

Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application, and
2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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

1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: FL-518 - Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: United Way of Suwannee Valley

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: United Way of Suwannee Valley

1A-5.	New Projects	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside	No
2.	Rural Homelessness Set Aside	Yes

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	08/04/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition:	
	1. Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
	2. At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
	3. At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
	2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
	3. If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/18/2022

2A. System Performance

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;	
	2. how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC utilizes an assessment question that inquires about an individual's/families' history of homelessness. This question, along with history data recorded in HMIS, can be used to determine if the individual/family has experienced homelessness in the past. 2. The CoC advertises the CE system to not only individuals/families that are experiencing homelessness, but also those that are at risk of becoming homeless. Those that are at-risk (given HUD's definition) are screened using the PR VI-SPDAT tool. Clients whose screening scores are less than the threshold for service, & are determined as likely to self-resolve, are not placed on the prioritization list but are diverted to mainstream resources in the community via referral from CE staff. 3. The organization responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals & families experiencing homelessness is the collaborative applicant/lead agency (UW of Suwannee Valley).

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless—Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
	2. how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC advertises the CE system in the community & utilizes street outreach programs to connect individuals experiencing homelessness w/ the CoC & CE. This implementation of the CE system has allowed for more efficient & effective project enrollment & housing placement. Once entered in CE, assistance is rapidly afforded to those most vulnerable while also providing prevention to those at imminent risk of becoming homeless. 2. The CoC, thru their CE system, utilizes the VI-SPDAT tool to assess the vulnerability of individuals experiencing homelessness. The VI-SPDAT tool includes a series of questions that inquire about a client's housing history & length of time homeless, which factor into the client's vulnerability score & placement on the prioritization list. Clients are enrolled into housing programs based on this score, as well as length of time homeless, DV status, & if they are a youth. This prioritization allows for these individuals to be given priority for housing project placement. 3. The organization responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals/families remain homelessness is the collaborative applicant/lead agency (UW of Suwannee Valley).

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:		
1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals/persons in families in ES, (safe havens, N/A), TH, RR exit to PH destinations are multiple. The CoC's ES consists of 2 DV shelters. Transitioning these households to PH is facilitated through CE for those in need of PH following ES. These households are referred by CE to the HUD CoC RR, ESG-funded RR and State of FL-funded Challenge Grant RR project. TH is limited to VA GPD. The transition of these individuals to PH destinations results from CE and a highlyfunctioning homeless veterans committee. Households in RR are in tenantbased units and transitioned to self-sufficiency in retaining their rental units. 2 The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals (and persons in families, N/A) in PH projects, other than RR, retain their PH or exit to PH destinations is 2-pronged. PH projects other than RR is limited to one scatteredsite PSH project for 11 CH individuals, five of which are veterans. For those individuals staying in PSH, this is accomplished through specialized staff responsible for appropriate interventions designed to identify mainstream program eligibility and systematic assistance in completing applications and conducting follow-up for programs and services supporting wellness, personal & financial stability and self-efficacy. For those leaving PSH, comparable appropriate interventions are provided in a move-on strategy enabling PSH clients to transition to units not leased by the PSH provider and utilization of community support systems now familiar to the clients.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has implemented a strategy to help identify individuals & persons in families who return to homelessness by monitoring the SPMs by our HMIS system admin. The SPM reports are run quarterly & monitored at agency level.
 2. The CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness includes reviewing the cases of those who return to homelessness based on SPM reports, HMIS & case manager info as part of the ongoing CoC Committee efforts w/ the appropriate housing service provider agency case managers reporting any known or potential factors which contributed to a client household’s return to homelessness & CoC Committee identification of opportunities to recognize those factors & methodologies to address them prior to a return to homelessness results. Ongoing CoC Committee meetings regularly assess this issue, recognizing the percentage is small but represents another homeless episode for the household. The rate for recidivism at 6mos is 16% & at 12 mos is 2%.
 3. The organization responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals & families return to homelessness is the collaborative applicant/lead agency (United Way of Suwannee Valley).

