Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.
Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions
Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

Attachments
Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: TN-506 - Upper Cumberland CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Crossville Housing Development Corporation

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

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

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)June is the annual membership for Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (HART).   In order to increase community awareness, a committee was formed to plan an in-person event where attendees were invited to join the CoC. This event was highly publicized, hosted by a local bank and hospitality was provided by current members of the CoC. Local, county, and state elected officials were invited and there was representation on every level in attendance. Besides the CoC list serve, members invited local organizations who were new to HART and several joined the continuum.

The membership application is available on the website year around, and HART has newly appointed a social media administrator to extend membership on a new Facebook page, where membership will be made more easily accessible to those experiencing homelessness.
2)In addition to website availability for the membership application, the in-person event contained a virtual option for all whose attendance would have been hindered due to a disability.
3)The HART Board is a diverse group which contains representation from underserved populations (Black, disabled, lived experience and LGBTQ+). Part of their responsibility as Board members is to be sure that all services, including membership opportunities, is extended to the organizations, or interested parties in their community.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The 2022-23 Fiscal year of HART has been one of new organizational relationships. Outreach has been extended from staff, Board members, and the general membership to new organizations who have given cultural insight into every county with the CoC region. New organizations include faith-based entities, mental health/substance abuse non-profit service providers, hospitals, law enforcement and more. Many of these serve those experiencing homelessness from different points of entry and work collaboratively with other service providers to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness coupled with substance use disorder and criminal justice development. 2) Part of CES organizational promotion, along with planning grant and member involvement, is to attend all County Health Council meetings and local events. This has a two-fold purpose – 1) to promote the services/funding opportunities of HART, and 2) to report in the monthly membership meetings about new information that might be beneficial to others serving homeless individuals. Many organizations in the membership of HART display HART literature with their own literature as they set up exhibits in resources fairs and community events. This opens the opportunity for more conversation around homelessness and allows the member to educate the general public. As HART extends outreach to hospitals and law enforcement, these entities have begun to accumulate data that will help us formulate gaps analysis and bring needed programs to areas that have been previously underserved. 3) HART is working within the service area of 18 counties, which is comprised of mostly rural counties, to identify HART member agencies that can act as rural access points for the Continuum of Care. By employing this method, individuals that may have limitations due to physical disabilities or mental impairments associated with mental illness and a history of trauma that contributes to a lack of trust in systems of care, can be met where they are to access services. Outreach workers and rural access point agencies will be trained in motivational interviewing, and can utilize CE through electronic platforms.4)Historically, this has been a weak area for this continuum. Recently, the HMIS/data committee has been restructured to meet quarterly, evaluating the HMIS/CES data, as well as the input from local organizations. The committee will make recommendations to the Outreach Committee based on the trends they have

| | 1B-4. | Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding. | |
| | | NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4) | |

		Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:
	1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
	2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications–the process;
	3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
	4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)In order to communicate funding opportunities, the CoC utilizes the HART website to announce the various NOFOs and ESG Grant Information. HART also shares funding opportunities at Health Council meetings, community events and notifies local government officials where there is interest in addressing homelessness. HART continuously implores agencies that have a vested interest in ending homeless in TN to join the efforts of the CoC and apply for funding to augment services already being delivered. The rural nature of HART's service region, often presents challenges for smaller agencies. HART is determined to break down barriers by facilitating trainings regarding the application process and providing assistance to understand how HART is aligned with the strategic goals of HUD. 2) The HART website contains the current information about all funding opportunities, including CoC grants and ESG. Each NOFO is posted with a timeline. Contact information is listed on the website for any who may have questions regarding the grant process. Over the last fiscal year, HART has become aware of how intimidating this grant funding process is for non-profits who have a need for funding. HART closely partners with the Crossville Housing Authority and a representative from the Housing Authority has developed a training to assist agencies in navigating the application. 3)The Ranking and Review process, threshold requirements, and scoring rubrics are all listed for public review on the HART website. All processes, procedures and scoring tools are updated with each new NOFO. Screen shots of all procedures, threshold requirements and ranking tools are attached to this application.4) All information regarding the application process is listed on the website for the convenience of individuals/organizations who might have physical disabilities. In addition to the website, the HART monthly membership meetings are held by zoom, making them virtually accessible to everyone.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

	In the chart below:	
1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

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

18.		

1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Several organizations applied for ESG funding during the 2022 grant season, but none were funded.   The lead applicant encouraged the organizations to continue the use of HMIS and use the policies and procedures that will keep them prepared for the next funding opportunity.

2)There were no funding recipients in the 2022 round, but all applicants have been strongly encouraged to reapply. Additionally, HART continues to monitor previous recipients and communicate regarding the changing needs of the community experiencing homelessness. HART by-laws state the ESG recipients will be monitored twice each year with an on-site visit.

3)HART provides all data for the PIT and HIC to HUD in a timely manner. THDA collects all data directly from HUD.

4)HART is represented in the public/online meetings hosted by THDA to provide input for the Consolidated Plan. THDA administers the federally funded Emergency Solutions Grants Program for the state of Tennessee's 92/95 counties. This organization's Consolidated Plan combines the planning, application, and reporting processes for five HUD grant programs, including CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA and the National Housing Trust Fund.

