

## 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 2019 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2019 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

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**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 of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019, applicants must indicate whether the Organization/Person listed:

1. participated in CoC meetings;
2. voted, including selecting CoC Board members; and
3. participated in the CoC’s coordinated entry system.

Organization/Person	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members	Participates in Coordinated Entry System
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
Hospital(s)	No	No	Yes
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	Yes
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	No	No
Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disability Advocates	Yes	No	No
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	No

Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	No	No
Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Not Applicable	No	No
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	No	Yes
Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates	Yes	No	No
LGBT Service Organizations	Not Applicable	No	No
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	No	No
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	No	No
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	No	No
Other:(limit 50 characters)			
none			
none			
none			

**1B-1a. CoC’s Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing/Ending Homelessness.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC:**

- 1. solicits and considers opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;**
- 2. communicates information during public meetings or other forums the CoC uses to solicit public information;**
- 3. takes into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness; and**
- 4. ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats, e.g., PDF. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. CoC has expanded it’s coordinated entry module in HMIS which is printed out weekly to allow for review of all callers and referrals. This is used to develop the list serve to send out invitations to CoC member events, CoC meeting minutes and notices, agendas and other relevant partner agency events. Relevant statewide or federal data and publications are shared regularly and posted on the website... Agencies, news media and individuals who contact the Lead Agency Resource Center are informed of the meetings and invited to attend. They are automatically added to the mailing list. Individuals and start-up organizations who call the Lead Agency to solicit one on one assistance in program design or 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 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 and the Board make multiple presentations on homeless issues to local governments, community organizations, executive roundtables, colleges, hospital boards, citizens review committees, legislative staff, etc., etc. (3) Generally, the CoC is considered the expert on homelessness in the entire CoC geographic area; however, participation by Board and staff in Affordable Housing advisory committees, Mental Health forums, other community needs assessments efforts like Community Foundation and United Way provide the opportunity to engage in this process. (4) Agency member staff who work with individuals with disabilities provide media and communication tools suitable to meet the needs of the disability they serve. The Resource Center has access to providers in the CoC who have devices which are assistive for low vision and limited hearing persons. CoC provides documents in PDF.

### **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 the CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;**
  - 4. how often the CoC solicits new members; and**
  - 5. 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)**

There are multiple ways the invitation to participate take place. There is a welcome and announcement at every meeting conducted, by the Chair advising that this is a public meeting and all new participants should introduce themselves and indicate their interest. CoC membership is open to anyone who agrees to attend at least 4 CoC meetings annually and abide by the CoC governance document defining membership in good standing. Applications are accepted throughout the year and are available on the Agency website. Prior to the Annual meeting a separate call for new members is transmitted to the entire mailing list, including a list of eligible renewal members. CoC members regularly invite new organizations or interested parties to the CoC meetings. Any interested party who calls the Resource Center for information is invited to the CoC meetings and is added to the CoC mailing list. This includes community partners, new agencies, and funders. In addition to the welcome and announcements portion every CoC meeting includes a clearinghouse session where all 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. The CoC employs homeless and formerly homeless persons to outreach to homeless camps, feeding sites, day shelters, to encourage engagement in the CoC. Homeless individuals are invited to attend, observe and/or discuss issues at the CoC meetings, participate in PIT and Standowns. or provide input to staff, since persons who come into the Resource Center are often homeless and in the process of receiving housing and services including SSVF and VASH. The CoC outreaches to homeless

persons through PATH, VASH, and SSVF Outreach staff who partner with the Lead Agency, and meet with their clients at the Resource Center. This increases the opportunity to access currently and formerly homeless persons and engage them in the CoC planning process.

**1B-3. Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. how the CoC notifies the public that it is accepting project application proposals, and that it is open to and will consider applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, as well as the method in which proposals should be submitted;**
- 2. the process the CoC uses to determine whether the project application will be included in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition process;**
- 3. the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposal;**
- 4. how the CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and**
- 5. if the CoC does not accept proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding or did not announce it was open to proposals from non-CoC Program funded organizations, the applicant must state this fact in the response and provide the reason the CoC does not accept proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

1)The notification was posted on our website emphasizing our interest in soliciting new projects from agencies not previously funded. An Email notification including two attachments describing HUD projects and threshold requirements was sent out on July, 19th 2019 to our 225 persons mailing list. The list was used to notify 65 member agencies, other programs and providers, regular meeting attendees. private interested entities including local municipalities, law enforcement and volunteer service groups who constitute the update and ongoing communications list . 2) The LOI format for new projects was distributed at the CoC NOFA meeting in July and was also mailed out to the entire mailing list with encouragement to share the notice with their own mailing lists to increase exposure to non traditional affiliations. Notification on the website was prominent and identified the date and time of the public meeting to discuss potential new proposals.2) The CoC Lead held a special public meeting on July 20th, 2019 in conjunction with the United Way of Indian River County to discuss proposals that could be submitted in the NOFA and which projects could be developed or supported by other funding available, with the support of the CoC. Three new projects from organizations not previously CoC funded were submitted. There were individual meetings with applicants to determine their eligibility and criteria for HUD funding. Two new projects were adequately developed from the LOI by a local government who is a previous applicant. Both proceeded to the ranking and review committee. Agencies which were not previously funded including SafeSpace Domestic Violence, Florida Rural Legal Services and Children’s Home Society opted for local competitions and voluntarily withdrew. The Resource Center works with providers who can translate documents and have technology for low vision and limited hearing persons. CoC provides documents in PDF.

## 1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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**1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects.**

**Applicants must select the appropriate response for each federal, state, local, private, other organizations, or program source the CoC included in the planning and operation of projects that serve individuals experiencing homelessness, families experiencing homelessness, unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, persons who are fleeing domestic violence, or persons at risk of homelessness.**

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)	Not Applicable
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
Head Start Program	Yes
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	Not Applicable
Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources	Not Applicable
Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Not Applicable
Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Not Applicable
Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)	

State.Housing.Initiatives Partnership (doc stamps)	Yes
HOME (Consortium )	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;**
- 2. participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients; and**
- 3. ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

1)The CoC secures ESG funds competitively from the State of Florida, DCF for all 3 counties. CoC Lead Agencies are given preference for the balance of state, non entitlement ESG funds. The successful Lead Agency notifies provider member agencies of funds available, priority populations identified by CoC, eligibility and income limits, etc. for each category of funds. The Lead Agency solicits applications from all HUB partners agencies through a public meeting process to identify interest and capacity to participate in ESG assistance. 2)Providers are awarded access to funding if they have demonstrated capacity to use HMIS and Coordinated Entry. Data quality and completeness is a factor. Monthly reviews of ESG expenditures and partner performance is presented at regular CoC meetings. Small group reviews and new end user trainings are provided by the Resource Center Manager for new entities. Lead Agency monitors required eligibility documentation and CAPER reports to the State Office. Data Quality Manager provides monthly performance reports to review enrollments, housing outcomes and exits by partner agencies; Program outcomes are reviewed by the CoC Planning Committee to better define and measure the population who is seeking services. 3. Local homeless information including clients in program, demographic and services reports are communicated by email to all participating jurisdictions, shared at CoC meetings. 3.Local planning jurisdictions and local government staff participate in the CoC, are provided homeless information posted and updated on agency website, receive email blasts, minutes and meeting packets containing relevant homeless data. Assistance is provided with updating the local element of consolidated plans by the Homeless Resource Center staff. CoC lead participates on affordable housing advisory committees and provides local homeless data to the press, private inquiries and other planning staff in the CoC area.

