety in providing housing assistance.

1C-3a. Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide annual training to CoC area projects and Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (limit 2,000 characters)

The DV provider in this CoC is a voting Board member. DV Program staff make presentations every six months to the full CoC membership at a regularly scheduled meeting to assure awareness of best practices. Staff of Victims Services Provider are trained in trauma informed care and victim centered services that prioritize safety and choice. The provider is one of a limited number of certified domestic violence providers in the State required to provide teen dating violence educational and counseling services as mandated by Florida Law to grades 7-12. They provide training for teachers, faculty, staff and school administrators to implement dating violence and abuse policies. They also work with INVEST, a specialized law enforcement program designed to prevent intimate partner lethality in domestic violence and human trafficking cases. Training modules presented to the CoC Membership include:)the definition of dating violence and abuse,)warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior,)characteristics of healthy relationships,)measures to prevent and stop dating violence and) community resources. Staff of the RHY youth serving organization also review and discuss implementation of Florida Statute 1006.148 which mandates that a teen dating violence and abuse component must be added to the comprehensive health education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12.. In this CoC, DV outreach staff, DCF and RHY staff all make direct referrals by advance phone call, to CoC Resource Center staff who are trained to serve their clients housing needs with safety in mind. These staff have completed trauma informed care training provided by the mental health providers and the Florida Supportive Housing Coalition. Community leaders who serve trafficking victims, Catch the Wave of Hope, a Martin County organization are working with the CoC to address the void in services in Florida offered to victims of human trafficking.

1C-3b. Applicants must describe the data the CoC uses to assess the

scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including data from a comparable database. (limit 2,000 characters)

Data is derived from de identified data reports on Guidestar and Annual Service Reports. The coc uses the following service data to estimate need: Number of Hotline calls,-1687; Number of Safety Plans -2116, Number of adults in shelter beds-179, Number of children in shelter beds-200, Number of non sheltered victims provided services-451, Number of safe nights -11,985 Number of single females in supportive living 17. The CoCs HMIS identifies victims and survivors referred directly to the CoC who could not be accommodated by dedicated programs due to lack of beds. The providers arrange for victims to contact the Resource Center confidentially, using a unique client ID, by phone, email/ text. Victims in imminent danger are provided with an immediate safety plan shared with the Resource Center Manager. Lead Agency trains intake staff on the safety and security needs of victims. Arrangements are made to complete an entire placement transaction on line, if necessary. Housing Specialists find appropriate housing, inspect the property, send photos to the victims advocate who made the referral. etc. This process supports housing choice by gaining client approval of the housing placement. DV, dating, sexual assault and stalking are all considered imminent danger and are all treated as emergency crisis housing for those who do not have access to specialized beds. Victims get priority in family emergency shelter beds in two different locations, with 24 hour security staff on site. Protocol for this population is identical. Victims ages 18-24 are assisted by programs operated by the only two youth services providers in the CoC; both have limited residential beds. The CoC Lead Agency pays for hotel for victims who cannot access emergency beds, and proceeds to identify fair market housing in a safe area, suitable to the victim. 2017 HMIS data shows that the CoC housed 116 adults and 200 children outside of the provider network due to the lack of beds in the CoC.

1C-4. DV Bonus Projects. Is your CoC Yes applying for DV Bonus Projects?

1C-4a. From the list, applicants must indicate the type(s) of DV Bonus project(s) that project applicants are applying for which the CoC is including in its Priority Listing.

SSO Coordinated Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>
RRH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joint TH/RRH	<input type="checkbox"/>

1C-4b. Applicants must describe:

- (1) how many domestic violence survivors the CoC is currently serving in the CoC’s geographic area;**
 - (2) the data source the CoC used for the calculations; and**
 - (3) how the CoC collected the data.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC is currently housing 116 domestic violence families with 200 children. The data source is Clienttrack, the HMIS, for the Coordinated Entry system of the Continuum of Care. This data represents those victims who self referred through the Coordinated Intake Process or were advised by the domestic violence provider, SafeSpace, Inc. to seek housing assistance by calling directly. The applicant, St. Lucie County Community Services assists domestic violence survivors in the entire geographic area of the CoC. The applicant is a local government with the financial capacity to administer long term rental assistance for rapid rehousing placement in any of the three counties of the CoC. The applicant is also the recipient of CDBG grant funding for the tri county area. Therefore, it serves approximately 75 to 100 survivor families per year who are self identified and seeking housing and assistance or who are referred from the DV provider to the CDBG program. The Program, Family Self Sufficiency, provides Job search, budgeting, credit repair, transportation, benefits enrollment and child care for a period of one year to support sustainability. According to the domestic violence provider, the current number of individuals receiving victims' outreach is 529. This number represents an 18 % increase over the previous year. Data provided from Safespace indicates a 43% increase in safety planning for non residential victims who did not receive shelter. These numbers translate into at least 100 households for whom supportive services must be provided without the ability to offer housing or shelter. The applicant uses CDBG funds to provide supportive services to approximately 100 victim families per year, but is unable to provide any additional housing. This rapid rehousing request is targeted to housing victims whose safety plans require relocation from their current housing and who will be receiving supportive services under the Family Self Sufficiency program.

1C-4c. Applicants must describe:

- (1) how many domestic violence survivors need housing or services in the CoC's geographic area;**
 - (2) data source the CoC used for the calculations; and**
 - (3) how the CoC collected the data.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. At least 100 households with children and single households need rapid rehousing in the CoCs geographic area. 2. Multiple data sources including the Coordinated Entry System, 211 Crisis and Help Line callers, the annual report of the domestic violence provider and the number of individuals and families reporting domestic violence as the cause of their homelessness was used as a baseline for the calculations. The data is entered into the CoC's HMIS or a separate database. It was provided by the survivors, voluntarily, after a safety plan was established by the DV provider and survivors who were in need of immediate housing who could not be accommodated by the DV system were comfortable with confidentiality and safety measures taken by the CoC Housing Specilists. 2) The data was collected from specialized queries which identify domestic violence victim status and the timeline for when the violence occurred. Households seeking assistance directly provided the data, voluntarily, during the intake and assessment process, either by phone interview or by direct face to face contact with Resource Center Housing staff. The data was also collected by HUB interviewers who met persons at remote, safe locations as part of the CoC outreach to survivors .