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC strategy to increase empymnt income involves efforts by case management to connect clients w/ CareerSource & community opportunities for employment, job training/educational programs to increase wages thru increasing client skills. Client is referred to GED classes & vocational training programs to assist w/ the acquisition of employable skills so clients may be eligible for better paying jobs.The CoC actively refers clients for educational/vocational training via the HMIS. 2.The CoC works w/ mainstream employment organizations to help individuals & families increase their income by promoting education & job skills training & improved employment opportunities.Training includes but is not limited to GED opportunities; Career Online High School available thru Columbia County Public Library; training available thru CareerSource, including but not limited to computer operations & USA Jobs for applying for govt positions.Improved employment opportunities are promoted thru distribution of info from CareerSource on hiring opportunities & thru lead agency membership in each county’s Chamber of Commerce & distributing chamber info regarding new employers/hiring events.3.The organization responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase job & income growth from employment is collaborative applicant/agency.

2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
	2. your CoC’s strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
	3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to keep program staff up to date with projects related to SOAR, TANF, DCF opportunities and SSI/SSDI programs. SOAR processor trainings have been offered to case managers in our CoC. SOAR is instrumental in getting homeless individuals approved for much needed disability payments.2. The strategy for the CoC to incease access to non-employment case source starts with training. The CoC makes sure trainig is avialable to all case managers regarding mainstream benefits, SSI, SSDI, TANF, CA and referring to SOAR processors immediately. Case mamagers are knowledgeable about the curent DCF programs that can provide non-employment cash benefits to share with all clietns in need. 3. The Lead Agency (United Way of Suwannee Valley) is responsible for overseeing the CoC”s strategy of increasing non-employment cash income.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Nonexistent	No	No
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Nonexistent	No	No
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.	Veteran Homeless Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
34.	Mental Health Managing Entity	Yes	Yes	Yes

2B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The open invitation for new members includes a process for community members to attend any meeting at any time & to join the coalition at any time during the year. A membership drive is conducted annually to ensure participants renew their memberships. The invitation includes a broad email distribution list of those who attend, have attended, or have asked to be included on the distribution list w/meeting notices distributed to this list for all meetings. Participants are asked to invite additional participants. Info regarding the coalition is shared at community events through a UW/homeless coalition display & at UW events w/ an invitation to participate to any interested indivls/entities. Info is included on the UW, lead agency, website. UWSV also posts meeting info on social media formats (facebook, Instagram). Membership applications are available on our website throughout the year for any agency, community advocate or concerned citizen to apply and join.2 The CoC is able to effectively communicate w/ individuals w/ disabilities utilizing the Deaf & HardOfHearing Auxiliary process thru DCF & have communication devices available if needed.UWSV office also provides ASL/LEP assistance thru approved interpreters. Meetings can be accessed electronically by Zoom with the meeting link widely distributed. Meeting materials are distributed electronically prior to the meeting.3. Street Outreach teams engaging with homeless individuals often encourage those they encounter to join the coalition meetings. They ensure these individuals know about and have the opportunity to join the homeless coalition meetings. Meetings have been held by Zoom lately, but, there is always the availability to join in person at the United Way of Suwannee Valley office. 4. UW has a diversity policy and is committed to addressing equity issues starting w/inviting organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in our geographic area and agencies serving those with disabilities to join us in the coalition and are offered an opportunity to serve on the Board. CoC members sit on other community agencies meetings and Boards that have similar interests and serve populations consistent with the CoC's priorities. Prior to Covid, we implemented a Capacity Building Committee that monitors community interests and targets agencies that enhance equity and diversity in our community (BIPOC, LGBTQ, DV, PHA, Elderly, etc).

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The CoC solicits & considers opinions from a broad array of organizations & individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing & ending homelessness, by distributing meeting notices to a broad list of those who attend or have attended meetings, & others who have requested meeting notices. The CoC posts the application in hopes to engage new agencies that have not previously received funding in the process by having those agencies submit their proposals. They may attend/provide opinions at meetings. Participation open to any community individual/entity. Participants & members encouraged to invite others. At the end of all of our coalition meetings, there is an opportunity for public discussion related to homelessness. Public satisfaction surveys are posted on our website & also sent to clients for feedback. Annually, we conduct the PIT with surveys specifically related to homelessness. Street Cards are distributed through outreach with homeless & community members with contact information for various agencies to address homelessness. A Landlord Committee was implemented to gather opinions & feedback about assistance programs & how to better serve those in need.

2. Communicates info during public meetings or other forums the CoC uses to solicit public info thru notices to a broad distribution list, encouragement of participants to invite others. Street cards that list assist agencies, homeless directories, 211 cards, & other flyers for assistance are disseminated at all meetings & speaking engagements CoC members & staff participate in. UWSV joins civic opportunities & shares assistance available, funding opportunities & upcoming meetings at events.