**1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions.** Yes to both

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC provided Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area.**



**1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions.** Yes

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC ensured local homelessness information is communicated to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within its geographic area so it can be addressed in Consolidated Plan updates.**

**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 protocols for coordinated entry and the CoC’s emergency transfer plan, that prioritize safety and incorporate trauma-informed, victim-centered services; and**
- 2. how the CoC, through its coordinated entry, maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1)DV providers arrange for victims to contact the Resource Center confidentially, using a unique client ID, pre-arranged by phone and text. Victims in imminent danger are referred with a safety plan shared with the Resource Center Manager. Lead Agency trains all intake staff on the safety and security needs of victims. Arrangements are made to complete placement transaction totally on line, if necessary. Housing Specialists find appropriate housing, inspect the property, send photos to the victims advocate who made the referral. etc... DV, dating, sexual assault exploitation and stalking are all considered imminent danger and are all treated as emergency crisis housing. Agency credit cards are used for all necessary transactions to avoid identification of victims. The CoC Policy manual address the process for virtual referrals, emergency transfers, and additional demands of the confidential intake process outside of Clienttrack, including the protocols for safety planning for adults and children and inspecting rental housing for threats to victims’ safety. 2. The process to support the client’s housing choice allows victims who self refer or are referred by the DV provider to begin the housing process as soon as there is “no contact” order or the offender is in jail. CE Staff work with DV staff who are trauma informed and trained to finalize safety assessment of available housing. All data, is kept out of HMIS. Emergency transfer plan is accessed only by the CoC’s Resource Center Manager, the Victim’s Advocate and the local Sheriff’s Resource Officer. Resource Center informs landlord of safe housing transfer requirements, handles rents, leases, utility turn-ons, etc remotely . The DV provider develops the safety plans and sets up outpatient supportive services at confidential meeting locations. This maximizes the ability of the CoC to assist clients and other victims who cannot access limited beds in the victim services provider system.

**1C-3a. Training–Best Practices in Serving DV Survivors.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services**

**providers to provide training, at least on an annual basis, for:**  
**1. CoC area project staff that addresses safety and best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence; and**  
**2. Coordinated Entry staff that addresses safety and best practices (e.g., Trauma Informed Care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

DV Program staff make regularly scheduled presentations every six months at CoC meetings to assure awareness of best practices. The training module includes: (1) definition of dating violence and abuse,(2) warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior,(3) characteristics of healthy relationships, (4) measures to prevent and stop dating violence and (5) community resources available to victims of domestic abuse. Staff of the RHY youth serving organization present new program initiatives and report on 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. 2)DV outreach staff, and RHY staff make direct referrals through the Coordinated Entry process using advance phone protocols and confidential automated referrals to CoC’s Resource Center as a confidential call for housing assistance. The Resource Center has staff are trained to serve their clients housing needs with confidentiality and safety in mind and have completed trauma informed care training provided by the Community Mental Health Services provider in the CoC and the Florida Housing Coalition. This maximizes the ability of the CoC to assist clients and other victims who cannot access beds in the victim services provider system. Client confidentiality, emergency response and safety needs are addressed with key staff of victim services providers who review and approve of the process for completing virtual assessment and referrals at the meeting. The process is adopted by the entire CoC including awareness of the need for implementing client choice in housing and placement within the requirements of the safety plan.

**1C-3b. Domestic Violence–Community Need Data.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoCs uses de identified data from Guidestar for SafeSpace, Inc. the ONLY domestic violence victim services provider in the CoC and uses monthly stats reported by 211 Helpline. Service data to estimate need includes: Number of Hotline and 211 calls,- Number of Safety Plans, Number of adult females in shelter beds- Number of children in shelter beds, Number of non sheltered victims provided services, and Number of safe nights. The CoCs HMIS database identifies the number of victims who seek assistance through the Coordinated Entry Process, seeking shelter due to lack of beds at the DV shelter. The Domestic Violence provider continues to participate in a modified CoC coordinated intake process which assures client confidentiality. It uses a unique client ID, by phone, email/ text or walk in depending on circumstances. SafeSpace DV and Children’s Home Society of the CoC train HUB intake staff

and other CoC members on the safety and security needs of victims and how to handle transfers and confidential referrals. Arrangements are made to complete an entire placement transaction on line, if necessary.. Victims ages 18-24 are assisted by two programs operated by the only two youth services providers in the CoC, both of which have limited residential beds. DV, dating violence, sexual assault and trafficking are all considered imminent danger. The protocol is identical in all cases. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, pays for hotel stays for victims who cannot access emergency beds, and simultaneously starts to identify fair market housing in a safe area, suitable to the victim. This year's HMIS data shows that the CoC housed 78 adult victim households with children outside of the Victim Services Provider Network due to the lack of beds in the CoC. This information is collected from the original pre-screen and reported out by the Resource Center Manager in de identified format on a weekly basis

**\*1C-4. PHAs within CoC. Attachments Required.**

**Applicants must submit information for the two largest PHAs or the two PHAs with which the CoC has a working relationship within the CoC's geographic area.**

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2018 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., Moving On
Ft. Pierce Public Housing Authority	100.00%	Yes-Public Housing	No
Vero Beach Rental Assistance Department	100.00%	Yes-Public Housing	No

**1C-4a. PHAs' Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. provide the steps the CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within the CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs the CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if the CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, applicants may respond for one; or**
- 2. state that the CoC does not work with the PHAs in its geographic area. (limit 2,000 characters)**

CoC has working relationships with the two largest PHAs in CoCs geographic area. They have adopted a homeless preference especially for elderly, homeless, and elderly disabled homeless. These two PHAs also administer VASH vouchers for homeless Veterans and administer TBRA. Working relationships are effective in housing these two targets, especially when the CoC Homeless Resource Center has funding to provide security deposits to facilitate the placements. The placements are Housing Choice Voucher, or VASH beds in fair market apartments in the CoC.

**1C-4b. Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a Moving On Strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction.**

No

**1C-5. Protecting Against Discrimination.**

**Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address all forms of discrimination, such as discrimination based on any protected classes under the Fair Housing Act and 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or -Insured Housing. (limit 2,000 characters)**

Florida Rural Legal Services is a voting CoC Board Member. The CoC has adopted their Fair Housing Project policies and protocols consistent with the Fair Housing Act and 24 CFR 5.105. The Fair Housing Project provides community outreach, education, advocacy and enforcement activities with regard to fair housing laws to ensure that no one in the CoC geography is denied housing on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, handicap, familial status, sexual orientation, age, marital status or gender identity.

CoC uses Florida Rural Legal Services on behalf of housing discrimination, in all cases and institutes the complaint process with them on behalf of individuals and families, seniors, people with disabilities, and other low-income people, Quarterly workshops are made available to the full CoC and general public to address any discrimination identified by CoC partners or persons seeking housing. There are free monthly “ask a lawyer “ sessions in each county of the CoC, to support non discrimination efforts.