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

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

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

5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	No

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

HART has always collaborated with the county School Homeless Liaisons by visits from the outreach worker and providing literature/contact information to make the services of HART available in all 18 counties. Additionally, HART is hosting zoom meetings with the county homeless school liaisons to provide education and knowledge of organizations in their area who might be helpful to the families they serve. The liaisons have become very familiar with the services of HART and make frequent calls to the office while they assist their families. Two of the liaisons are now active members of HART and some have signed MOUs to show partnerships.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

During case management, households with children are counseled regarding educational rights and eligibility. Families are advised to work with the school system homeless liaisons to ensure that they are receiving additional assistance to mitigate problems that will arise by their situation. Case managers know the rights of the homeless students and verify that they are not being violated. The case manager will assist the family in pre-K educational services such as Head Start. Older children may have needs of completing their GED or have need of other alternatives to complete their high school.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	Yes	No
6.	Head Start	Yes	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

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

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:	
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and	
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)HART is currently undergoing changes in leadership and increasing membership. While the service region is comprised mostly of rural counties and small communities, HART is expanding into new territory in hopes of destigmatizing homelessness, mental illness, and substance use disorder. Rural communities pose unique challenges to service delivery, but by increasing CoC membership and embracing proven techniques that work to end homelessness, HART has been diligently incorporating these strategies into policies that shape the framework for trauma-informed approaches to service delivery. Agencies that provide services to survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, dating violence and stalking must follow harm-reduction and culturally appropriate engagement and embrace different paths to recovery. Survivors often, have childhood trauma, current substance use disorders and criminal justice involvement accompanying the current situation that prompts the need for stable housing. Having a deep understand of domestic violence as well as sexual violence, guides person-centered service delivery that applies to each unique individual's circumstances. Non-discrimination policies, safety policies for existing residents and procedures that prevent the re-traumatization of residents are embedded in the trauma-informed approach.
2)In partnership with the National Health Coalition for the Homeless, HART conducts trainings throughout the year during monthly meetings. The topics vary, but several trauma-informed and evidence-based practices for engagement have been conducted. Additionally, HART incorporates cultural sensitivity and gender-responsive training to ensure that the individual needs are recognized and new policies and procedures will be developed to ensure an equitable process for service delivery. The complex needs of survivors of violence and trauma histories that trigger episodes of homelessness is well recognized among the population served.

1C-5b.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) There are 5 domestic violence shelters within the 18 county Upper Cumberland region. Those shelters are members of state coalitions and are compliant to the training/educational requirements of those agencies. The DV staff utilizes the monthly membership meetings of HART to share new discovered needs and best practices as all members encounter DV victims. HART has also coordinated with Cindy Manginelli from the National Health Care for the Homeless Coalition to provide monthly educational sessions for all staff, members, and associates of HART. Trainings include trauma-informed and victim-centered best practices.

2) The CES staff is trained to identify and assess victims through the tool used for intake/threshold requirements for housing. This training includes HUD Exchange webinars, monthly meeting training, quarterly Health Council Meetings, and monthly meetings for drug prevention. All these events address the needs of DV victims and share innovative ways to assist victims. CES staff is trained to ask specific questions regarding the status of fleeing, their current safety plan, and their history of victimization. In addition to referring victims to PSH, they are also referred to the nearest DV shelter. If there is no bed availability, the CES staff coordinates with other shelters to looks for a safe place.

| | 1C-5c. | Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. | |
| | | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Safety planning protocols
The CoC has four DV shelters in its jurisdiction who are members of the CoC. One is a member of the Board of Directors. The CoC continues to review and seek improvement of its strategies for working with survivors of DV. Training is conducted annually on trauma-informed care for survivors of DV, and at least annually, domestic violence and sexual assault awareness training is presented by one of the DV shelter staff. Appropriate and sensitive language use is emphasized to avoid re-traumatizing individuals seeking assistance in addition to ensuring confidentiality in an active abuse situation. CoC policies regarding working with survivors are found in the CES policies and procedures and the emergency transfer plan. The CES staff training annually at the CoC training events and at least one training outside of the CoC sponsored training. Any new planning in the CES process requires staff training to ensure that the process remains seamless to prioritize safety.

2)Confidentiality protocols
There is a question on the CES assessment that gives the client an opportunity for a verbal ROI. This allows us to "share" information with program managers or case workers. If the client does not wish to grant the ROI, their information is not shared. HMIS is highly secured system and staff are trained to keep all personal information undisclosed from the public.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)In working with the domestic violence/sexual assault providers within the Upper Cumberland region, it has been determined that there has been a sharp increase in domestic and sexual violence shelter usage, which has been attributed to the pandemic. The pandemic has revealed tension and escalating violence within households. Community members already experiencing high levels of stress due to circumstances surrounding a global pandemic, left vulnerable individuals in even more precarious situation. HART has utilized the information compiled from DV/SA service providers to re-strategize engagement efforts using new community partners, increase community and virtual presence for easier access and increase victim screening efforts within mainstream CES to effectively offer the most appropriate services.
2)HART's work with the area DV/SA provider agencies, allows for a more thorough look into the relationship between domestic violence and homelessness. While it has been researched and well documented, domestic violence survivors hide their abuse for fear of retaliation or further sabotage from the abuser. Often when children are involved, it becomes even more challenging for the survivors to flee and seek safety. A deeper dive into the data from 2020-2023 has exposed additional vulnerabilities within the populations. The needs of survivors of abuse goes far beyond shelter. In fact, expanding data that is captured during intake reveals deep rooted trauma that requires more intensive services. Untreated trauma leaves individuals at risk of re-victimization, further violence, criminal justice involvement and addition episodes of homelessness.

1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:
1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;

In order to receive rental assistance through CoC funded programs, the client is required to attend a Voucher Debriefing, where the rights, policies and procedures are reviewed with every individual applicant. In accordance with HUD, HART's Emergency Transfer Plan states that "if a tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains within the same unity, or the tenant is a victim of a sexual assault occurring on the premises with the 90-date period preceding a request for an emergency transfer", the tenant requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in accordance with the procedures described in this plan.

2)The process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer

As a part of the Debriefing (referenced in 1C-5e, 1) the HART Emergency Transfer Plan states, "a tenant must notify the housing program's administrator or manager and submit a written request for transfer to that individual. The tenant's written request for an emergency transfer should include either a statement expressing why the tenant reasonably believes that there is imminent harm, OR that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-day period preceding the request for emergency transfer.

3)The process your CoC uses to respond to individual's and families' emergency transfer request.

While the policy clearly states that the housing program cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process a transfer request, the CoC funded program will act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim to a safety unity. Pending processing of the transfer and actual transfer, the tenant is urged to take all reasonable precaution to be safe. All CoC-funded program staff are trained to refer all victims to a DV/SA shelter within the HART region, and provide contact information to the victim.