1C-4d. Based on questions 1C-4b. and 1C-4c., applicant must:

- (1) describe the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors, or if the CoC is applying for an SSO-CE project, describe how the current Coordinated Entry is inadequate to address the needs of DV survivors;**
 - (2) quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors;**
 - (3) describe the data source the CoC used to quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors; and**
 - (4) describe how the CoC determined the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors.**
- (limit 3,000 characters)**

The CoC’s HMIS shows 116 adult victims of domestic violence with 200 children in rapid rehousing in fair market housing in the CoC. These household were provided RR housing due to their literally homeless status. These data cover the entire geographic area. The CoC expects that there will continue to be at least 100 additional household needing housing and services in the geographic area, since these household were actually housed by the CoC and determined to be in need of rapid rehousing which could not be accommodated by the Victim Services System. The CoC estimates that the number of unaccompanied adult victims of domestic violence who are literally homeless is 55 additional persons per year, based on the requests which came in through coordinated entry, including specific requests for beds from domestic violence victims seeking beds at Naomi’s House, the CoC’s non HUD rental units. Intakes are recorded in HMIS by Housing Specialists, 211 callers and directly from persons seeking assistance.2.The CoC uses HMIS for Coordinated Entry for ALL requests for housing and, including other assistance, referrals, turn aways and housing placement. In addition to the CoC’s coordinated entry system, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s Annual Report indicates that the unmet need for shelter beds during 2016-2017 was 5216 persons, thus providing the opportunity to extrapolate that a certain reasonable percentage of those needing services would remain homeless, given the well documented lack of affordable housing in the CoC. The 2017 FDLE report “Florida’s County and Jurisdictional Reported Domestic Violence Offenses” for the CoC shows: Indian River 570, St. Lucie 1348 and Martin County 628. Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s annual survey of certified domestic violence shelters reported that 35 of the 52 shelters responding to the 2017 survey indicated the need for housing. Of the 1542 respondents to 2018 PIT count conducted by the CoC in January who answered the question “why are you homeless?” 23% of the literally homeless households reported that the cause of their homelessness was domestic violence. The Domestic Violence provider, SafeSpace,Inc. reports 121 identified victims in their migrant outreach program, which is 47% increase from last year who could not be housed. 3.The Domestic Violence Provider presented de identified data for use in this application, as well as a full annual report of services and unmet needs. 4. The Lead HMIS for the Continuum of Care provided de identified housing data for those who reported their domestic violence status during intake and enrollment. The Resource Center for the CoC provided 2018 PIT Data and customized reports obtained through the coordinated entry system which identified “reason for service request” as fleeing domestic violence. Other data was extrapolated from the Family Options Study Report, 2015.

1C-4e. Applicants must describe how the DV Bonus project(s) being applied for will address the unmet needs of domestic violence survivors.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Given the extremely limited capacity of the domestic violence provider in this CoC, this project will increase the CoC's capacity to secure a limited number of fair market rental housing opportunities, which would otherwise not be available to victims. This project will also offer a new partnership that will serve as a model to increase participant's access to mainstream supports, assistance with mainstream benefits, tailored domestic violence services in the community, and the opportunity to provide protection from abusers through placement in confidential housing locations. The project will provide a minimum of six months of fair market, tenant based rental assistance to victim families who would otherwise likely become homeless for the first time or remain literally homeless. The project has the potential to lower the risk of violence upon exit and also the potential to increase participants' satisfaction with housing choices. This project is a housing first, low barrier model which will reduce the length of time it will take to connect survivors to housing, while still accounting for safety and security concerns. Family Options Study Short-Term Impacts of Housing and Services Interventions for Homeless Families 07/2015 cites domestic violence as a major barrier to finding housing and increasing income in 49% of respondents. This project is a housing first, low barrier model.

1C-4f. Applicants must address the capacity of each project applicant applying for DV bonus projects to implement a DV Bonus project by describing:

- (1) rate of housing placement of DV survivors;**
- (2) rate of housing retention of DV survivors;**
- (3) improvements in safety of DV survivors; and**
- (4) how the project applicant addresses multiple barriers faced by DV survivors.**

(limit 4,000 characters)

1)The applicant has successfully placed 56 households in permanent housing in the community during the previous fiscal year period with a retention rate of 93%. The applicant provided housing placement assistance as a CoC HUB during the past year and is responsible for 87 rapid rehousing placements in the community, serving victims and other homeless persons . This data is contained in HMIS .2) The reports indicate that there is an 88% retention rate for Rapid Rehousing in the CoC .This is a request to increase the CoCs capacity to house an additional five households at one time, with adults and children using rapid rehousing as the means to secure safe, affordable housing, in the form of tenant rental assistance for at least six months per household. Housing will be located anywhere in the CoC, where the housing placement is advisable and most readily meets the needs of the survivor and their household. Placement will also be contingent upon landlord agreement to the Emergency Transfer Plan, as applicable. 3)The applicant is a local government partner agency with a full staff of trained community services providers. To assist the DV survivor toward self-sufficiency in a dignified and cost-effective manner, the professional staff of the Human Services Department of the applicant will provide various programs, services, and resources, through their Family Self Sufficiency Program. The goal of this program is to help survivors maintain housing sustainability by attaining the skills and knowledge to support financial independence. The family self sufficiency program will include Comprehensive Case Management and Second Chance Education Assistance and assistance in restoring lost documentation and other personal articles often lost when

fleeing domestic violence. Family Self-Sufficiency Program case managers will work with survivors in their housing search. 4)Survivors will be assisted to ultimately choose the placement that best fits their needs and meets their safety requirements. This will be accomplished with the assistance of the domestic violence provider outreach staff who will serve as the case management coordinators for these survivors . Housing location and placement will also be assisted by the CoC Housing Specialist staff. While in the program, clients will receive six months of housing assistance and case management services in the form of information and referrals, benefits enrollment, education and GED assistance, budgeting, financial education, and other employment supports. Households will be referred, as indicated to specialized providers in the CoC, who provide trauma informed care to address issues identified by the domestic violence professional staff for both adults and children. Case managers of the housing provider will work in partnership with Safespace, Inc., and Career Source Research Coast to help clients with assessing and meeting their employment needs, while keeping their safety needs in mind. Ongoing case management services in the support of employment such as education and GED assistance, benefits enrollment and financial education including budgeting will be provided to the residents by the applicant, in direct consultation with their individualized domestic violence advocacy plan. Small vehicle repairs as well as gas cards will also be provided when needed to enhance mobility for victims.

1C-5. PHAs within CoC. Applicants must use the chart to provide information about each Public Housing Agency (PHA) in the CoC’s geographic areas:

- (1) Identify the percentage of new admissions to the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs in the PHA who were experiencing homelessness at the time of admission;**
- (2) Indicate whether the PHA has a homeless admission preference in its Public Housing and/or HCV Program; and**
- (3) Indicate whether the CoC has a move on strategy. The information should be for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.**

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2017 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference	PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g. move on?
Indian River Rental Assistance Department	100.00%	Yes-Public Housing	No
City of Ft. Pierce Housing Authority	100.00%	Yes-HCV	No

If you select "Yes--Public Housing," "Yes--HCV," or "Yes--Both" for "PHA has general or limited homeless preference," you must attach documentation of the preference from the PHA in order to receive credit.

1C-5a. For each PHA where there is not a homeless admission preference in their written policy, applicants must identify the steps the CoC has

**taken to encourage the PHA to adopt such a policy.
(limit 2,000 characters)**

Management of the Stuart Housing Authority was assumed by the City of Ft. Pierce Housing Authority for some time this year due to local issues and HUD intervention. Phone calls were not returned in a timely manner to respond to requests of any nature. However, cooperation with Ft. Pierce and Indian River PHAs has expanded to include CoC homeless referrals, not only homeless Veterans or Elderly persons to subsidized housing, not only Section 8. CoC participates in a cooperative cross referral process, locating permanent housing on behalf of the PHAs for disabled, elderly, and homeless persons, cooperatively agreeing to use ESG funds to pay security deposits, using Housing Specialists to assist with finding housing in the communit. SSVF staff of Lead Agency and St. Lucie Veterans Services continue to complete referrals to the PHA in Ft. Pierce and Indian River for every eligible homeless Veteran, to assure that the agencies' stated housing preferences are implemented, regardless of whether or not the veteran is VASH eligible.