The CoC also participates, advertises and cooperates with educational efforts presented by three local governmental entities who have adopted Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination policies, which are the subject of Public Access Workshops, annually, with codes of conduct prominently posted on the websites. The Local Governments have respectively appointed their County Attorneys to be the contact entity for enforcing Fair Housing. They respond to housing complaints identified by CoC staff primarily in the area of Permanent Supportive Housing. The CoC re-issued its fair housing policy on rental assistance to all member agencies and all landlords who provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance including RRH and SSVF units in February, 2019. CoC continues to distribute PHA developed informational notices about Fair Housing and Anti discrimination with all rental checks landlord commitments and lease agreements.

**\*1C-5a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC implemented an anti-discrimination policy and conduct training:**

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 address discrimination based on any protected class under the Fair Housing Act?	Yes
3. Did the CoC conduct annual training on how to effectively address discrimination based on any protected class under 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or -Insured Housing?	Yes

**\*1C-6. Criminalization of Homelessness.**

**Applicants must select all that apply that describe the strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC’s geographic area.**

1. Engaged/educated local policymakers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Engaged/educated law enforcement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Engaged/educated local business leaders:	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Implemented communitywide plans:	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. No strategies have been implemented:	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Other:(limit 50 characters)	
Engaged CRAs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Created two jail diversion programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1C-7. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Attachment Required.**

**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 for homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach; and**
- 3. demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The Coordinated Entry System covers the entire CoC geographic area and provides one stop access to services from multiple locations in the CoC. The use of a uniform, automated intake questionnaire across programs is able to ensure a fair and consistent process across the COC, regardless of where the

request originates. Coordinated Entry Assessments are completed by trained HMIS end users at one of 8 HUB locations. Referrals are made directly HUBs from social and human services agencies, 211 and other providers who have been made aware of the Coordinated Entry System. Contact may be initiated by walk-in at one of the HUBS or at the Homeless Resource Center which takes call-ins and inquiries, including Veterans, on a regular schedule. 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 according to their vulnerability score. HMIS compiles the list daily. Housing specialists call clients to complete the assessment or solve a crisis. HMIS workflow is completed and the household is enrolled within 24 hours after eligibility has been determined. Housing Specialists provide a list of available rental units that meet the household needs and work with landlords for commitments. and assist as necessary with housing placement. The CoC has adopted a standard process with a goal of housing within 30 days. HUBS in the CoC 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.

## 1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

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### 1D-1. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 1E. Local CoC Competition

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### **\*1E-1. Local CoC Competition–Announcement, Established Deadline, Applicant Notifications. Attachments Required.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:**

1. informed project applicants in its local competition announcement about point values or other ranking criteria the CoC would use to rank projects on the CoC Project Listings for submission to HUD for the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition;	Yes
2. established a local competition deadline, and posted publicly, for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline;	Yes
3. notified applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing along with the reason for the decision, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline; and	Yes
4. notified applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline.	Yes

### **1E-2. Project Review and Ranking–Objective Criteria.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition:**

1. Used objective criteria to review and rank projects for funding (e.g., cost effectiveness of the project, performance data, type of population served);	Yes
2. Included one factor related to improving system performance (e.g., exits to permanent housing (PH) destinations, retention of PH, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness, job/income growth, etc.); and	Yes
3. Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers that utilized data generated from a comparable database and evaluated these projects on the degree they improve safety for the population served.	Yes



**1E-3. Project Review and Ranking–Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing and ranking projects; and**
  - 2. how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account when reviewing and ranking projects.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. Severity of need was accounted for based on project performance in serving the most vulnerable individuals, i.e, more than one disabling condition, the longest history of homelessness, lived experience of domestic violence, abuse, trafficking or other exploitation. Key performance criteria were described in the Rating and Ranking Procedure, distributed to the CoC member agencies and potential applicants. The CoC also used the revised HUD Renewal/Expansion project rating tool to rank projects based on measures of performance. In adjusting the tool, priority points were added to programs that serve the most vulnerable target groups, within the target population eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing. Higher points were assigned to projects which are 100% dedicated to chronically homeless households and have the highest rate of retention. 2. The CoC renewal project scoring document provided the framework for assigning the most points to programs which serve populations with the highest severity of need, despite lower project performance rates. The most points were given to projects reflecting housing and services to the hardest to serve populations to include success in Housing Placement, Permanent Housing Placement, Low Rates of Returns to Homelessness and High Need Populations. These 4 measures equaled 100 points in the review and ranking process. Considerable commitment is still invested in RRH and PSH in order to improve systems performance in RRH and to sustain successes in reducing chronically homeless disabled individuals who encounter law enforcement, are harassed and victimized, live on the streets and end up in jail or the hospital. This CoC has continued to successfully house them with an excellent retention rate, therefore the rating and ranking priority accounts for the fact that they continue to be the most vulnerable, the most likely to be incarcerated and the least likely to obtain housing, particularly at re-entry from jail or prison.

**1E-4. Public Postings–CoC Consolidated Application. Attachment Required.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. indicate how the CoC made public the review and ranking process the CoC used for all project applications; or**
- 2. check 6 if the CoC did not make public the review and ranking process; and**
- 3. indicate how the CoC made public the CoC Consolidated Application—including the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing that includes all project applications accepted and ranked or rejected—which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; or**
- 4. check 6 if the CoC did not make public the CoC Consolidated**

**Application.**

Public Posting of Objective Review and Ranking Process		Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, Project Listings	
1. Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Did Not Publicly Post Review and Ranking Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Did Not Publicly Post CoC Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1E-5. Reallocation between FY 2015 and FY 2018.**

**Applicants must report the percentage of the CoC’s ARD that was reallocated between the FY 2015 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.**

**Reallocation: 18%**

**1E-5a. Reallocation–CoC Review of Performance of Existing Projects.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC written process for reallocation;**
  - 2. indicate whether the CoC approved the reallocation process;**
  - 3. describe how the CoC communicated to all applicants the reallocation process;**
  - 4. describe how the CoC identified projects that were low performing or for which there is less need; and**
  - 5. describe how the CoC determined whether projects that were deemed low performing would be reallocated.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1.Public Posting and written notification that HUD CoC program funds would be reallocated as needed. Process for Voluntary and Involuntary Reallocation was posted on CoC website. 2.CoCs approved process at July 20th meeting, reviewed strategic plan to improve System Performance Measures and still serve the most vulnerable populations. 3. Posting described key performance criteria and defined the following: Voluntary Reallocation which allows a Grantee to voluntarily reallocate a project by reducing the ARD in whole or in part and notifying the CA of the intent to reallocate within the timeline publicly

posted for the annual competition process or Involuntary Reallocation based on the CoC's performance threshold of 85% for successful CoC competition renewals during the ranking and review process. 4.CoC Ranking and Review Committee used posted objective performance criteria and HUD suggested ranking tool , adjusted for need and vulnerability of the population. 5. If a project has unsatisfactory performance or a pattern of under expenditures, the CA will contact the Project Applicant to discuss voluntary reallocation. If the Project continues to align with CoC priorities for services to critical target populations and the applicant does not wish to voluntarily reallocate, they must demonstrate to the ranking and review committee and the CoC Board a compelling reason to continue the project to serve the target population. The CoC Ranking and Review committee can maintain the project, reject the project, reallocate some or all of the project ARD or rank the project last in the current CoC Competition cycle. 5.The CoC Board can exercise local preference and override a vote to involuntarily reallocate a project based on severity of need of the target, the fact that there are no other similar programs serving this target in the CoC, and continued vulnerability of the population served without the program.