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

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and
	2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.
The HART CoC includes questions on the initial assessment concerning whether a caller is a victim of/fleeing from DV/SA. While CES may give them additional information about resources in the geographical area, they are also assessed to see if they qualify for any of the Homeless housing programs available through the CoC. Staff are trained to use trauma-informed language that does not convey victim blaming and asks questions that are understandable for all individuals. CoC policies regarding working with survivors are found in the CES policies and procedures and the Emergency Transfer Plan.
2)Proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
Survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence are at greater risk of homelessness, prone to further victimization and often do not seek medical assistance as needed due to fear of forced reporting. Additionally, survivors often have little or no control over financial matters an are associated with poor credit score, contributing to the cyclic system that limit their freedom. Access to safe, affordable housing is a protective factor that enhances long-term housing stability and security, and services offered upon receiving a voucher do include case management and financial literacy skill. HART has several agencies that provide domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence and human trafficking services to residents, with only one program receiving VAWA funding. VAWA funding safeguards protections against eviction, embeds an allocation of funding assistance, and supports survivors as they navigate housing, healthcare and the supportive services associated with creating stability. The need for additional VAWA funded programs and access to permanent housing remains a critical need for HART.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and	
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs
One of the main emphases of the CoC in the 2022-23 year, was a diverse recruitment of organizations who would participate actively. This recruitment has revealed that many times it is survivors of lived experience who raise up non-profits and provide services to those who need it the most. Victims of DV/SA become Executive Directors in DV shelters, those who experienced homelessness are feeding people in the streets, recovering addicts become case managers for re-entry programs, those who struggled with re-entry have started businesses to employ those who have come through detox and are trying to start over. As these organizations join HART committees, they bring a new awareness of the need for understanding and trauma informed languages as policies and procedures are being reconstructed and updated.
2)Accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors
 Even in the diverse membership, HART has maintained a consistent air of respect and acceptance in all meetings, presentations, and communication. There is a place on the agenda of the monthly membership meetings where organizations may share their mission and the services they provide. This is voluntary, and many choose to give their testimonial of the events that brought them to the place where they are currently serving.

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

	1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)How your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

There is representation from the LGBTQ+ community, as well as HOPWA, serving on the HART Board of Directors. As policies (including anti-discrimination) are updated, these members provide the necessary input/trauma informed language to be sure that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive equal supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination from organizations who are funded through ESG/CoC grants.

2)How your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies

Member agencies of HART are involved in internal audits addressing anti-discrimination policies. While each agency has programs that operate differently, these policies remain universal. LGBTQ+ service recipients are vulnerable to victimization and stigmatized responses when seeking assistance. HART ensures involvement with agencies adaption of anti-discrimination policies and responds to LGBTQ+ individuals and families with compassion and understanding to offer choices in available housing and shelters.

3)Your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies

As part of the CoC monitoring process, each organization receiving funding is screened to be sure they are practicing the anti-discrimination policy accepted by HART.

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

If a CoC member agency who is receiving funding has been identified as non-complaint with the anti-discrimination policy, HART will develop a corrective action plan. As needed, HART will report flagrant infractions to HUD.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

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

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

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)HART CoC has a long-term relationship with one of the largest public housing authorities in the CoC. It is one of the few housing authorities in the entire 18-county area that administers HCVs. It prioritizes homelessness. The state agency, Tennessee Housing Development Agency administers HCV in the other 17 counties. HART has request that they prioritize homeless persons, but they have not agreed to include such a prioritization. Most of the housing authorities do not have enough units to adequately cover their area. They prioritize the elderly and disabled and cannot fill those needs. The need is so high that most still have their waiting list closed and current lists have a large backlog. With homeless families needing immediate assistance, PHAs are not the answer in most of the communities. Even so, we do reach out to each of them to offer education and pass along funding opportunities.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)		Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)		Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)		Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)		Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers		Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers		Yes
7.	Public Housing		Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:		

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

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes

1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

PHA
Tennessee Housing...

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

Name of PHA: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	5
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	5
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)How your CoC evaluates every project-where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application – to determine if they are using a Housing First approach
In the CoC's written standards for PSH, it states that all CoC-funded projects will use the Housing First approach to promote the acceptance of applicants regardless of their sobriety, or use of substance, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
2)The list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation
HART will be able to determine if Housing First is being applied to projects based on comparison of unsheltered homeless individuals with sheltered individuals. By taking the data from unsheltered homeless, HART will be able to determine the causes of remaining unsheltered as compared to the number of available units. Additional performance measures must be met to satisfy this requirement in accordance with the requirements of the funding agency.
3)How your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach
HART performs annual on-sight visits for monitoring purposes separate from the ranking process. As part of this process, all agencies are required to show their Housing First policies, and state they are complying.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The Upper Cumberland CoC straddles Interstate 40, covering approximately 7,000 square miles. The 5 counties along the interstate (Wilson, Smith, Putnam, Cumberland, and Roane) are the focal point of a street search for the transient people who are experiencing homelessness. These counties receive at least 1, but sometimes more visit(s) per month. The remaining counties, Macon, Clay, Jackson, Overton, Pickett, Fentress, Scott, Morgan, DeKalb, White, Cannon, Warren, and Van Buren, receive quarterly visits from the Outreach Specialist. During those quarterly visits, the outreach specialist establishes relationships with the County School Liaisons, Law Enforcement, Food Banks, DV Shelters, Homeless Missions, Head Starts, Human Resource Agencies and CoC Member organizations. These organizations are given HART literature and contact information in case they need assistance with an individual/family experiencing homelessness in between visits.

2)Whether your CoC's street outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area

This plan covers 100% of the CoC's geographic area.

3)In addition to the work of the single Outreach Specialist, there are multiple organizations within the CoC membership who are tasked to street outreach several times each week. Agencies work with the outreach specialists to ensure follow up with the needed services is completed.

4)HART has been incorporating trainings that help service providers understand root causes of homelessness. As part of developing a full understanding of the racial disparities that exist within homeless systems of care, service providers are developing enhanced outreach and engagement strategies that center on equitable approaches. Bi-lingual staff, persons with lived experience and a more diverse workforce area is being explored as ways to build rapport and find individuals that are resistant to requesting assistance.