1C-5b. Move On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. Does the CoC have a Move On strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction (e.g., multifamily assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, or local low-income housing programs)? No

**1C-6. Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT). Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals and their families experiencing homelessness.
(limit 2,000 characters)**

This CoC participates with 2 Health Departments offering support groups for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender persons. The CoC has two separate active monthly groups in each county one to focus on the LBGQTQ community and another to provide a support network for LBGQTQ youth up to the age of 24. They are aimed at meeting the needs of persons with gender issues, persons with HIV status and homeless persons, especially youth under the age of 24. St. Lucie and Indian River County Health Departments both hold regular monthly support groups to focus on sexual orientation issues and HIV status and how they impact housing discrimination and homelessness. Florida Rural Legal Services, a CoC member agency, provides information sessions to address landlord/tenant discrimination issues and how to use the court system. The support groups have developed additional spin off support group which target persons who are HIV positive. Topics of support groups include stigma derived from HIV & Aids and Lived Experience of Homeless and Gay Persons. The groups address resources for the LBGQTQ community, and the legal recourses available in the face of landlord discrimination and homelessness. Additional community support groups are funded through Ryan White and held at different times and locations to allow for the development of positive social networks. Health Department staff, formerly part of the HIV service provider network offer

counseling and support, referrals for services, opportunities for family unification and social networking. Clients who are homeless are referred to service providers for services and permanent housing placement through HOPWA and Ryan White. The CoC Resource Center uses Emergency Solutions Grants funding for both HP and RR housing assistance. Referrals come through the coordinated entry system or through a housing specialist who works directly with the Health Departments to house disabled persons, in permanent supportive housing.

1C-6a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training. Applicants must indicate if the CoC implemented a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy and conducted CoC-wide anti-discrimination training on the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule.

1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source?	Yes
2. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
3. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-7. Criminalization of Homelessness. Applicants must select the specific strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply.

Engaged/educated local policymakers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engaged/educated law enforcement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engaged/educated local business leaders:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implemented communitywide plans:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No strategies have been implemented:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
jail diversion shelter for street people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
mental health and drug,courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Applicants must:
(1) demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area;
(2) demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply homelessness assistance in the absence of special

outreach;

(3) demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner; and

(4) attach CoC's standard assessment tool.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1)The Coordinated Entry System provides households experiencing homelessness access to services from multiple locations to ensure a fair and consistent process across the COC. - Coordinated Entry Assessments are completed by trained HMIS endusers at a program access point or one of 8 HUB locations Coordinated Entry Assessment may be initiated in person at any program access point or at the Homeless Resource Center. 2) Assessment can be completed in person, by telephone or email, or with homeless outreach teams across the CoC. Housing Match- Information is used to determine which housing intervention is the most appropriate. Referrals are completed through the Assessment process in the HMIS system and are available to all HMIS participating programs. 3: Prioritization- Households receive a score and are placed on the by-name list with the most vulnerable at the top. HMIS automatically compiles this list daily. Housing Specialists call clients daily for full intake and assessment. HMIS workflow is completed and the household is enrolled within 24 hours after eligibility has been determined. Housing Specialists provide the household with a list of available rental units that meet the needs of the household and assist as necessary with the goal of housing within 30 days. To assist in obtaining RRH or PSH program placement, the CoC has adopted a standard set of documents to help the Housing Specialist anywhere in the CoC to quickly complete required forms and process payments. Once households have found appropriate housing and completed documentation, Housing Specialists will request financial assistance through the funding source managed by the Homeless Resource Center. Homeless households access the system through referrals from a wide variety of programs, including, but not limited to: 211, DCF, school districts, DV provider, hospital districts, health departments, and all members of the CoC. Tool attached

1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

1D-1. Discharge Planning–State and Local. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a discharge policy to ensure persons discharged from the systems of care listed are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

1D-2. Discharge Planning Coordination. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review, Ranking, and Selection

Instructions

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

1E-1. Project Ranking and Selection. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition:

- (1) objective criteria;**
- (2) at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes;**
- (3) a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers; and**
- (4) attach evidence that supports the process selected.**

Used Objective Criteria for Review, Rating, Ranking and Section	Yes
Included at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes	Yes
Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers	Yes

1E-2. Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing, ranking, and rating projects; and**
- (2) how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account during the review, rating, and ranking process.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC used the HUD Project Rating and Ranking Tool version 3.1 to evaluate projects and to determine the extent to which each renewal addressed HUD's priorities. Results were combined with the CoC's own rating and ranking tool which looked at the vulnerabilities of the target population. Most renewals in this CoC, except HMIS, are Permanent Supportive Housing, Tenant Rental Assistance Projects. All projects adhere to the Housing First Model. 19 of 312 beds are Dedicated Plus. The remainder are 100% dedicated to serving chronically homeless. The CoC used the latest version of the tool plus our own client characteristic profiles, and historical performance data on the APRS to make an assessment, project by project of the needs and vulnerabilities of the tenants who were actually in the PSH beds. This determined and ranked how the projects served individuals and households in relationship to their severity of needs and vulnerabilities. Client case notes in HMIS and individual SPDATs were reviewed to allow us to evaluate vulnerabilities. The review included Households with or without children, Veteran status, Mental Health diagnosis, alcohol abuse and or/ drug abuse, Health condition, HIV status, developmental disability physical disability , having more than one disabling condition, zero

income at entry, DV history, criminal history and whether the individual or family was currently fleeing domestic violence. The Ranking and Review committee met with case management staff to discuss indicators and added potential for coercion to commit illegal or risky behaviors and potential for re-housing or placements outside of the grant based on, criminal history and credit history. Specific performance data from APR for each programs, adherence to the housing first model and CoC policies, per unit cost, participation in coordinated entry system, occupancy rates and recidivism rates were all reviewed for every project to result in a numerical score for ranking.

1E-3. Public Postings. Applicants must indicate how the CoC made public:

- (1) objective ranking and selection process the CoC used for all projects (new and renewal);**
- (2) CoC Consolidated Application—including the CoC Application, Priority Listings, and all projects accepted and ranked or rejected, which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; and**
- (3) attach documentation demonstrating the objective ranking, rating, and selections process and the final version of the completed CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application with attachments, Priority Listing with reallocation forms and all project applications that were accepted and ranked, or rejected (new and renewal) was made publicly available, that legibly displays the date the CoC publicly posted the documents.**

Public Posting of Objective Ranking and Selection Process		Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, Priority Listings, Project Listings	
CoC or other Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	CoC or other Website	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

1E-4. Reallocation. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent of the CoC’s ARD between the FY 2014 and FY 2018 CoC Program Program Competitions.