## DV Bonus

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### 1F-1 DV Bonus Projects.

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is requesting DV Bonus projects which are included on the CoC Priority Listing:** No

Applicant Name	DUNS Number
This list contains no items	

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

**Intructions:**

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**2A-1. HMIS Vendor Identification.** Eccovia Solutions- Clienttrack

**Applicants must review the HMIS software vendor name brought forward from FY 2018 CoC Application and update the information if there was a change.**

**2A-2. Bed Coverage Rate Using HIC and HMIS Data.**

**Using 2019 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type:**

Project Type	Total Number of Beds in 2019 HIC	Total Beds Dedicated for DV in 2019 HIC	Total Number of 2019 HIC Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	126	42	84	100.00%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	85	6	71	89.87%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	161	0	161	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	374	0	345	92.25%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	86	0	86	100.00%

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

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

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- 1. steps the CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and**
- 2. how the CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.**  
(limit 2,000 characters)

There are no bed coverage rates below the minimum coverage rate.

**\*2A-3. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC submitted its LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0.** Yes

**\*2A-4. HIC HDX Submission Date.**

**Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2019 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX).** 04/30/2019  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

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

### Instructions:

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**2B-1. PIT Count Date.** 01/29/2019

**Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2019 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy).**

**2B-2. PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.** 04/30/2019

**Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy).**

**2B-3. Sheltered PIT Count–Change in Implementation.**

**Applicants must describe:**

**1. any changes in the sheltered count implementation, including methodology or data quality methodology changes from 2018 to 2019, if applicable; and**

**2. how the changes affected the CoC’s sheltered PIT count results; or**

**3. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

309 Emergency Shelter Hotel beds paid for by FEMA last year, as a result of a Federally declared disaster, counted as ES Shelter beds in 2018 PIT were removed from the Shelter PIT count in 2019. This change appeared to affect the sheltered PIT count results by reflecting a 309 drop in ES beds occupied/available on that day.

**\*2B-4. Sheltered PIT Count–Changes Due to Presidentially-declared**

**Disaster.**

**Applicants must select whether the CoC added or removed emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe-Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially-declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC’s 2019 sheltered PIT count.** Yes

**\*2B-4a. Sheltered PIT Count–Changes in Number of People in Beds Due to Presidentially-declared Disaster.**

**Applicants must report the number of beds that were added or removed because of a Presidentially-declared disaster.**

People in Beds Added:	0
People in Beds Removed:	309
Total:	-309

**2B-5. Unsheltered PIT Count–Changes in Implementation.**

**Applicants must describe:**  
 1. any changes in the unsheltered count implementation, including methodology or data quality methodology changes from 2018 to 2019, if applicable; and  
 2. how the changes affected the CoC’s unsheltered PIT count results; or  
 3. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes.  
 (limit 2,000 characters)

1.In addition to increased emphasis on youth, the times for targeted teams to carry out the counts was changed. Teams went out predawn to better capture homeless families sleeping in cars with kids, and after dark, post meal times at feeding sites to target working homeless persons who are not in camps during the day. Also, there were no volunteer teams sent to hotels; there were no FEMA Disaster beds. Data Quality efforts were enhanced by Coordinated Entry information which is now automated in HMIS and allows for increased data due to the ability to produce real time reports which included information from 8 HUB CE partners. 2. Due to the number of shelter beds which were no longer in the count, the number of "unsheltered homeless" increased relative to "sheltered homeless" .

**\*2B-6. PIT Count–Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness.**

**Applicants must:**

**Indicate whether the CoC implemented specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in their 2019 PIT** Yes



count.

**2B-6a. PIT Count–Involving Youth in Implementation.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC engaged stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness to:**

- 1. plan the 2019 PIT count;**
  - 2. select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and**
  - 3. involve youth in counting during the 2019 PIT count.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1.The Regional Executive Director of Children’s Home Society (4 county area) participated in PIT Planning and provided staff assistance to PIT Counts. School and Community Resource Officers (Sheriff Deputies) participated in training and referred two formerly homeless young adults to work with the 2019 Count Team during the count. Dept. of Children and Families Child Protective participated in training sessions, as did local Children’s Home Society Youth Transition Center staff. 2.They reached out to youth on their follow-up lists (18-24) who voluntarily provided information about locations where the targets could be found. 3. Circuit 19 Drug Court (3 county) recommend two age appropriate youth on release for participation in PIT count and training. Two young adults living in the CoC’s Naomi’s House Youth Pilot voluntarily provided planning input.

School Liaisons were asked to identify homeless 18+ year olds still in high school and to provide contact information where available. School Resource Officers and the RHY outreach team who still voluntarily participate in the "The Chum Buckets" updated locations and beach parks where homeless teens might congregate. CoC again sought input from formerly homeless youth to review the PIT questions and work with Youth Transition Center Staff to determine the level of response which could be expected to the questionnaire, which is a state normed instrument. PATH outreach staff went to Walmart’s parking lots,,fast food places, beaches and malls to outreach and identify homeless youth. Several youth stakeholders recommended seeking out ways to count youth who migrated out of area to West Palm Beach FL605. Coordinated Entry Assessment data was reviewed in HMIS to identify unaccompanied persons and families seeking services within that age group, including parenting youth and current residents of Homeless Family Center, Mary’s Shelter, Safespace and Samaritan Center who may be in the target age group.

**2B-7. PIT Count–Improvements to Implementation.**

**Applicants must describe the CoC’s actions implemented in its 2019 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. Increased participation in count training sessions and PIT count day by PATH Outreach Teams, Angels of Hope, LAHIA, SSVF Outreach and volunteers. PSH waiting list for TRA openings was cross checked for status.

Currently homeless persons from the Source, Mustard Seed and Sarah's Kitchen went out to count literally homeless persons in woods, camps and feeding sites. Volunteers, including Sheriff Deputies went out and attempted to contact known chronically homeless persons using by name list of chronically homeless maintained by CoC Lead . Incentives provided to answer PIT count street survey.

2. Families with children were counted by homeless program staff and HMIS cross checked. Data Quality Manager and Resource Center HUBS reviewed CE pre-screens for active homeless housing requests from families with children on that day, including families seeking ESG housing assistance. Resource Center printed out lists of families with children by name seeking housing assistance or already in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing programs to contact for verification of homeless status. MC Kinney- Vento school liaisons provided counts which were verified by CoC Data Quality staff and cross checked with State Homeless Children's Coordinator to assure LITERAL Homelessness not couch surfing.

3. SSVF Outreach, County Veterans Services Offices, Vietnam Veterans and Next Gen outreached into dangerous areas of known camps, worked ahead of count with homeless Veterans seeking services from CBOCs or SSVF program to identify camps and promote participation among homeless Veterans. Every Dream and Adam's Place (Veterans housing) participated in count with volunteer residents from program. SSVF By Name List used to contact homeless Veterans, (if contact info available). Startup kits provided as incentives to complete PIT survey.

## 3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

### Instructions

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### \*3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.