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

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

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

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	11	20

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) HART works diligently to disseminate new information or changes to existing resources during monthly CoC meetings as HART continues to expand its reach deeper into the counties served. Case managers access clients' health care needs and ensure that they access all available health resources to meet their needs. There is HART representation at local Health Council Meetings and Drug coalition in every county within the HART region and the hope is to have representation from the TN Department of Human Services at some of the members meetings as another path to coordinating care systems for the service area. 2) UCAssist, the digital resource navigation tool, is available on-line or through strategically placed Kiosks throughout the counties, accessible to anyone and updated regularly. UCHRA has office locations in each of the 14 counties served for facilitated access to MH and SUD treatment. HART also partners with many area agencies' that provide behavioral health services as well as physical health services in both in-person and telehealth format to extend the reach into rural communities, otherwise difficult to serve due to lack of broadband and other mainstream resources. Independence Again, a member agency of HART, provides residential SUD treatment, access to MAT and has PH options on site. Volunteer Behavioral Health, another member agency provides outpatient mental health treatment and serves the entire HARAT region. HART is working closely with area hospital to develop programs that will provide a secure housing placement upon discharge from the hospital, particularly for those that require follow up medical appointments. 3) The Shelter Plus Care Manager is SOAR certified and works through the Crossville Housing Authority. The services provided include obtaining health insurance and using County Health Departments and various free mental/physical health services. The use of the mainstream resources of HUD-VASH and HCVs have provided more housing available for individuals/families experiencing homelessness. The collaborative applicant is the lead agency in addressing this performance measure and collaborates with the TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services' SOAR Liaison for additional support and assistance with certification and implementation. Volunteer Behavioral Health, a member of HART, is SOAR-certified and provides services to many clients that enter into CES.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

HART is well aware of the need for additional non-congregate units that need to be made available in communities. The need for additional units is only increasing as more individuals are thrust into homelessness due to the rising rent prices and general cost of living. Partnering with agencies that can increase the supply of units and/or expand current capacity is a top priority. New connections are being made with faith-based organizations who will, at times, provide motel vouchers for a limited amount of time. HART has recruited new member agencies this year that already provide housing services to community members and HART is strongly encouraging members to apply for funding to create additional non-congregate units.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks.
HART directs member agencies to the CDC for infectious disease outbreak procedures. HUD EXCHANGE training regarding safe practices in congregant shelters was presented in a monthly meeting for membership and associates – including signs and posters to educate volunteers and staff. Universal health precautions are also followed as well as providing staff with PPE.
2)Prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.
COVID screening questions are asked as another assessment tool to prevent the spread of COVID. Statistics show that providing housing is the best way to address all contagious diseases.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Shared information related to public health measures and homelessness
The most common ways our CoC shares information related to public health measures is through email and through the HART monthly meetings by zoom. In addition to a very diverse membership, approximately 100 other individuals/organizations receive our email blasts and invitations to our meetings. Since the meetings are virtual, it is convenient for all to attend.
2)Facilitating communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter as housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.
HART and members of the CoC work closely with Health Departments in all 18 counties served for coordination of care for residents. Agencies providing congregate shelter services and conducting street outreach, follow all CDC guidelines on infectious diseases. Staff are equipped with PPE, including gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer. Agencies providing shelter, attempt to use non-congregate locations whenever possible to limit exposure to possible infectious disease. In the event of a severe outbreak in the community, agency providers will follow protocols from the CDC and the local health department and share information as allowed.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Covers 100% of your CoC's geographic area
The CoC's coordinated entry system covers the whole 18-county jurisdiction. Covering the 6,000 square miles required the CoC to adopt a phone-based system and e-mail method.
2)Uses a standardized assessment process
The HART CES has created an assessment form that is used for every caller seeking housing assistance. While the caller is not required to answer the questions, they are advised/encouraged to give as much accurate information as possible to ensure a beneficial referral.
3)Is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.
The CES assessment tool is updated to accommodate the changes of each program that participates in coordinated entry. Such changes include varying income requirements, geographic coverage and HUD/THDA requirements.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
	1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
	2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
	3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and
	4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1The CoC's CES covers the 18-county jurisdiction consisting of 6,000 square miles, which necessitated the adoption of a phone-based system (also email and website form). To engage with hard to reach individuals that are less likely to apply for homelessness assistance, the CoC reaches out to agencies and other advocates that might have contact with homeless individuals by attending community meetings and events. The street outreach specialist leaves rack cards and literature in various community places where the individuals/families experiencing homelessness are known to frequent and seeks out those who are not connected to agencies. Street outreach is conducted in locations known to have unsheltered persons sleeping or seeking safety during the day. Collaborative efforts with various community entities, serves as another point of access for locating and engaging with those experiencing homelessness. 2) The current assessment/prioritization tool is locally designed to properly match available services with the needs of the homeless household. There is an integrated priority tool based on the HUD Notice CPD 12-11 with slight changes to address rural homelessness significant service needs. 3) The CES priority process is referred to the program provider with the priority score so those most in need can be addressed first. Expanding the partnerships with mainstream providers has demonstrated that those most in need often seek services from hospitals and have contact with law enforcement. HART has worked diligently to secure partnerships with hospitals and is exploring strategies to develop respite housing for individuals that are in need of additional medical care post discharge. There are no homeless health providers in this region and homeless individuals are discharged from the hospital to the street. The partnership developed with law enforcement, targets frequent system users that are homeless that pose challenges to obtaining and maintain housing, and collecting data on these individuals will help shape better approaches to service delivery and advocate for permanent housing. 4) Various member organizations, MH case managers, and the street outreach specialist often facilitates the initial call of the individual experiencing homeless to CES. Once the referral has been made in CES, these same people often access the Program application and help the client fill out the information and send it to the program manager.