Reallocation: No

1E-4a. If the answer is “No” to question 1E-4, applicants must describe how the CoC actively reviews performance of existing CoC Program-funded projects to determine the viability of reallocating to create new high performing projects. (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC routinely conducts an annual ranking and review process of all of its CoC funded projects to determine if they should be continued. Projects are ranked based on objective performance criteria, vulnerability of the population served and system wide capacity to reduce homelessness and promote housing stability. This year, it used the HUD Renewal/Expansion project rating tool to rank projects based on 13 measures of performance . The tool satisfies the objective criteria requirement in the FY 2018 CoC Program NOFA. Priority is given to programs that serve the most vulnerable target groups, within the target population eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing. Priority is given to projects which are 100% Dedicated projects to serve chronically homeless individuals and families. Additional ranking criteria are based on the projects performance in serving the highest number of vulnerable individuals, especially those with more than one condition at entry and those who have experienced domestic violence, abuse, trafficking or other forms of exploitation. Key performance criteria are measures of housing outcomes described in the Rating and Ranking Procedure which is distributed to the CoC member agencies and potential applicants. The CoC has set a threshold score of 85% for inclusion in the annual CoC program competition. If a project is identified as low performance or demonstrates other unsatisfactory performance measures,including occupancy rate and costs, the project sponsor is advised that the project will be reallocated to meet the CoC's priorities or will be replaced by a project which scores highest on the HUD renewal/expansion project rating tool. The lowest score any of our projects scored on HUD's version 3 tool was 88%.

1E-5. Local CoC Competition. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:
(1) established a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required;
(2) rejected or reduced project application(s)—attachment required; and
(3) notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required. :

(1) Did the CoC establish a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Yes
(2) If the CoC rejected or reduced project application(s), did the CoC notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Yes
(3) Did the CoC notify applicants that their applications were accepted and ranked on the Priority Listing in writing outside of e-snaps, at least 15 before days of the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline?	Yes

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

Intructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2A-1. Roles and Responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead. Does your CoC have in place a Governance Charter or other written documentation (e.g., MOU/MOA) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead? Attachment Required. Yes

2A-1a. Applicants must: HMIS MOU Pages 19-21
(1) provide the page number(s) where the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead can be found in the attached document(s) referenced in 2A-1, and
(2) indicate the document type attached for question 2A-1 that includes roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead (e.g., Governance Charter, MOU/MOA).

2A-2. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual. Does your CoC have a HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual? Attachment Required. Yes

2A-3. HMIS Vender. What is the name of the HMIS software vendor? Eccovia Solutions- Clienttrack

2A-4. HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Using the drop-down boxes, applicants must select the HMIS implementation Coverage area. Single CoC

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate. Using 2018 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type:
(1) total number of beds in 2018 HIC;
(2) total beds dedicated for DV in the 2018 HIC; and

(3) total number of beds in HMIS.

Project Type	Total Beds in 2018 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ESG) beds	139	43	96	100.00%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	91	10	73	90.12%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	62	0	62	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	370	0	262	70.81%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	82	0	82	100.00%

2A-5a. To receive partial credit, if the bed coverage rate is 84.99 percent or lower for any of the project types in question 2A-5., applicants must provide clear steps on how the CoC intends to increase this percentage for each project type over the next 12 months. (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has one program, HUD VASH, that does not participate in HMIS. The CoC has offered multiple opportunities for the VASH program to participate in HMIS, including waiver of licensing fees, but the VASH program manager has been unable to meet the requirements of HMIS participation. The CoC is the HMIS Lead and provided the VASH program manager with alternative options, requesting that VASH staff complete a form that contains all required data elements for program enrollment in HMIS. VASH staff could not provide the required data for program enrollment through this alternative option. The CoC HMIS Lead staff plans to enter known data into HMIS for the VASH program. The CoC's coordinated entry system automatically identifies and refers veterans to SSVF. The HMIS Lead is also the SSVF grantee in partnership with St. Lucie and Martin County. The SSVF program manager collects appropriate information for the by-name list and appropriate data for the HMIS system through SSVF program enrollments. The SSVF and VASH program staff meet monthly to discuss the by-name list and new participation in each program. This is a clear step which will be pursued to provide the CoC with the date the client has been entered into the VASH program and will allow for HMIS entry. As participants exit the program, VASH staff will inform the SSVF program manager and CoC coordinated entry system so that HMIS can be updated with exit dates or other pertinent information. The Lead Agency will seek HUD TA to work with the Veterans' Administration staff at West Palm Beach to attempt to secure their agreement to participate in HMIS.

2A-6. AHAR Shells Submission: How many 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) tables shells did HUD accept? 12

2A-7. CoC Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2018 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX). (mm/dd/yyyy) 04/27/2018

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

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2B-1. PIT Count Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2018 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy). 01/26/2018

2B-2. HDX Submission Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy). 04/27/2018

2C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: Methodologies

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**2C-1. Change in Sheltered PIT Count Implementation. Applicants must describe any change in the CoC’s sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018. Specifically, how those changes impacted the CoC’s sheltered PIT count results.
 (limit 2,000 characters)**

Hurricane IRMA affected the sheltered PIT Count implementation due to the need for PIT interviewers to contact 309 persons in disaster beds, which were hotel rooms paid for by FEMA. Volunteers went to the hotels identified by FEMA to secure their information to allow them to complete the required information on the PIT count unsheltered data form. Often persons were not in FEMA identified hotel beds or there were multiple persons occupying one room. PIT staff went to other disaster assistance sites to seek out the persons identified as occupying a FEMA bed. This was done to avoid duplication and to ensure that there were not duplicative data entries in HMIS. Non disaster emergency shelter program staff were required to verify with Data Quality Manager of the CoC that "clients in program" in HMIS which they were reporting on PIT day were correct in the system. Shelter staff used Sheltered PIT surveys to verify that the number and demographics of the individuals and families enrolled in HMIS were consistent and actually occupying a shelter bed. Other than precautions to avoid duplication, there were no other changes.

2C-2. Did your CoC change its provider coverage in the 2018 sheltered count? Yes

2C-2a. If “Yes” was selected in 2C-2, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in the 2018 sheltered PIT count.

Beds Added:	309
Beds Removed:	0
Total:	309

2C-3. Presidentially Declared Disaster Changes to Sheltered PIT Count. Did your CoC add or remove emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Yes

Presidentially declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC’s 2018 sheltered PIT count?

2C-3a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-3, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in 2018 because of a Presidential declared disaster.

Beds Added:	309
Beds Removed:	0
Total:	309

2C-4. Changes in Unsheltered PIT Count Implementation. Did your CoC change its unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018? If your CoC did not conduct and unsheltered PIT count in 2018, select Not Applicable. No

2C-5. Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness in 2018 PIT Count. Did your CoC implement specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in its 2018 PIT count? Yes

2C-5a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-5., applicants must describe: (1) how stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness were engaged during the planning process; (2) how the CoC worked with stakeholders to select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and (3) how the CoC involved youth experiencing homelessness in counting during the 2018 PIT count. (limit 2,000 characters)

1)CoC identified formerly homeless youth to review PIT questions for relevance and for potential to engage or discourage youth from responding. Stakeholders identified locations where homeless youth may be found. CoC had two special meetings with Homeless Youth Providers prior to PIT and involved them in planning sessions. 2) CoC reached out to RHY organization, School Liaisons, Resource Officers and RHY outreach providers who created a special outreach group, "The Chumn Buckets to identify locations and attempt to increase engagement in the count".3) Volunteers went to beaches and malls prior to count to outreach youth and to help select locations for interviews. Couch surfers were asked about their homeless status and engaged to help PIT workers find other youth to interview. Multiple posters were distributed in CoC.