#### Applicants must:

Report the Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.
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### 3A-1a. First Time Homeless Risk Factors.

#### Applicants must:

1. describe the process the CoC developed to identify 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 uses the Coordinated Entry Assessment Tool to identify risk factors, screen and prioritize households seeking homeless prevention assistance. Coordinated Entry staff use diversion, referrals and possible family support first to reduce those who become homeless for the first time. Risk factors for the most points are very low, sudden loss of, or no income, single parent with children, landlord notification that property has been sold, potential or actual domestic violence and sexual assault. Priority is also automatic for youth aged 18-24, with or without children and elderly disabled persons. 2. All screenings are entered in HMIS at Resource Center and HUBs with separate lists for

Homeless Prevention for families with children. CoC uses State ESG, Challenge, SSVF, FEMA and private funds to navigate among different eligibility requirements to keep households with children from losing their housing. They are given priority for assistance by the CoC Board for use of all non HUD, State and private funding, due to the increasing number of single parent households facing eviction in this housing market, affected by growth, in- migration, speculation and large scale developers. Prior evictions, criminal history, and non elderly disability raise the risk score for families and prioritize these households for assistance with the most flexible funding to reduce the number of households becoming homeless for the first time. Since this housing market has 26 low income units per 100 needed, CoC Housing Specialists also cultivate and maintain working relationships with subsidy projects and our “regular” landlords to avoid evictions or move clients to more affordable housing. 3. The CoC’s Homeless Resource Center is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. 1050 households were screened for prevention assistance.

**\*3A-2. Length of Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

Report Average Length of Time Individuals and Persons in Families Remained Homeless as Reported in HDX.	89
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**3A-2a. Strategy to Reduce Length of Time Homeless.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;**
  - 2. describe how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and**
  - 3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1.Housing Specialists begin the process by searching HMIS service record in Clienttrack which shows housing history and client report of length of time homeless. Mandatory use of CE Prescreens sets priority for assistance, based on history, vulnerability, no supports, children and disability. CoC providers, 211, United Ways, County Human Services and DCF use CE to look up households and refer individuals or families with children directly to Resource Center for eligibility screening soon as they are encountered. HUB partners and staff of Homeless Resource Center schedule assessments daily for homeless families based on the CE score which is immediately available.2. Unless household is fleeing DV, staff has a 10 day window to secure all required documents to determine eligibility for whatever funding is available. Households are directed to known landlords and property managers who are acceptable to the CoC. Many properties are pre- inspected to expedite rental process.. Landlords identify terms and rental costs prior to the lease and agree not to

evict for at least 30 days after late payments. They contact the CoC if there is a delinquency or other issue. Utility companies take commitments by phone. CoC has staff trained as HQS and Habitability Inspectors since all housing in this CoC is Tenant Rental Assistance, which must be satisfactory to the household and must be inspected. Housing Specialists work with landlords and professional associations to keep a list of affordable rentals that will pass inspection. They cultivate specific property managers who work well with our population and will rent to a households with a history and other potential housing barriers. . 676 households were screened to assess vulnerability based on length of time homeless.. 3. The Resource Center Manager is responsible for non HUD. and New Horizons is responsible for PSH. See Clienttrack attachment 4B, Other.

**\*3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	88%
2. Report 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 as reported in HDX.	95%

**3A-3a. Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing.**

**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;**
- 2. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing 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;**
- 3. 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; and**
- 4. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing 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. Treasure Coast Homeless Services is now outsourcing rapid rehousing staff to emergency shelter and transitional housing to serve as rapid rehousing staff for these programs. They will work with residential program staff to expedite the process of exiting households from these programs within 30 days, if appropriate and if permanent housing can be found in the community in that

timeframe. Outsourced staff have been trained to implement the rapid rehousing model and will attempt to overcome housing barriers and traditional views of readiness for permanent housing. Homeless Family Center, for three counties has agreed to work with the Homeless Resource Center to set aside up to five bedrooms at a time for use as short term emergency housing, without waiting for drug testing or background screens. Exits to permanent housing is 88% for ES and TH. This strategy will provide the CoC, the responsible entity, with an alternative to limited hotel stays. This strategy is expected to allow Resource Center Housing Specialist staff time to secure permanent housing options. 2. All households assisted with permanent housing in this CoC are assisted with non HUD RR in private market TRA rental housing. Significant staff effort goes into stabilizing the households to support their ability to afford the housing they choose, going forward. 3. The State of Florida ESG, FEMA and Challenge funds are used for non HUD RR. Follow up is conducted at 30-90 and 180 days for housing sustainability. Every effort is made up to assure that rent remains affordable. Households are referred out for employment opportunities, budgeting, money management and education programs available from several different providers in the CoC. 4. The Retention Rate in Permanent Housing is 95%. Long term permanent supportive housing is TRA. Tenants are monitored monthly by New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, PATH and the St. Lucie County Health Department to support sustainability in housing.

**\*3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6-month period as reported in HDX.	7%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 12-month period as reported in HDX.	4%

**3A-4a. Returns to Homelessness–CoC Strategy to Reduce Rate.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the strategy the CoC has implemented to identify 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 return to homelessness.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

(1) Individuals and persons in families who have been screened for or received assistance in the past 2 years will be identified by their HMIS enrollment and or service record. The interviewer will complete a review of the past HMIS enrollments and service record that was completed through the CoC. If the household was living in a rental that is unaffordable, became disabled, had a change in household size due to birth, death or incarceration, is a victim of a

crime or trafficking or had a sudden loss of income, they would be targeted immediately for priority RR housing and hotel placement by a housing specialist at a HUB or the Resource Center, on the same or next day. (2) The CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals returning to homelessness is to work directly with clients who are at higher risk of returning to homelessness. Follow up staff at different CoC programs can jointly develop individualized solutions to the housing crisis, depending on the cause. The Resource Center will assist with rehousing efforts which could range from seeking a more affordable rental, intervening with a landlord or the court, creating payment plans or budgets, employment training and providing additional rental assistance for rapid rehousing. This strategy involves formal linkages to other community resources that can assist in supporting 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 are assisted with additional housing dollars.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 in the past are prioritized for consideration of additional payments to landlords, and other supportive homeless assistance to prevent a return to homelessness, if possible.

**\*3A-5. Cash Income Changes as Reported in HDX.**

**Applicants must:**

	Percentage
1. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in CoC Program-funded Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing projects that increased their employment income from entry to exit as reported in HDX.	4%
2. Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in CoC Program-funded Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing projects that increased their non-employment cash income from entry to exit as reported in HDX.	63%

**3A-5a. Increasing Employment Income.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to increase employment income;**
  - 2. describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to employment;**
  - 3. describe how the CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and**
  - 4. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1.1.HDX data only reflects PSH beds for our severely disabled population. Multiple homeless services providers in the CoC provide employment and training, in culinary arts, retail services and construction. Programs are offered on site in collaboration with the IRSC, (State College) which s employment and certification with free tuition for homeless person. Camp Haven, a residential

substance abuse program for men has a formal MOU with United Against Poverty for job finding.2. The CoC posts updated lists of businesses that will hire felons and advertises places who prefer to hire Veterans. United Ways send out job vacancies daily through list serves. The Resource Center makes referrals to provide assistance with job placement for those who are seeking/able to be employed. 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 to free childcare and free vocational training through IRSC. 3.The CoC partners with Career Source Research Coast and Veterans Services Council to host community job fairs. Career Source seeks out local businesses in the community looking to hire and train staff. Economic Opportunities Council provides weekly classes on interview skills, resume writing and job search techniques. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's "Ticket to Work" programs provide direct employment for disabled individuals to return to the workforce. St. Lucie County runs "Building Ft. Pierce" for construction trade jobs. Local nonprofits, including United against Poverty (UP) and Economic Opportunities Council provide job training classes and job placement 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. The CoC has an MOU for services with Career Source Research Coast.