	1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry–Reporting Violations.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:
	1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;

| | 2. | informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and | |
| | 3. | reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) HART's anti-discrimination policy clearly states that all services and housing area available to all persons experiencing homelessness regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex gender identification, sexual orientation, age, familial status, disability or veteran status.
2) During the CE process, program participants are made aware of their fair housing and civil rights via Release of Information forms. The rights are verbally explained and participants are provided with a copy of the form that is signed, demonstrating acknowledgment.
3) THDA controls the consolidated planning process as the administrator of Federal ESG funding and appoints a TA to HART for guidance. The TA meets regularly with HART and holds a monthly State wide homeless services call, which solicits input from CoC's for the consolidated planning process. It is during this call that any violations or actions that impede fair housing are communicated and discussed to develop action plans to mitigate barriers and improve service delivery.

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

| 1. | Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years? | Yes |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities. | 08/10/2022 |

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) HART used data from the 2020 Census Bureau in each county, HMIS, and PIT count data to create the Racial Disparities Report.

2) Using PIT count data, HART has identified that the Hispanic populations are severely underserved. HART is working diligently to providing training and assistance to CoC agencies on racial equity, systemic racism and cultural awareness in order to provide equitable outreach and services in a non-stigmatizing way that will increase community members' ability to access community agencies and other service providers will help provide awareness available services and destigmatize involvement with social service providers or minimize housing instability out of fear for repercussions. Limited English proficiency puts community members at further risk of victimization while experiencing homelessness. HART also provides a Spanish version of the rack cards for street outreach and promotion.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

HART has been working on increasing educational training opportunities for community agencies and CoC members that address equity, elimination of bias, and providing person-center care. By equipping agencies and communities with a solid foundation of facial disparities that are occurring because of systemic racism, homeless individuals will have more of an opportunity to engage with the services in a non-stigmatizing manner. Trainings, supervision meetings, community meetings with an open forum for discussion and outreach strategies designed to meet people where they are, comprise the actions that HART is working toward to address disparities in the service region. Ensuring that all individuals have an equal ability to engage in services and have the same opportunities for safe housing remains critical for the 18 counties served.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	the tools your CoC uses.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance
HART intends to track progress in the prevention and elimination of disparities within the homeless services provided by increasing outreach effort to engage with non-CoC agencies and businesses. Due to the rural nature of the service region, HART is working toward approaching more non-traditional homeless assistance entities such as churches, stores, and gas stations to broaden the scope of finding and engaging with unhoused community members. Homelessness in rural communities may include more individuals residing in wooded areas or abandoned properties. By engaging with businesses in the area that supply food and other necessary items, more individuals can be identified and provided with services. Additionally, surveys and other success indicators such as prevention of homelessness through RRH, will be utilized to track progress of eliminating barriers to services for Black and Hispanic community members.
2)The tools your CoC uses.
HART utilizes its own tool for Coordinated Entry, called "CES Initial Assessment and Priority". This tool allows workers to assess the needs of each person and match quickly and efficiently those needs with available resources. HART also utilizes internal data collection from Law Enforcement and 2 area hospitals to determine the needs of individuals that have frequent contact with mainstream providers to drive new resources for housing and outreach. HART hopes to have data to report on over the next year.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

PIT count – many of the organizations who made up the PIT count committed to recruiting currently/recently homeless individuals to interview other individuals/families experiencing homelessness for the count. Several of the organization directors have lived experience as well, which strengthened HART's multi-level implementation strategy of using lived expertise to destigmatize outreach efforts.

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

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	5	7
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	5	5
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	2
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	2	2

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Professional development and Employment opportunities are very high on the priority list for member/associate organizations with HART. Most of the homeless shelters, DV/SA shelters, facilities for substance use rehabilitation, homeless housing programs and mental health professionals with HART have very strong working relationships with their local Work Force Development Agencies. Working to develop strong relationships also entails providing education and awareness to agencies. Individuals with criminal justice involvement experience additional barriers. To respond to this additional barrier, HART and member agencies have worked hard to provide awareness and education o the benefits of employing individuals with criminal justice involvement. Often these community members have additional supervision upon reentry and are often eager to obtain housing and integrate into the community. Community involvement and earning wages serve as motivation to acquire and maintain stable housing. HART considers this a very important part of living independently and an integral part of the re-entry process.

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

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and
3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)How your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness
HART openly recruits for feedback from persons with lived expertise to advise and help guide policies and procedures that shape best practices for service delivery. HART regularly collects data from persons experiencing homelessness during the Coordinated Entry process and the organizations that provide housing and services collect data from consumers.
2)How your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program
The clients who receive housing/services through CoC funded programs are encouraged to give feedback on which parts of the programs were helpful, or where addition barriers may exist. The CoC is "working with" funded programs to incorporate surveys/routine reporting avenue that will give a voice to those with lived experience of homelessness. As clear instruction is given and policies updated, it will be a question on the rubric for ranking and review.
3)The steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness
Oftentimes, homeless individuals experience a high amount of trauma before, during and after the episode of homelessness, which can make it more challenging to gain objective feedback. Therefore, surveys that are structured to refer to the events that are associated with a timeframe may be helpful in gaining more accurate information and not overwhelm the individual. Other strategies for minimizing additional trauma will be considered throughout this process.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.t.	

	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development
HART, the same as most of the CoCs are discovering, recognizes the need for more affordable housing that will prioritize homelessness and accept housing vouchers/rental assistance. Over the past 12 months, CoC Board members, membership organizations and associates have been attending meetings on a city, county, and state level to advocate for more affordable housing. Among the membership of HART is representation from County Commissioners, State Senator's Office and a Congressman's office.
2)Reducing regulatory barriers to housing development
HART continues to engage stakeholders, City/County Government and other entities that may influence regulatory barriers to housing development. Several member agencies of HART have been able to break down some barriers to the development of affordable housing and continue advocating for the provision of additional units. HART is also partnering with the Cookeville and Crossville hospital administrators that also supports ending homelessness and providing appropriate, affordable, permanent housing to develop a strategic plan for additional housing units devoted to homeless individuals exiting the hospitals.