2C-6. 2018 PIT Implementation. Applicants must describe actions the CoC implemented in its 2018 PIT count to better count:

**(1) individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness;
(2) families with children experiencing homelessness; and
(3) Veterans experiencing homelessness.
(limit 2,000 characters)**

1) Preparations for the PIT were impacted by Hurricane Irma. Known camps were deserted. The CoC maintains a "by name list" of chronically homeless persons and families who completed SPDAT. The PIT committee carried out outreach from this list a month ahead of time to identify new camps and other locations where homeless persons were either being served meals or being temporarily sheltered in emergency hurricane beds. Formerly homeless persons in the CoC's PSH beds volunteered to help due to their familiarity with chronically homeless people. The Coc also maintains a by name list of chronically homeless Vets. Some of them joined the Street Outreach staff from SSVF and PATH to map out sites, and scout out new locations. Volunteer PIT teams met multiple times to plan their approach, to review the questions used for the PIT and to secure incentives. They went out into the woods and day programs to explain the purpose of the count and to encourage homeless people to participate. .2) The committee added two new separate outreach times to complete the count. One before six a.m. in locations which would allow families with children to sleep in their parking lot and use the bathrooms and one at six p.m. when people were coming back to their camps from day labor. Anyone who called for housing or walked in on the day of the PIT was interviewed using the CoCs Coordinated Entry process. All providers and CE hubs used the PIT tool along with the standardized intake tool to complete interviews, with the PIT tool being the first priority for completion. All service based programs including community services sites, feeding sites and ACCESS sites completed PIT counts. 3)The CoC has paid Veteran outreach staff who led the efforts in the woods and camps. Two volunteer street outreach groups consisting of Veterans organized the Veterans count.

3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

Instructions

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. In the box below, applicants must report the number of first-time homeless as reported in HDX.

Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.	424
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3A-1a. Applicants must:

(1) describe how the CoC determined which risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
(2) describe the CoC's strategy 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 the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. (limit 2,000 characters)

(1) The CoC utilized questions from both the VI-SPDAT and SSVF Homeless Prevention assessment to create its coordinated entry assessment. The CoC not only screens and prioritizes homeless individuals but also screens and prioritizes persons seeking homeless prevention assistance. The risk factors utilized in this coordinated entry process include very low income, single parents with children, DCF involvement, youth aged 18-24, elderly disabled, prior evictions, criminal history, and disability. (2) ES, TH and RRH program staff are trained to use diversion techniques to reduce the number of individuals who become homeless for the first time. For those individuals seeking financial assistance to remain housed, the coordinated entry assessment tool prioritizes individuals and families who are at the highest risk of becoming homeless. The CoC uses ESG, State funds, SSVF, FEMA and private donations to meet different eligibility requirements. These funds are available across the CoC to keep clients from losing their housing. The CoC has also developed excellent working relationships with community landlords to help avoid evictions and/or to move clients to more appropriate or affordable housing opportunities. (3) The CoC's Homeless Resource Center is the lead for the coordinated entry process and will be responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. The coordinated entry assessment is utilized across the CoC at 8 hub locations to screen and prioritize individuals seeking assistance. Individuals who score the highest are the most at risk of becoming homeless and they are seen as soon as possible to reduce the number of individuals becoming homeless for the first time.

3A-2. Length-of-Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:
(1) provide the average length of time individuals and persons in families remained homeless (i.e., the number);
(2) describe the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length-of-time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
(3) describe how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
(4) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1) The average length of time individuals and persons in families remained homeless in FY2017 was 160 days. 309 persons awaiting housing were housed in hotels due to Hurricane Irma, significantly reducing affordable housing stock and increasing the length of time persons remained homeless. (2) The Coordinated Entry system assigns higher priority to chronically homeless households with the longest length of time homeless and higher service needs. The strategy includes outreach and engagement to unsheltered homeless households with the goal of working directly with them to identify and select appropriate housing to meet their needs. (3). PATH coordinators and CoC other direct outreach staff meet with homeless households to begin housing search. Households who are already in shelter are also assisted in identifying barrier free housing options. The CoC’s only emergency shelter for families has adopted a rapid rehousing component and changed their TH beds to ES, reducing their length of stay from 162 days to 81 from FY 2017 to 2018. The CoC has very limited shelter beds and utilizes a variety of outreach programs that actively engage homeless individuals in camps across the CoC. These outreach programs include PATH, SSVF/VASH outreach and private nonprofit agencies who regularly engage unsheltered homeless household to quickly move them into housing. The CoC’s PSH programs have dedicated 293 beds to serve chronically homeless families and individuals in the CoC in an effort to reduce the number of long time homeless households. The CoC reviews system performance at Board meetings and reviews Agency system performance to help reduce the length of homelessness in all CoC SO, ES, and TH programs. (4) The Data Quality Manager of the HMIS Lead is responsible for monitoring and reporting on all aspects of Systems Performance and Annual Progress Reports on a monthly basis and is required to bring outlier conditions to the attention of the HMIS Lead as they appear.

3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:
(1) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations; and
(2) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	88%

Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid re-housing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	93%
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3A-3a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and**
- (2) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

1)RRH, ES and TH projects work in tandem to provide RRH funds through ESG and FEMA, SSVF, State and private funds to move participants to permanent housing, to increase success rates in housing and decrease length of time homeless. The systems performance report shows an 88% success rate in exits to permanent housing from ES, TH and RRH. The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which households in ES, TH and RRH exit to permanent housing is to establish strong landlord relationships, provide consistent outreach to potential new landlords; provide Housing Specialists or case managers to work with the household on budgeting, finding suitable housing, negotiations with landlords and any other services to facilitate successful exits. The Resource Center provides these programs with access to grants and private funding to pay first and security to assist when households are ready to move into permanent housing. The CoC regularly reviews system performance reports to determine success rates for each of the programs in the CoC. Training and technical assistance is provided to underperforming programs to examine barriers to successful exits and to explore strategies which can be adopted to increase successful exits. (2) The systems performance report shows a 93% success rate in exits/retention in PSH projects. The CoC strategy to increase this success rate is to keep all clients housed in these housing projects through effective partnerships and linkages with specialized resources in the community designed to support their housing stability. The CoC has developed strong landlord relationships which have reduced evictions and avoided landlord tenant issues for the PSH population. The PSH program committee meets monthly in each county of the CoC to work as a team to increase housing retention. This committee brainstorms landlord retention projects to help increase the likelihood that landlords will continue to rent to this population.

3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX. Applicants must report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX.

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX	8%

3A-4a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe how the CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness;**
- (2) describe the 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 the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families returns to homelessness.