### **3A-5b. Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income;**
- 2. describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources;**
- 3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.**

1. The CoC sponsors a minimum of two SOAR 2 day trainings per year for professional staff and interested others. Training is provided by the Regional SOAR trainer for Florida. SOAR trainers and PATH staff have offices at Resource Center and at three CMHC Learning Centers in the CoC . They collaborate with CoC and SSVF staff to complete applications for persons who have no income identified by outreach, law enforcement or referral 2. There is a total of 12 New Horizons Community Mental Health case managers, PATH outreach staff and Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center staff who are available to complete a disability assessment and work face to face with disabled persons to complete applications for Social Security or VA medical benefits. This includes securing all official documentation, DD214s, VA medical sign-offs income documentation, etc. required to secure a successful determination for Veterans Medical, SSI/SSDI, Medicaid, SNAPs, etc . Soar trained staff accompany applicants to hearings, other court dates, medical and mental health evaluations and social security offices for appointments. Key staff have working relationships with specialists in the local social security offices, with DCF ACCESS and with social services staff at Baker Act receiving facilities in the CoC to respond to requests and identify persons who need assistance with applications. Also, three Permanent Supportive Housing (S+C) Management Teams who meet monthly to add new or support client retention in PSH program beds review "clients in program" to assure that benefits are



secured or restored for the chronically homeless populations housed in PSH /TRA beds in the CoC. Staff engages Florida Rural Legal Services, a CoC partner, to litigate on behalf of homeless participants who have been denied or lost their benefits. PATH Supervisor at New Horizons CMHC is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

**3A-5c. Increasing Employment. Attachment Required.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC:**

**1. promoted partnerships and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations, such as holding job fairs, outreach to employers, and partnering with staffing agencies; and**

**2. is working with public and private organizations to provide meaningful, education and training, on-the-job training, internship, and employment opportunities for residents of permanent supportive housing that further their recovery and well-being.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

Treasure Coast COC has a formal agreement with CareerSource Research Coast in an effort to improve income from meaningful employment for residents of permanent supportive housing. The plan is to develop employment opportunities for all households in CoC programs, but this agreement is designed to intensify job search and placement activities on behalf of PSH households, and others, including Veterans who have difficulty gaining employment and work skills. . They will work closely with PATH staff and New Horizons case management teams to develop skill training options for residents and attend PSH S+C meetings to develop a familiarity with the population so that they can better meet their needs and design innovate supportive employment opportunities wherever possible.. Trained professionals in our service delivery sites who do not have onsite certification or job programs will establish these programs to support success in the workplace. CSRC consultants will work with the business community to analyze employer's needs, and customize supported work programs where possible. They recruit, train, and place workers into the marketplace and will emphasize work readiness and employment support services for our population. They currently sponsor both large scale and specialized job fairs. CoC member agencies participate. They will meet with the SSVF staff of the CoC monthly to develop new options for Veterans and facilitate referrals to the DEO Veteran's Workforce Programs in Career Centers. The CoC will use Workforce to collaborate with the State College System to increase certificate and job ready trainings for persons with disabilities. They will provide, career and technical training scholarships, work readiness certification, and support services to all young adults and other non disabled persons referred by UP Centers, Camp Haven, the Resource Center and other service agencies who will support our effort to improve employment outcomes.(attachment)

**3A-5d. Promoting Employment, Volunteerism, and Community Service.**

**Applicants must select all the steps the CoC has taken to promote employment, volunteerism and community service among people**

**experiencing homelessness in the CoC’s geographic area:**

1. The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The CoC trains provider organization staff on facilitating informal employment opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness (e.g., babysitting, housekeeping, food delivery).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants with formal employment opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The CoC trains provider organization staff on volunteer opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The CoC works with organizations to create volunteer opportunities for program participants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The CoC works with community organizations to create opportunities for civic participation for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., townhall forums, meeting with public officials).	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Provider organizations within the CoC have incentives for employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The CoC trains provider organization staff on helping program participants budget and maximize their income to maintain stability in permanent housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3A-6. System Performance Measures Data–HDX Submission Date** 05/30/2019

**Applicants must enter the date the CoCs submitted its FY 2018 System Performance Measures data in HDX. (mm/dd/yyyy)**

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

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### 3B-1. Prioritizing Households with Children.

**Applicants must check each factor the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children for assistance during FY 2019.**

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

### 3B-1a. Rapid Rehousing of Families with Children.

**Applicants must:**

1. describe how the CoC currently rehuses every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless that addresses both housing and service needs;
2. describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to

**ensure families with children successfully maintain their housing once assistance ends; and**

**3. provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of them becoming homeless. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1.The CoC uses Coordinated Entry to complete HMIS intake for homeless families with children. Priority is highest for literally homeless families with children, length of time homeless, criminal history, evictions, low income and DCF involvement. . 211, United Ways, and DCF refer directly to Resource Center for eligibility and housing. Return calls or contact is same day. Households complete intake at HUB locations or are phone interviewed. Required documentation is completed electronically. All Housing Specialist have a 10 day window to assist, using ESG, private funds, FEMA, etc. Unsheltered families are immediately eligible for emergency shelter and transitional housing programs in the community who have agreed to a conditional acceptance policy and not wait for drug and background screens. Hotel beds are secured prior to housing if there are no other options 2. Direct referrals are made to more than 100 different family and children community resources in the CoC to support family success and housing sustainability. Resource Center Housing staff contact landlords to identify housing which meets work, school and safety needs. Staff must assure that rent is reasonable, sustainable and affordable and will negotiate with landlords for clients with poor credit history or evictions. They can agree to double security deposits in extreme cases. The CoC uses its own inspectors for HQS or Habitability in the 10 day window to assure that the unit is not lost in this market. Households who secure emergency shelter are assisted by trained staff to work with the Resource Center to plan discharge within 30 to 60 days to RR.. Families who qualify for PSH are housed until a unit of TRA becomes available, 3. The Resource Center and Coordinated entry hubs can make direct referrals to supportive services in the system. 3. The Treasure Coast CoC Lead and HUB partners are responsible for assuring follow-up for 30-60 and 90 days to support housing sustainability.