3. Takes into consideration info gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing & ending homelessness by accepting, researching, securing approaches used by other CoC's thru consultation of CoC's, CoC regional/statewide meetings facilitated by mental health managing entity or Office on Homelessness, input of agencies/individuals participating in multiple CoC's, discuss same at meetings, requesting & attending TA sessions from various HUD & training opportunities through Office on Homelessness, FCEH & FCH. Knowledge gained from these resources is added to policies & the strategic plan to make sure homelessness is rare, brief & nonrecurring. The coalition has made available materials for distributing throughout the community.

2B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The CoC posted the local competition stating the competition was open and accepting applications on the website August 8, 2022. Prior to that, discussions were had at coalition meetings about the upcoming competition, alerting potential applicants that the process was approaching soon. An email with the process was sent to all members and all listserves making sure there was broad access to the RFP, and the information posted on the website. 2CoC will consider applications from organizations that have not previously rcvd CoC program funding thru the distribution of the coalition HUD CoC application RFP to the broad email distribution list which includes all participants in the coalition, those who have attended coalition meetings & others who have requested to be included on the email distribution list and also posted on our agency website on August 8, 2022. It is suggested to post and share the RFP on agency websites 3 RFP outlines eligibility & methods project proposals should be submitted thru specific directions & a project proposal form. Threshold requirements, detailed instructions, and specific forms are required for submission. 4 The process the CoC uses to determine whether the project application will be included in the CoC Program Competition process is specified in the RFP. At a full CoC meeting, the CoC has Review Panel members, who don't have any conflict of interest w/ project/sponsor agencies submitting proposals. Staff completes threshold eligibility sheets for each proposal and gives that portion to the Review Panel. The Review Panel reviews the project proposals for eligibility, scores & rank projects according to CoC adopted P&P. SPM, spending, Housing 1st and equitable policies are reviewed and scored based on the written proposal information and makes a recommendation to the CoC. The CoC full membership votes on inclusion in the CoC , then will vote on the recommended scores from the Review Panel after the proposals have been submitted. The NOFO was posted on UWSV website Aug 8 with the scoring sheets and the scoring process protocol posted prior to the Review Panel meeting. 5.The CoC is able to effectively communicate w/ individuals w/ disabilities utilizing the Deaf & HardOfHearing Auxiliary process thru DCF & have communication devices available if needed. UWSV office will provide ASL/LEP assistance thru interpreter. All documents are posted in PDF format that complies with most accessible adaptive equipment and meetings are offered in Zoom capabilities for ease of joining.

2C. Coordination / Engagement—with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC’s coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC’s geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Nonexistent
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Nonexistent
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.	Early Learning Coalition	Yes

2C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is located in the FL Consolidated Plan jurisdiction. The CoC lead agency participates w/ the Con Plan jurisdiction thru communications & meetings w/ the State of Florida Office on Homelessness throughout the year thru processes associated w/ grant contracts, including the balance-of-state ESG and recently, ESG CV funds. Communications w/ the State of Florida Dept. of Children & Families Office on Homelessness are conducted on an as-scheduled/ as-needed basis w/ attendance on state Council on Homelessness committee calls, as appropriate via phone depending on the agenda topics except the CoC Committee, which is attended monthly by a CoC staff member. CoC representatives participate in meetings attended by the State Office on Homelessness. Communications w/ grant contract managers are frequent w/ questions &/or concerns elevated to the Office on Homelessness via a grant contract manager. The CoC budget for the allocation of the ESG allocation and ESG CV to the CoC are submitted to the Dept. of Children & Families contract manager for approval. 2. The CoC participates in the evaluation & reporting performance of ESG Program recipients & sub-contractors thru the CoC lead agency's management of the contract between the State of Florida Department of Children & Families which includes ESG funding & the lead agency's monitoring & reporting on ESG funding utilization & program deliverables on behalf of the CoC lead agency, which is a sub-contractor. 3. The CoC submits local homelessness data to the State Office on Homelessness for inclusion in the Consolidated Plan. The CoC's HIC, PIT, SMP & LSA data is submitted to The Office on Homelessness annually. All ESG and ESG CV recipients participate in HMIS or comparable databases (DV). 4. United Way of Suwannee Valley participates on quarterly calls with the Office on Homelessness, who is the agency that maintains and updates the Con Plan. UWSV submits monthly data from our CoC to the Office to ensure inclusion in the Con Plan updates for the CoC's geographical area of all four counties in the catchment area.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

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

2.	Health Care	Yes
3.	Mental Health Care	Yes
4.	Correctional Facilities	No

2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.