(limit 2,000 characters)

(1) Clients screened for Homeless Prevention assistance are prioritized based on coordinated entry score and past HMIS enrollments. Individuals who have past experience with homelessness, who are currently living in a rental that is unaffordable, who have disabilities, a change in household size due to birth, death or incarceration, are a victim of a crime or who have experienced a sudden loss of income are prioritized for intake by a housing specialist or case manager. They are targeted for priority for Homeless prevention assistance. (2) The CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals returning to homelessness is to prioritize clients who are at higher risk of return to homelessness through assigning them a case manager or housing specialist who can find individualized solutions to their housing crisis including seeking a more affordable rental, intervening with landlords regarding payment plans, providing rental assistance and linkages to other community resources that can assist in reducing household expenses or increasing their income to support housing stability. The Resource Center and housing case managers in 8 HUB locations are responsible for 90, 180 and 365 day follow up calls or home visits with clients who were assisted. Those who have received ES, TH or RRH assistance in the past 2 years are identified through the HMIS are prioritized over those who have never been in the HMIS system in the past. (3) The Homeless Resource Center Manager and HMIS Lead is responsible for reviewing data and overseeing the strategy to ensure that clients who have been assisted through ES, TH and RRH projects in the past are prioritized for homeless prevention assistance.

3A-5. Job and Income Growth. Applicants must:

(1) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources;

(2) describe how the CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and

(3) provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase job and income growth from employment.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1)The strategy to increase income through employment and non-employment sources include direct links from ES, TH, RRH and PH programs to community partners who provide assistance with immediate job placement or access to cash benefits through Federal and State resources. (2) Career Source Research Coast has specific employment programs for veterans and individuals receiving cash assistance through TANF. This program links unemployed single parents with children with free childcare and free vocational training through the local State college. Career Source holds job fairs, stand downs, weekly classes on interview skills, resume writing and job search techniques. Vocational Rehabilitation’s Ticket to Work programs provide direct employment for disabled individuals to return to the workforce. This program is successful when the waiting list is open for new applicants. Local nonprofits, including United against Poverty (UP) and Economic Opportunities Council provide job

training classes and job placement services. SOAR trained staff and PATH staff are onsite at the Homeless Resource Center to assist with SSDI applications for all eligible clients accessing services. (3) Career Source of the Research Coast is a planning member of the CoC and is responsible for job and income growth from employment.

3A-6. System Performance Measures Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the System Performance Measures data in HDX, which included the data quality section for FY 2017 (mm/dd/yyyy) 05/22/2018

3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives

Instructions

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- 3B-1. DedicatedPLUS and Chronically Homeless Beds. In the boxes below, applicants must enter:**
- (1) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated as DedicatedPLUS beds; and**
 - (2) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated for the chronically homeless, which does not include those that were identified in (1) above as DedicatedPLUS Beds.**

Total number of beds dedicated as DedicatedPLUS	19
Total number of beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness	293
Total	312

3B-2. Orders of Priority. Did the CoC adopt the Orders of Priority into their written standards for all CoC Program-funded PSH projects as described in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing? Attachment Required. Yes

3B-2.1. Prioritizing Households with Children. Using the following chart, applicants must check all that apply to indicate the factor(s) the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children during FY 2018.

History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number of previous homeless episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unsheltered homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criminal History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bad credit or rental history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3B-2.2. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s current strategy to rapidly rehouse every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless;**
 - (2) describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families successfully maintain their housing once assistance ends; and**
 - (3) provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoCs strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1) The CoC uses Coordinated Entry, an automated modified VI-SPDAT online intake with participating member agencies in the CoC. Homeless families with children get the most points based on length of time homeless, criminal history, evictions and DCF involvement. They score highest on the “triage” list and are enrolled first. Households come to 8 hub locations for assessments or complete phone interview, with required documentation submitted electronically. At hubs in 3 counties, staff use Clienttrack to submit requests directly to the Homeless Resource Center for processing.2) Staff have 10 days to assist, using ESG, private funds, grants, FEMA. Unsheltered families are immediately screened for eligibility for emergency shelter. Direct referrals are made online through HMIS for beds and supportive services, followed up by a phone call. Hotel beds are secured until Housing Specialist staff can help locate suitable landlords, and housing to meet work, school and safety concerns. Housing Specialists assure that rent is affordable, negotiate with landlords for clients with poor credit history or evictions and may agree to double security deposits. The CoC also has its own Housing inspectors who complete HQS or Habitability and send results to the Homeless Resource Center to pay landlords within 10 days to assure that the property is not lost in this market. Households who secure Emergency Shelter are assisted by staff to work with the Resource Center to plan discharge within 30 to 60 days.(2) Families who qualify for PSH receive the next available placement and are housed in hotels until a unit of TRA becomes available. 211, United Ways, and DCF refer directly to Resource Center for housing. The Resource Center and Coordinated entry hubs can make direct referrals to supportive services in the system. (3)The Treasure Coast Lead Agency and hub partners are responsible and assure follow-up for 90,180 and 365 days to support housing sustainability.

3B-2.3. Antidiscrimination Policies. Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing (PSH and RRH) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on age, sex, gender, LGBT status, marital status, or disability when entering a shelter or housing.

CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC conducts optional training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC and ESG funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that may be out of compliance, and taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has sought assistance from HUD through submitting AAQs or requesting TA to resolve non-compliance of service providers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-2.4. Strategy for Addressing Needs of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC’s strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth includes the following:

Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation	Yes
LGBT youth homelessness	Yes
Exits from foster care into homelessness	Yes
Family reunification and community engagement	Yes
Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs	Yes

3B-2.5. Prioritizing Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness Based on Needs. Applicants must check all that apply from the list below that describes the CoC’s current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.

History or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number of Previous Homeless Episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unsheltered Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criminal History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bad Credit or Rental History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**3B-2.6. Applicants must describe the CoC's strategy to increase:
 (1) housing and services for all youth experiencing homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources, including securing additional funding; and
 (2) availability of housing and services for youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources.
 (limit 3,000 characters)**

1) The CoC Resource Center uses competitive private philanthropy funds to pay double security deposits to willing landlords who will rent to youth 18-24. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, the Lead Agency, also countersigns leases with landlords to assure payment and lease continuity. This is a new strategy in use by CoC Housing Specialists for age 18-24 parenting youth and youth over 18 who can share a unit. To provide additional housing options and living experience for this population, the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council has dedicated one of four apartments it owns for occupancy by up to 4 homeless teens ages 18-24 who are residing in the Children’s Home Society Youth Transition Center and ready to exit. They will occupy the unit, barrier free and at no rent for three months and reduced rent for up to a year. Martin County’s Mary’s Shelter has a 12 bed transitional housing beds for homeless pregnant teens who can stay for up to 1 year. Martin County BOCC

has a Rapid Rehousing Grant targeting homeless youth, 18-24, who are involved with drug court. The number of shelter and transitional housing beds in this CoC remains small; the occupancy rate is also low. This CoC uses prevention and diversion strategies as its primary approach. Each county has its own Children' Services Council, reporting to the Board of County Commissioners. 2)In the most populous county St. Lucie 's Children's Services Council is supported by an ad valorem tax assessment generating more than 8 million annually for children's programs. These programs are prevention and service oriented and contribute to a reduction in child abuse, homelessness and neglect through targeted counseling and case management programs. Martin and St. Lucie counties' Children's Services Councils are funded by grants and contributions and focus on prevention and education. The CoC Resource Center assigns priority points in the coordinated intake for homeless youth. 211 has specialized youth counselors and a youth suicide prevention hotline. Youth serving agencies participated in the design of the specific intake questions used in the coordinated assessment process and in the PIT Survey to increase the potential for engagement and response from this target population.