**3B-1b. 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 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 any protected classes under the Fair Housing Act, and consistent with 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) – Equal Access to HUD-Assisted or -Insured Housing.**

1. CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded housing and services providers on these topics.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. CoC conducts optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded housing and service providers on these topics.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that might be out of compliance and has taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3B-1c. Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Addressing Needs.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC’s strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness who are 24 years of age and younger includes the following:**

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

**3B-1c.1. Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Prioritization Based on Needs.**

**Applicants must check all that apply that describes the CoC’s current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.**

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

**3B-1d. Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Housing and Services Strategies.**

**Applicants must describe how the CoC increased availability of housing and services for:**

- 1. all youth experiencing homelessness, including creating new youth-focused projects or modifying current projects to be more youth-specific or youth-inclusive; and**
- 2. youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness including creating new**

**youth-focused projects or modifying current projects to be more youth-specific or youth-inclusive.  
(limit 3,000 characters)**

1)The CoC Resource Center continues to target private philanthropy funds to secure fair market rental housing from landlords who will rent to youth 18-24.. The Coalition for Attainable Homes, Inc. has leased four three bedroom houses at Fair Market to provide up to 12 beds of housing for homeless youth. This is an attempt to overcome landlord and hotel resistance to housing this population, allows time for rapid rehousing efforts to be carried out by the Youth Transition Center, Department of Children and Families and the Homeless Resource Center to explore, the potential for reunification with family, acquiring employment income or developing permanent connections which include ongoing attachments to families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks.2. The Treasure Coast Homeless Services, the Coc Lead, has now expanded the successful Naomi's House Pilot project to allow youth ageing out of foster care to occupy up to 8 beds in the CoC owned apartment complex, rent free for the first three months and at reduced rent for up to one year Martin County's Mary's Shelter has expanded its 12 bed transitional housing program to allow up to 20 homeless pregnant teens or parenting youth up to age 24 to reside in the program . Martin County School Districts has expanded its outreach through drug court and will increase access to the Families in Transition (FIT) Program to assist up to 56 youth in the CoC with transitioning to college and attend tuition free. 2. 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. The St. Lucie 's Children's Services Council recently voted to increase it's tax assessment These programs are prevention and service oriented and contribute to an ongoing focus on prevention and education. The CoC Resource Center refined the Coordinated Entry process to reflect sensitivity when seeking information from homeless youth. CE staff make referrals through the Coordinated Entry System to. 211 and the Mental Health Collaborative, and Children's Home Society Programs. 211 HelpLine increased the staff and volunteers and secured professional training for specialized youth counselors who work on the 24 hour youth suicide prevention hotline. This project is youth staffed and has grown exponentially. Martin County continues to operate a transition home for survivors of sexual trafficking, as does Hibiscus Children's Center Girl's Group Home. These homes are not time limited and have no barriers to entry. There is a relatively large number of privately funded programs in this CoC focusing on child abuse and child neglect supported by the Mental Health Collaborative and the University of Florida. The objective is to provide free targeted counseling and case management to this population to prevent homelessness from recurring.

**3B-1d.1. Youth Experiencing Homelessness–Measuring Effectiveness of Housing and Services Strategies.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. provide evidence the CoC uses to measure each of the strategies in question 3B-1d. 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**

**both strategies in question 3B-1d.; and**  
**3. describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of both strategies in question 3B-1d. (limit 3,000 characters)**

1.A reduction in the number youth entering the homeless system for the first time, will be considered a critical measure of efficacy. The CoC will continue to measure the prevalence of homeless youth in the annual PIT count as a key measure to evaluate the efficacy of these strategies to increase housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness. 2.The Coordinated Entry database for the entire CoC will record prevention and rapid rehousing intake and assessment.,HMIS will show clients in program and length of time homeless which will be used to measure the effectiveness of these strategies. The CoC will continue to measure all of the relevant housing outcomes for youth who utilize the new housing options instituted by the CoC to provide more flexibility in housing options for this target population. The CoC will continue to review the effectiveness of non traditional housing strategies for this group . Outcome measures similar to those in use for other housing programs in the CoC will include housing status at program exit, rate of returns to homelessness, etc but will be secondary to the measures of higher significance. Attempts to measure the effectiveness of flexible and innovative housing strategies will be defined by measuring the number of homeless diversion techniques and other supportive services efforts which successfully link unaccompanied youth to family reunification opportunities, new community and other alternatives to homelessness and shelter. Law enforcement and court encounters, the number of domestic violence and sexual assaults for this population, the number of youth in mental health and drug court and successful enrollments in educational opportunities or skills training available in the CoC will be considered relevant measures which will be used to calculate the effectiveness of strategies along with non traditional measurements . The CoC continues to believe that these measures are appropriate because they are still modeled on the current recommendations in USICHs' Benchmark and Criteria to End Youth Homelessness, by the National Homeless Education Organization. Children's Home Society,(Statewide ) continues to use similar outcome criteria to measure success of their services to this population.

**3B-1e. Collaboration–Education Services.**

**Applicants must describe:**

- 1. the formal partnerships with:**
  - a. youth education providers;**
  - b. McKinney-Vento LEA or SEA; and**
  - c. school districts; and**
  
- 2. how the CoC collaborates with:**
  - a. youth education providers;**
  - b. McKinney-Vento Local LEA or SEA; and**
  - c. school districts.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

- 1.CoC has formal partnerships with McKinney-Vento local school liaisons who

are 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 and to service providers on site, at United Way Interagency meetings and at Moonshot Moment and other children's education oriented events. CoC Lead Agency has a working relationship with SEA through a statewide affiliation and receives updated Homeless Education Data Profiles for Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie county school districts. Issues and trends are reviewed quarterly with local liaisons, who work with the CoC programs which house homeless children, participate in the PIT planning and counting, advise at CoC meetings of the rights and privileges of homeless children.

The Homeless Resource Center gives priority for access to available housing assistance to homeless families with children. Staff works with the school liaison and appropriate services provider during housing placement process. Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs have children's services coordinators. Procedures in place focus on children's education needs and outline the steps to be taken by children's program and case management staff on enrollment. Staff are required to assure that families understand their rights, receive educational services in a timely manner, secure transportation to their home schools, summer and after school programs, DayCare, etc. 2) CoC Lead has MOUs with Early Learning Coalitions and Children's Services Councils in all school districts in CoC for priority placement of homeless children in school readiness, daycare and VPK within 7 days of registering for homeless assistance. CoC Lead Agency is the only authorized entity which can certify children as homeless and eligible for these programs. See 4b Other, attachment.

**3B-1e.1. Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homeless about Education Services Eligibility.**

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

The CoC has adopted the Policies of the District School Boards in the 3 counties of the CoC requiring that they implement the McKinney-Vento Act for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth including the designation of a local homeless liaison to carry out the duties described in the Act.

All district schools in the CoC prominently display posters detailing the educational rights of homeless students. These are displayed in areas where families and students may frequent, such as the registrar's office, main office, and other prominent areas. Notices are distributed to partner agencies as handouts and mailings through the CoC lead agency and at public meetings. Coordinated Entry staff inform every homeless person with children of the name and contact information of the appropriate school liaison in the respective school district.

Information is provided in resident handbooks to every resident of the Homeless Family Center, Compassion House, Samaritan Center, Safespace, Mary's Shelter and MISS. alerting homeless. The Children's Coordinator in these programs advise families of their right to educational services including services



through Head Start programs, Early Head Start, early intervention services under IDEA, and other preschool programs administered by the respective school district where these programs are located. United Ways in each county display high profile information posters and provide applications and sign up information on site. Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youth. CoC agencies serving families are members of The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY).