Additionally, several Board Members and member agency leadership staff drove to Nashville to voice concerns and denounce the criminalization of homelessness in Tennessee. The staunch support for decriminalizing homelessness from the leadership level models agencies' approach to increasing housing, supports, and resources to neighbors experiencing homelessness. HART's hope is that criminalizing laws are dismantled and that will lead the way for regulatory barriers to be broken down so that more affordable housing can be developed.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/18/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/18/2023

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

	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes

	5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
	6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

	1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	200
	2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	5
	3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

	1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
		NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)How your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing
As part of the ranking and review process, the committee reviewed the HMIS data, including the APR, SAGE reports, System Performance measures and Data Completeness Report for each agency applying for funding.
2)How you CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing
Due to the severe housing shortage in our geographic area, more subjective analyzation was given to the effort put forth in case management and assistance in finding housing.
3)How your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked a selected project
The HART CoC has migrated the severity of needs/vulnerabilities priority scoring to the CoC via the coordinated entry system. Agencies receiving the CoC and ESG funding must take referrals from the CES.
4)Considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in the geographic area.
Consideration of projects that lean more toward providing a service that the CoC feels is valuable over their performance level is not part of HART's priorities at this time.

	1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
		NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
	2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
	3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)How your Coc used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review projects
The CoC has representation of people with diverse racial makeup in the CoC membership, on the Board of Directors, and on the ranking and review committee. The Board of Directors and member agencies are integrally involved in the decision making for determining the rating factors for project applications and provide essential insight into the way in which racial disparities affect service delivery.
2)How your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the raring factors used to review project applications
Utilizing feedback and experiences from the Board of Directors and member agencies helps shape the approaches that need to be utilized in engagement and outreach efforts that destigmatize the utilization of services. While services always remain available to all people experiencing homelessness, barriers to accessing the services are still occurring. HART hopes that by utilizing feedback from persons of color, those barriers will be identified and overcome. Incorporating education on the root causes of homelessness will help agencies equitably meet the individual needs of persons experiencing homelessness.
3)How your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons or different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented int eh local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.
HART leans into discussions regarding equitable service delivery with the CoC Board and member agencies that have persons of color employed within the agencies. These individuals are integrally involved in the decision making for determining the rating factors for project applications by serving the Ranking and Review committee for this granting process. The unique experiences of this committee provide much needed insight that will help guide rating factors. Currently, the CoC's ranking process does not include preference or encouragement to the applications that may address issues concerning clients vs. homeless population demographics for their area.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed

Excerpt from the policies and procedures: "Currently-funded project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating their project funding should notify the CoC program and review committee chair during the annual review process or sooner when possible. Project applicants who do not meet thresholds for the year during the competition will be notified in writing that they have one year to improve the project and to submit a plan of correction. The CoC will provide support and assistance to the project and will monitor the progress of the plan next annual review, they will not be eligible to submit a renewal application in the annual collaborative application to HUD and the grant funds will be reallocated to an eligible project based on the current HUD CoC NOFO. In the case of gross negligence or significant HUD findings, there may be cause to reallocate funds without a year of probations. This is reserved for extreme cases, and the decision will be made by the CoC Board of Directors."

2)Whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year

HART has identified a low-performing project that provides RRH.

3)Whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during the local competition this year

HART has a member agency that provides a Rapid Rehousing Program that has recently undergone significant restructuring that will strengthen the approach to serving more community members and break down existing barriers. HART will continue to monitor the progress of the agency and the effectiveness of provided services.

4)Why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during the local competition.

Historically, HART has had little participation from area agencies that are willing to apply for funding. In recent years, HART has continued to engage in more partnerships, strongly advocating for the needs of the homelessness community and develop new plans for ending homelessness.

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

| | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023? | No |

1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/05/2023

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes

1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	

You must enter a date in question 1E-5c.

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	

	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	

You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Well Sky

2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC

2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/21/2023

2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases.
HART CoC has a very strong relationship with the DV shelters within the region. Regular monitoring – both virtual and on-site, include questions and verification concerning the database being HMIS comparable. All shelters are compliant with this standard.
2)State whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database – compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards
All CoC/ESG funded DV housing providers are compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.
3)State whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards
The CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	277	66	40	18.96%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	43	21	0	0.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	21	0	21	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	130	0	72	55.38%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type.
HART CoC continues reaching out throughout the year to the rescue missions and cold-weather shelters ensuring that understand the importance of the data to better understand the state of homelessness and the successes or failures of our effort.
2)How your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent
The CoC will remind these organizations that the lack of their data is having real consequences regarding keeping or adding to homeless funding in the region. The HMIS lead has and will continue to offer to pay for not only the license, but also completing the data input.
Since COVID, the local Bread of Life Mission has reduced the amount of people they are willing to house each night by a very large percentage. The Bread of Life is the largest emergency housing provider in the region and is currently not receiving any funding to operate this shelter. It is the hope that Bread of Life will want to build its capacity through increased supportive staff to be able to serve more individuals struggling with homelessness. Bread of Life participates with HART meetings, and occasionally accepts referrals, b ut does not receive any funding from HUD. HART has been working with their Board to reduce the number of beds they originally said they have. They are listed as a 90-bed facility, when, in fact, they usually have no more than 30 individuals staying there any given night.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/24/2023

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/21/2023

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your
CoC's most recent Pit count planning process;
HART works with the Bridge House in Wilson County that provides temporary
housing to youth in the foster care system that are awaiting placement. This
agency is working toward developing housing for youth again out of foster care,
to prevent an exit to homelessness.

The DV shelters within HART's region all participate heavily in the Pit count.
These organizations have strong relationships with the county school liaisons in
addition to their own contacts with youth.

2)Worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select
locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your
CoC's most recent PIT count planning process.
HART is working with Wilson County to pilot a Youth Advisory Board as an
action step from the 2023 PIT count in which a noticeable increase of identified
homeless youth were included in the count.
3)Included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC's
most recent unsheltered PIT count.
During the PIT count, the DV shelters cover the count based on their
relationships in their community. Youth experiencing unsheltered
homelessness were included in the 2023 PIT count, conducted by HART and
community volunteers.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;
	2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and
	3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
	4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)For the 2023 sheltered PIT count, the CoC gave the appropriate interview forms directly to the DV/SA shelters and the homeless shelters. The organizations agreed to conduct their own count and turn it in directly to the HMIS lead. They were also asked to participate in their perspective county PIT count under the leadership of a county captain. Working collectively with other organizations was new to these shelters, but challenging member agencies with this task has revealed underlying educational needs on the importance of collaboration that can now be addressed by HART.