3B-2.6a. Applicants must:

(1) provide evidence the CoC uses to measure both strategies in question 3B-2.6. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness;

(2) describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of the strategies; and

(3) describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of the CoC's strategies.

(limit 3,000 characters)

1)Housing related outcomes the CoC uses to measure the effectiveness of housing strategies for this group are similar to those in use for other housing programs in the CoC. Housing outcomes include housing status at program exit, returns to homelessness, increase in benefits and income, reduction in law enforcement encounters by target population, reduction in the number of domestic violence and sexual assaults for this population and completion rate of education or GED programs. Successful voluntary enrollment and completion of skills training programs like Project LIFT is also measured by the CoC for substance abusing teens in the drug court program, as are decreases in number of cases in mental health court appearances for this target group. The RHY emergency shelter and coordinated entry system of the CoC use diversion techniques to link unaccompanied youth to family reunification opportunities and other alternatives to homelessness and shelter. 2) The Coordinated Entry database is being modified to record a reduction in the number individuals entering the homeless system as a measureable outcome. The CoC will continue to measure the prevalence of homeless youth in the PIT count and will continue to prioritize homeless youth for housing assistance using a housing first model . 3) It believes that these measures are appropriate because they are recommended by the USICHs' Benchmark and Criteria to End Youth Homelessness, by the National Homeless Education Organization, Children's Home Society,(CSH) and Moonshot Moment, among others. Children's Home Society is championing LGBTO+ initiatives in Florida with International Sexuality Education and Youth Development specialists making presentations in the community. Their outcome criteria will be used to measure success of the services to this population due to the fact that they will create baseline data

which appear to be measureable, and can already show some defensible outcomes for persons and services they provide in this CoC. Specialized sex-trafficking awareness programs for schools, organizations and businesses are being provided by Shared Hope International to help students in middle school through high school understand the reality of sex trafficking and expose the methods of predators on social media. CoC board members work one on one with local affiliates and with homeless youth in these projects. Board Members have started the Chum Buckets to include formerly homeless youth who are now adults who work in community doing prevention and diversion to reduce the number of homeless youth in the CoC.

3B-2.7. Collaboration–Education Services. Applicants must describe how the CoC collaborates with:

- (1) youth education providers;**
 - (2) McKinney-Vento State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);**
 - (3) school districts; and**
 - (4) the formal partnerships with (1) through (3) above.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1)CoC has formal partnerships with MCKinney-Vento local school liaisons who serve on CoC Board and provide regular input regarding homeless children's needs and trends in their districts. School liaisons provide regular educational sessions on children's rights and educational needs at Board Meetings to service providers on site and in special events. 2) CoC Lead Agency has a working relationship with SEA and receives regular Homeless Education Data Profiles for Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie county school districts. Issues and trends are reviewed quarterly; questions related to homeless children in the school district, especially the PIT and rights, privileges of homeless children are direct to the SEA and receive personalized intervention and responses from the Director. 3) The Homeless Resource Center gives housing assistance priority to homeless families with children and connects families to school liaison and appropriate services provider during housing placement process. ES and TH program have policy and procedures in place which outline the steps to be taken by children's program coordinators and case management staff on entry to the program regarding assuring that families understand their rights, receive educational services in a timely manner, including transportation to their home schools, summer and after school programs, etc. 4) CoC has MOUs with Early Learning Coalitions and Children's Services Councils (3 districts) to require all service providers to make priority placement of homeless children in school readiness, daycare and VPK within 7 days of enrollment. CoC Lead is the only authorized entity to certify children as homeless and eligible for these programs.

3B-2.7a. Applicants must describe the policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services.
(limit 2,000 characters)

Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs in the CoC have policy and procedures, publicly posted, which inform residents of their right to educational services for their homeless children's. Case management and

intake staff have forms in the resident manual which outline the steps which will be taken by children's program coordinators to ensure that parents are aware of and take advantage of their rights under MCKinney Vento, including transportation, uniforms,, school supplies, before and after school programs etc. Mc Kinney Vento school liaisons come directly to residential programs with school age children to provide other educational opportunities, including anti bullying, non discrimination, equal access, etc.. Case management staff are trained regularly on assuring that families seek out and receive all available services in a timely manner. These programs have children's education coordinators who work to maximize benefits for homeless children while they are in the program and the CoC has formal partnerships with MCKinney-Vento local school liaisons. They serve on the CoC Board and provide regular input regarding homeless children's rights, needs and trends in their respective districts. CoC has MOUs with Early Learning Coalitions and Children's Services Councils (3 districts) to require all service providers to make priority placement of homeless children in school readiness. CoC Lead can certify children and families as homeless to gain access to daycare and VPK within 7 days of enrollment at the Resource Center. Homeless Resource Center gives housing assistance priority to homeless families with children and connects families to school liaison or services provider during the initial housing placement process. Most CoC providers who work with children annually attend the homeless children's mandatory education track for teachers provided by the Title X education specialists, at the Florida Coalition for the Homeless Annual Conference.

3B-2.8. Does the CoC have written formal agreements, MOU/MOAs or partnerships with one or more providers of early childhood services and supports? Select "Yes" or "No". Applicants must select "Yes" or "No", from the list below, if the CoC has written formal agreements, MOU/MOA's or partnerships with providers of early childhood services and support.

	MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
Head Start	No	Yes
Early Head Start	Yes	Yes
Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
Federal Home Visiting Program	No	No
Healthy Start	Yes	Yes
Public Pre-K	No	Yes
Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
Tribal Home Visting Program	No	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

3B-3.1. Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to identify, assess, and refer Veterans experiencing homelessness, who are eligible for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) housing and services, to appropriate resources

such as HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program and Grant and Per Diem (GPD). (limit 2,000 characters)

Collaborative Applicant (CA) is the Coordinated Entry lead and the SSVF Grantee. The coordinated entry assessment tool identifies veterans by asking "has anyone in your household ever served in the military?". Discharge status is determined if applicable. When veterans are identified, Veterans are quickly linked to the SSVF program. The SSVF program manager updates the Veteran by-name list and quickly assesses the veteran for eligibility determination and appropriate referrals to all available resources, including VAMC healthcare, VA benefits (including GI bill access, employment services, service connect and retirement benefits), VASH beds, or any other resource available to Veterans across the CoC through local non-profit veteran service agencies. The SSVF Program manager updates the veteran's by-name list and SSVF, VASH, and outreach staff meet monthly to discuss the by-name list and to update information related to program enrollment and housing updates for all veterans identified. This collaborated effort has assisted the CA to effectively work with SSVF, VASH, PHA, along with other community resources, to quickly move veterans into housing within 45 days. The by-name list data has been utilized to increase the number of VASH vouchers available in the CoC and to reallocate unused vouchers from other areas. VA Medical Center staff, VSOs and Volunteer Veteran groups are CoC members. Each county in the CoC has an SSVF office co-located with the County VSO. The Resource Center also provides office space to the Veteran's Council, which allows for quick access to VAMC benefits. All Veterans Services Offices in CoC are member agencies and attend all meetings.