**3B-1e.2. Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.**

**Applicant must indicate whether the CoC has an MOU/MOA or other types of agreements with listed providers of early childhood services and supports and may add other providers not listed.**

	MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
Head Start	Yes	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	Yes	Yes
Birth to 3 years	Yes	Yes
Tribal Home Visting Program	No	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

**3B-2. Active List of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness.**

**Applicant must indicate whether the CoC uses an active list or by-name list to identify all veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC.** Yes

**3B-2a. VA Coordination–Ending Veterans Homelessness.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is actively working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending veteran homelessness.** Yes

**3B-2b. Housing First for Veterans.**

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has sufficient resources to ensure each veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach.** Yes

**3B-3. Racial Disparity Assessment. Attachment Required.**

**Applicants must:**  
 1. select all that apply to indicate the findings from the CoC’s Racial Disparity Assessment; or  
 2. select 7 if the CoC did not conduct a Racial Disparity Assessment.

1. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. The results are inconclusive for racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The CoC did not conduct a racial disparity assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3B-3a. Addressing Racial Disparities.**

**Applicants must select all that apply to indicate the CoC’s strategy to address any racial disparities identified in its Racial Disparities Assessment:**

1. The CoC is ensuring that staff at the project level are representative of the persons accessing homeless services in the CoC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. The CoC has identified the cause(s) of racial disparities in their homeless system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. The CoC has identified strategies to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. The CoC has implemented strategies to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. The CoC has identified resources available to reduce disparities in their homeless system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6: The CoC did not conduct a racial disparity assessment.

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

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### 4A-1. Healthcare–Enrollment/Effective Utilization

**Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance and 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)		
Community Health Center (county)	Yes	Yes

#### 4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits.

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within the geographic area;**
- 2. describe how the CoC disseminates the availability of mainstream resources and other assistance information to projects and how often;**
- 3. describe how the CoC works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in**

- health insurance;**  
**4. describe how the CoC provides assistance with the effective utilization of Medicaid and other benefits; and**  
**5. 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)**

Certified SOAR trainer for this region , a CoC voting member, provides free SOAR training quarterly for member agencies. DCF District Outreach Specialist, a CoC member, provides updates on benefits /changes at CoC bi-monthly meetings. CoC Lead provides links and alerts to assure that agencies receive timely information. DCF and SOAR trainer provide one-on-one assistance with any questions and/or problems with a client’s application. CoC agencies have MOUs with Department of Children & Families to access the online application (ACCESS) for mainstream benefits. (Food Stamps, Medicaid and TANF)

Lead Agency has a certified SOAR trainer on site who can assess client’s eligibility and will assist a client with the online application process, contact DCF or the appropriate case manager on the client’s behalf to expedite benefits to homeless clients. SOAR trained case managers in CoC complete SSI applications and attend appointments and hearings with clients to expedite benefits. Outreach workers, employed by the Community Mental Health Center provide referrals to substance abuse and mental health services. They immediately assess eligibility of program participants to complete applications for all available cash and non-cash benefits. Southeast Florida Behavioral Health employs the statewide SOAR Coordinator who is responsible for overseeing this CoC’s access to mainstream benefits. She coordinates bi-monthly meetings & facilitates member trainings. The Homeless Resource Center is a multi service provider site with an ACCESS provider VA, SSVF and PATH onsite. Referral also go directly to United Against Poverty’s two DCF sites for additional assistance. Two local government partners have ACCESS stations in front lobby. Staff engages Florida Rural Legal Services to support homeless participants who have been denied. The collaborative applicant has MOU with Early Learning Coalition to authorize free childcare for all homeless children in the CoC.

**4A-2. Lowering Barriers to Entry Data:**

**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 has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in FY 2019 CoC Program Competition.	14
2. Total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in FY 2019 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	14
Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

**4A-3. Street Outreach.**

**Applicants must:**

- 1. describe the CoC’s street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged;**
  - 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 street outreach covers the entire geographic area of the CoC. Outreach to identify and engage homeless persons, especially those who appear to need mental health or substance abuse services. PATH Outreach workers are part of the Coordinated Entry System of the CoC. and participate in mental health/drug court in District 19. They are licensed HMIS end users who access the referral system built in to HMIS Coordinated Entry to bring people into service and/or secure housing in supportive living (PSH). The Resource Center of the CoC provides office space to accommodate PATH Outreach, to allow follow and to work with clients in the Tenant Rental Assistance Program managed by the CoC. PATH Outreach workers are contacted by CE staff of provider agencies to seek out an individual or family who has been identified, appears to need service, but has not requested or agreed to assistance. Through an SSVF contract, CoC conducts chronically homeless street outreach using formerly homeless volunteers and retired veteransized weekly outreach into camps and feeding sites in three counties, and identify chronically homeless families for outreach and engagement as well as Veterans. They participate in CoC meetings and provide updates to two “by-name” lists maintained by the Lead Agency, for Veterans and for Chronically Homeless persons. The use of veterans and formerly homeless persons is a means to attract those who are least likely to request assistance. PATH Outreach are out daily responding to calls from jails, mental health court, law enforcement, etc. They also go to Baker Act facilities and hospital ERs to attempt to engage people who are resistant to seek help. They make referrals for primary healthcare, substance abuse treatment and housing services in this CoC. Outreach staff participate in monthly Shelter Plus meetings, complete SPDAT for homeless persons and work to triage chronically homeless persons for the next available bed in the CoC’s.

**4A-4. RRH Beds as Reported in 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 2018 and 2019.**

	2018	2019	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	62	157	95

**4A-5. Rehabilitation/Construction Costs–New No Projects.**

**Applicants must indicate whether any new project application the CoC ranked and submitted in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition is requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction.**

**4A-6. Projects Serving Homeless under Other Federal Statutes.** No

**Applicants must indicate whether the CoC is 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:  
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
_FY 2019 CoC Competition Report (HDX Report)	Yes	FY2019 CoC Compet...	09/17/2019
1C-4.PHA Administration Plan–Moving On Multifamily Assisted Housing Owners’ Preference.	No		
1C-4. PHA Administrative Plan Homeless Preference.	No	1C-4.PHA Administ...	09/23/2019
1C-7. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System.	Yes	1-C7. CE Assessme...	09/17/2019
1E-1.Public Posting–15-Day Notification Outside e-snaps–Projects Accepted.	Yes	1E-1 Public Posti...	09/17/2019
1E-1. Public Posting–15-Day Notification Outside e-snaps–Projects Rejected or Reduced.	Yes	Public Posting - ...	09/17/2019
1E-1.Public Posting–30-Day Local Competition Deadline.	Yes	Public Posting Lo...	09/23/2019
1E-1. Public Posting–Local Competition Announcement.	Yes	Public Posting Lo...	09/23/2019
1E-4.Public Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-4.Public Posti...	09/25/2019
3A. Written Agreement with Local Education or Training Organization.	No	Written Agreement...	09/24/2019
3A. Written Agreement with State or Local Workforce Development Board.	No	3A-5b State or Lo...	09/23/2019
3B-3. Summary of Racial Disparity Assessment.	Yes	Racial Disparity ...	09/14/2019
4A-7a. Project List-Homeless under Other Federal Statutes.	No		
Other	No	3B1-Prioritizing ...	09/23/2019
Other	No		



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