2)Since COVID, there has been a noticeable increase in homelessness across the HART region. It was clear from the 2022 outcomes, that this picture was not adequately captured. To experiment with a new strategy, local organizations who currently have a trusting relationship with the homeless in their communities hosted warming stations. In many of the counties, backpacks, hygiene items, socks, blankets, hand-knitted scarves and hats, $5 McDonald's gift cards, and other items were collected and dispersed to the homeless who were interviewed for this event. This did not entirely replace going out to places where homeless are typically found, but it did draw them out to a safe and enjoyable environment for both the homeless population and those who serve them. One other strategy that was implemented, was increased support and training provided to volunteers involved with the PIT count. HART provided thorough training to PIT count volunteers to avoid mistakes on the forms and to appropriately interview individuals experiencing homelessness within a neutral location.

3)Working through those who have trusting relationships with the homeless in rural areas produced a much more accurate picture of the increase in homelessness. The CoC went from 398 in 2022 to 614 in 2023!! To name a few more outcomes from this strategy, 1) several new organizations have joined HART and are applying for funding on this application to further their efforts for the homeless community. 2) It created an excitement to become more involved with and supportive of these organizations who have this trusting relationship… and to learn from them to exemplify this in other counties. It has remained a well-discussed topic in meetings throughout the year. Building on the work accomplished this year, new strategies are formulating for additional approaches to engaging with the homeless population.

2C. System Performance

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
  - Frequently Asked Questions

2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;
2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)During assessment and case management phases, case managers grow to understand the risk factors for homelessness which are often the same housing barriers that are often associated with homelessness and the fluidity households make up, to include domestic violence situations.

2)Prevention activities through educational opportunities is one strategy. One of the biggest housing barriers is drug use. All counties in the CoC are creating their individual anti-drug coalitions. The CoC is cultivating relationships with them to develop partnerships with the expectation it will improve our efforts in homeless prevention activities. Domestic violence is a significant factor in causing first time homelessness. Fortunately, we have excellent advocates that have gained access to the schools to address negative behaviors that could express into violence in later years. Eviction can be associated with DV, but it often occurs without interpersonal violence. Two organizations have received funding for homeless prevention, which could relieve the financial stress in some situation. There is a hope that this will reduce first time homelessness and the behavior of abuse in the home.

3)HART's Board of Directors and leadership committees have been developing new partnerships with existing agencies that provide social services, transportation, mental health, and physical health services. Two are hospitals in Cookeville (Putnam County) and Crossville (Cumberland County), are working with HART on a homeless services committee started by two mayors from the city of Crossville and County of Cumberland. This committee meets as a task force to develop new strategies for ending homelessness in the Upper Cumberland Region. Collaboration with law enforcement and emergency response teams has been the catalyst for new data collection for frequent users of systems of care and the development of programming to meet the needs of those individuals at the most risk of homelessness dur to cycling between various systems. HART has demonstrated a significant increase in homelessness with the PIT count, urging the need for additional resources to deepen the impact that outreach, housing, supports, and resource linkage can have for the homeless community in this region.

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

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

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

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

	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	

	3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC will continue to mold its coordinated entry system in ways that best connects homeless persons to temporary and permanent housing solutions while streamlining the application process.

2)The CES prioritizes those with the highest vulnerabilities and longest histories of homelessness. This helps individuals who have languished in shelters and streets for too long to move more quickly to permanent housing. The primary sources for homeless permanent housing solutions are in the CoC permanent supportive housing projects and CoC/ESG rapid rehousing projects. The CoC supports the use of the rapid rehousing projects bridging the gap between homelessness to permanent supportive housing or mainstream housing opportunities. HART will continue to advocate to the many public housing agencies to give priority for those who are homeless to augment the homeless permanent housing projects. Expansion of the partnership between the permanent supportive housing agencies and public housing agencies will continue so that PSH clients can "graduate" to mainstream housing when they have reached an appropriate level of self-sufficiency. Moving clients out of PSH into mainstream permanent housing will free up units for new clients. The non-participating homeless shelters will continue to be encouraged to adopt the CoC's policies to connect clients to permanent housing agencies and to move clients out of shelters in an efficient manner. Long-term stayers in participating homeless shelters will be targeted to receive additional assessments to ensure that they are receiving the necessary support to move into permanent housing when it is available.

3)Frequent communication with housing and shelter operators remains an essential, daily task for HART to ensure an accurate snapshot of available units. The development of new partnerships has yielded the identification of new landlords that are willing to accept vouchers. Additionally, there are some rural agencies already providing homeless services that are now beginning to communicate with HART and became member agencies to plug into CoC resources to further their reach into the homeless community. The HART Board of Directors oversees the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The central theme to move those from a temporary housing situation to a permanent housing destination is to provide immediate assistance in completing the applications (in include procuring needed documents) and helping find an appropriate landlord that will work with increased levels of need. With the ever-evolving coordinated entry system, the CoC now has the ability for a member of the CES team to go to the client regardless of location throughout the 18 counties and verify their homelessness and assist them with the project manner. The strategy is that the quicker we can get them moving on a path to housing, the more likely they will follow through before frustration sets back in. Support and guidance throughout the process is provided to maintain and advance progress as long wait times and complicated procedures and forms often act as impediments to completing the process.

2)HART partners with UCHRA (Upper Cumberland Human Resources Agency) once a family or individual obtains permanent housing. The program allows the agency to serve the lowest AMI families and individuals and provide them with the resources to lift them out of poverty. The program employs the use of navigators that align families and individuals with financial assistance and support in meeting their educational and vocational goals that will allow families to taper off public assistance as they build self-sufficiency.