3B-3.2. Does the CoC use an active list or by name list to identify all Veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC? Yes

3B-3.3. Is the CoC actively working with the VA and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending Veteran homelessness? Yes

3B-3.4. Does the CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach? No

3B-5. Racial Disparity. Applicants must: Yes
(1) indicate whether the CoC assessed whether there are racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance;
(2) if the CoC conducted an assessment, attach a copy of the summary.

3B-5a. Applicants must select from the options below the results of the CoC's assessment.

People of different races or ethnicities are more or less likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
People of different races or ethnicities are more or less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The results are inconclusive for racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-5b. Applicants must select from the options below the strategies the CoC is using to address any racial disparities.

The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC has staff, committees or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national non-profit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

Instructions:

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- 4A-1. Healthcare. Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC:**
- (1) assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance; and**
 - (2) assists persons experiencing homelessness with effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.**

Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
Private Insurers:	Yes	Yes
Non-Profit, Philanthropic:	Yes	Yes
Other: (limit 50 characters)		
SOAR staff , Community Health Center	Yes	Yes

- 4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits. Applicants must:**
- (1) describe how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for and receive mainstream benefits;**
 - (2) describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and**
 - (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1)CoC agencies have partner agreements with Department of Children & Families to access the online application for mainstream benefits. (Food Stamps, Medicaid and TANF). Agencies assess client’s eligibility during initial intake and can immediately assist a client with the online application process, contact DCF on the client’s behalf, and expedite benefits to homeless clients. The collaborative applicant has partnership agreements with Early Learning Coalition to provide free childcare for all homeless children in the CoC. SOAR trained case managers complete the SSI application and attend appointments and hearings with clients to expedite benefits. Outreach workers, employed by the community mental health center provide access to substance abuse treatment and mental health services and immediately assess eligibility of

program participants to complete applications for all available cash and non-cash benefits. (2) Certified SOAR trainer for this region is a CoC member and provides free SOAR training at least once quarterly. DCF Outreach Specialist is a CoC member and provides training and updates at CoC bi-monthly meetings. DCF partner agencies receive information regarding changes to DCF benefits before they are implemented. DCF and SOAR trainer provide one-on-one assistance with any questions and/or problems with a client's application. Collaborative Applicant is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits, coordinates bi-monthly meetings & facilitates member training and updates from DCF and SOAR trainers. Homeless Resource Center is a Multi service provider and ACCESS provider.VA, SSVF and PATH are onsite. Specialized staff refer to United Against Poverty programs' DCF sites for additional assistance. Local government partners have ACCESS stations in front lobby. Staff engages Florida Rural Legal Services to support homeless participants who have been denied.

4A-2.Housing First: Applicants must report:

- (1) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition; and**
- (2) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.**

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Total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.	17
Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that will be designated as Housing First.	100%

4A-3. Street Outreach. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC's outreach;**
- (2) state whether the CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area;**
- (3) describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and**
- (4) describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. (limit 2,000 characters)**

CoC has extensive street outreach in each of the 3 counties which covers 100 percent of the geographic area. PATH Outreach workers are part of the Coordinated Entry System of the CoC. They are dispatched from eight different locations in the CoC on a daily basis to seek out and attempt to engage persons who are homeless, especially those who appear to be in need mental health or substance abuse services They are licensed HMIS end users and make frequent use of the referral system built in to the HMIS in their effort to bring people into service and/or secure housing assistance or placement in

supportive living. The Resource Center of the CoC provides office space to accommodate PATH Outreach workers, and provides an opportunity for bi-lingual persons to meet with a translator as a more convenient location . Outreach staff participate in monthly meetings designed to triage chronically homeless persons, using SPDAT for the next available bed in the CoC's Tenant Rental Assistance. Program. PATH Outreach workers are contacted by staff of provider agencies or the Resource Center staff to seek out a particular individual or family who has been observed to need service, but has not requested assistance. CoC also conducts chronically homeless street outreach and Veteran's Outreach using paid staff, retired volunteer veterans and faith based outreach volunteers who conduct specialized outreach in camps and feeding sites in three counties. These persons in outreach teams are the most likely to engage persons who are reluctant to seek assistance. These outreach persons are also regular participants in the CoC meetings, secure supplies and donations for people in the woods and provide updated status and location information to case management, SSVF or PATH for the CoC's "by-name" lists which are maintained by the Lead Agency in Clienttrack,. The lists with updated case notes are accessed regularly by outreach workers in the CoC.

4A-4. Affirmative Outreach. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the specific strategy the CoC implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability; and**
 - (2) how the CoC communicated effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency fair housing strategy in (1) above.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

(1)Florida Rural Legal Services presents workshops at CoC meetings on 24 CFR 578.93 (c); CoC prosecutes landlords on CoC complaints, CoC sponsors "Ask A Lawyer" Days. Paid staff of Resource Center and SSVF provide communication to persons with limited English; Voluntary staff of partner agency translates program info and forms into Spanish. DCF provides fair housing flyers in Creole. DCF requires use of "deaf and hard of hearing" communicator as part of ACCESS certification.(2) Shelter Plus Committees and Local governments control PSH beds which are TRA. They refuse payment and sanction owner from "landlord list" if there are issues. Notification in HMIS for all end users to not house persons in any properties owned by violators.

4A-5. RRH Beds as Reported in the HIC. Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2017 and 2018.

	2017	2018	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	108	62	-46

4A-6. Rehabilitation or New Construction No Costs. Are new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new

construction?

4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. No
Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes?

4B. Attachments

Instructions:

Multiple files may be attached as a single .zip file. For instructions on how to use .zip files, a reference document is available on the e-snaps training site:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3118/creating-a-zip-file-and-capturing-a-screenshot-resource>

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Homeless Preference	No	PHA Administratio...	07/25/2018
1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Move-on Multifamily Assisted Housing Owners' Preference	No		
1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Tool	Yes	Coordinated Asses...	09/04/2018
1E-1. Objective Criteria–Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria (e.g., scoring tool, matrix)	Yes	1E-1 Rate Rank Re...	09/06/2018
1E-3. Public Posting CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-3. Public Posting–Local Competition Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria (e.g., RFP)	Yes	Public Notice Rat...	08/28/2018
1E-4. CoC's Reallocation Process	Yes	Reallocation Process	09/06/2018
1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps–Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification Proj...	09/04/2018
1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps–Projects Rejected or Reduced	Yes	Notification Proj...	09/04/2018
1E-5. Public Posting–Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Public Posting Co...	09/07/2018
2A-1. CoC and HMIS Lead Governance (e.g., section of Governance Charter, MOU, MOA)	Yes	HMIS MOU	08/27/2018
2A-2. HMIS–Policies and Procedures Manual	Yes	HMIS Policies	08/27/2018
3A-6. HDX–2018 Competition Report	Yes	HDX 2018 Competit...	09/06/2018
3B-2. Order of Priority–Written Standards	No	Order of Priority	09/06/2018

3B-5. Racial Disparities Summary	No	Racial Disparitie...	08/27/2018
4A-7.a. Project List–Persons Defined as Homeless under Other Federal Statutes (if applicable)	No		
Other	No		
Other	No		
Other	No		