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

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

2C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Mc1. Kinney-Vento State Education Agency (SEA), Local Education Agency (LEA), relationship w/ the CoC results from coalition Policies & Procedures specifying the CoC collaborates w/ the LEAs to assist in the identification of homeless students & informs them of their eligibility for McKinney-Vento services. The Policies & Procedures also specify with a MOU, the LEAs actively participate in the CoC; provide annual training including the referral process, eligibility requirements & services; & assist families referred by agencies to access services to remove barriers to educational attendance & success. CoC agencies are expected to post materials, posters & brochures & refer families w/ school age children to the LEAs. The school system homeless liaison is a member of the homeless coalition board and serves on many subcommittees of the coalition (Youth Advisory Board, CoC Committee, CE Case Conferencing, Review Panel). The school districts and youth education providers in all four counties partners with our CoC to make sure all at risk children or homeless children are referred and receiving services through the school district. 2. The CoC has MOU's in place to define the roles of the CoC and SEA and LEA , youth providers and local school districts.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.		

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The policies and procedures the CoC has adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services are incorporated into the homeless coalition’s formal Policies and Procedures document. This document states the coalition shall collaborate with the LEAs located within the coalition service area to assist in the identification of homeless students and inform them of their eligibility for McKinney-Vento education services. The Homeless Education Program shall have the Homeless Education Liaisons from the local school districts within the coalition’s service area to actively participate in the coalition’s meetings to keep informed of services available for eligible students and their families; provide to the full membership of the coalition annual training to include the referral process, eligibility requirements and services; attend the Florida Coalition for Homeless annual conference, pending available funding; and assist families referred from member agencies to access necessary services in an effort to remove identified barriers to educational attendance and success, e.g. transportation to school of origin, free school meals, and tutoring. Coalition member agencies shall post materials such as posters and brochures about the Homeless Education Program available to all students identified as homeless; promptly refer all families with school age children to the appropriate local Homeless Education Liaison to assist in the identification and provision of educational services; have a procedure to refer all students that are residing in one of the three shelters to the appropriate Homeless Education Liaison for identification and educational service. Additionally, protocols are in place for the referral by the domestic violence centers and the CoC lead agency of homeless households with children to the Early Learning Coalition. The Homeless Education Liaison for the school district is a member of the Board, Youth Advisory Board, Review Panel, PIT, and CoC Committee.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.		

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

	Mainstream Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes

6.	Other	
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You must select a response for elements 1 through 6 in question 2C-5.

2C-5a.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding mainstream resources for persons experiencing homelessness through email communications with the homeless specialist serving as a central point of contact for the distribution of all such information received. Additionally, such information may be reinforced or covered in-depth at CoC meetings. The CoC also maintains a directory with mainstream services available in our CoC. We have several Community Partner agencies in our CoC with direct line of communication with DCF, TANF, Food Stamps, etc. The CoC shares DCF online trainings on mainstream benefits at coalition meetings. The HMIS system admin regularly reaches out to mainstream resource providers to ensure that the most accurate info is available to program staff. The CoC communicates information about available mainstream resources within one day of receipt of information via email and also reviews at bimonthly CoC mtgs.

2. The CoC works with programs that work with a navigator to enroll clients in health insurance. CoC case managers also assist clients with enrolling in DCF state Medicaid, Healthy Kids and Medicaid for pregnant women. Staff are trained to refer clients to the local hospital board to receive discounted medical services while awaiting insurance. Clients are also referred to medical offices that allow a sliding scale for fees of services received.

3. The CoC receives training for DCF services regarding Medicaid. UWSV is a community partner with Dept. of Children and Families and receives training and information regarding what is available through Medicaid services.

4. The CoC has 6 SOAR trained staff to assist clients with the SSI/SSDI process. LSF SOAR program is very active in our CoC and provides training annually.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only). Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.		
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?		No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	

Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below:	
	1. how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
	2. how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1B-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes		
1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes		
1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes		
1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes		
1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs	No		
3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment	No		
P-1a. PHA Commitment	No		
P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment	No		
P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter	No		
Plan. CoC Plan	Yes		

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Submission Summary

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

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