3)HART has identified an agency weakness in the lack of supports available once permanent housing is secured and the need for data to drive new strategies surrounding the implementation of this programming. As a CoC, the need for continual support and ongoing access to services remains a vital component in maintaining stable placement in housing. For the 18-county service region a lack of affordable housing options for individuals and families, remains a huge barrier. HART's newly appointed Board of Directors are working to establish a committee and a new position that will be able to link participants to ongoing supports and track progress once stable housing is secured.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness

Using the client list from the System Performance Measurement 2 report, the CoC can get feedback from their case managers on the factor on why they returned to homelessness. The data committee can provide analysis of the information to the planning committee that fine-tunes the CoC's homeless strategies. HART is restructuring the HMIS and CoC HMIS/Data committee to meet quarterly to analyze data and submit findings to the membership and outreach committees. The structuring will provide a means to ensure that regular conversations on quality systems improvement are happening throughout the year.

2)Describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness

The current strategy rests with the housing stability case management. Most returns to homelessness are clients that are not able to use public housing due to unresolved trauma and unmet needs experienced while homeless.

Individuals often experience anxiety, depression and other mental health and physical health challenges upon obtaining housing and need intensive support and connection to services. During the 4-12 months, participants are enrolled in the RRH program, they receive INTENSIVE case management, including job training, financial training, mainstream benefits and wrap around services, to set individuals on a path that will lead to more successful outcomes with stability in permanent housing. Several member agencies have funding source that allow them to assist with rental/utility payments, reducing the rate of returning to homelessness.

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.

The HART Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the rate of individuals returning to homelessness.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources
The CoC's strategy to increase employment income begins with the project case managers completing financial counseling with the clients. The financial counseling class is conducted in a nonjudgmental manner to avoid blaming the client for the current situation. Instead, great efforts are made to help clients understand some of the factors that may have led to the situation and work with the client to develop a plan that is attainable for them.
2)Describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their case income
The CoC advocates that agencies work with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, connecting clients to existing job openings or job-training programs to prepare clients for jobs for which they are not yet qualified. The American Job Centers assist clients in improving their opportunities in employment such as GED education and receiving training to improve their opportunities in employment such as GED education and testing, certifications, or apprenticeships. The American Job Centers also have services tailed to meet the needs of individuals that have criminal justice involvement. HART works closely with individuals that have prior criminal justice involvement as it is well know that these individuals can be difficult to place into employment. The process for this begins while individuals are still incarcerated and a plan is developed prior to release. Over the past year, HART has partnered with new agencies who will employ, and sometimes temporarily house those needing re-entry opportunities. A big push is on to recruit agencies across all 18 counties who will hire community members with lived experience of homelessness.
3)Provide the organization name of position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment
The HART Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase income from employment.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income
For the clients enrolled in the permanent supportive housing projects, the
leading non-employment income concern is "Are qualified individuals receiving
SSI/SSDI?" The primary strategy is ensuring the SOAR is available for these
clients. Most of the RRH also have access to SOAR, but if not, they are
screened and referred to an alternative agency to assist with disability
processing. Case manager also monitor for eligibility for SSI. Through more
CoC training and revived awareness, case management outside of PSH/RRH
has begun to show an uptick of wrap around services and main stream benefits.
It has been discovered that many individuals lose their benefits and do not know
how to reinstate them, due to no established address. Organizations across the
CoC are now helping clients to reinstate these benefits, often using the
organization as a mailing address.
2)Provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for
overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.
The Board of Directors is responsible for monitoring the strategy to increase
non-employment cash incomes.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.			
Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

	Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:	
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and	
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No

3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/06/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/15/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/06/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/15/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms fro ...	09/15/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/06/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/06/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/15/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HDX Competition R...	09/15/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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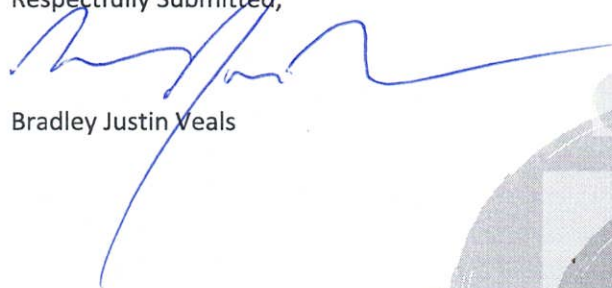
To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to verify that I served on the Executive Board, Board of Directors, Outreach Committee, and PIT count committee of Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (HART), TN-506 during the 2022-23 fiscal year. I have lived experience of homelessness.

I currently am the director of a non-profit, Recovery Kitchen, which focuses on Re-entry for those who have experienced substance additions. Part of our program is to serve meals and build trusting relationships with those experiencing literal category 1 homelessness.

I am the representative of _36_ men with lived experience of homelessness and addiction, who are currently giving back to their communities and working to change the way organizations/government officials address homelessness. We work on a local/state level as an activist to de-stigmatize and decriminalize homelessness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Justin Veals

HART Housing First / Low Barrier Checklist

This checklist is to determine how in line with Housing First a CoC Program project is. HART expects CoC projects to have as few barriers as possible for initial and continued enrollment.

In order to maximize points on the project scoring during CoC Program competition, any answer of "No" or "Yes, but" requires a written or oral response as to why. "Yes, but" means that the project mostly meets the standard, but not totally. A reason might be due to a federal, state, or local law or ordinance that requires the restriction. Also, the committee must consider if there are access limitations to supportive services due to the rural community.

Answer	Standard
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Access to programs is not contingent on sobriety, minimum income requirements, lack of a criminal record, completion of treatment, participation in services, or other unnecessary conditions.
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Programs or projects do everything possible not to reject an individual or family on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, minor criminal convictions, or behaviors that are interpreted as indicating a lack of "housing readiness."
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	People with disabilities are offered clear opportunities to request reasonable accommodations within applications and screening processes and during tenancy, and building and apartment units include special physical features that accommodate disabilities.
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Programs or projects that cannot serve someone work through the coordinated entry process to ensure that those individuals or families have access to housing and services elsewhere.
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Housing and service goals and plans are highly tenant-driven.
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem-solving over therapeutic goals.
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Participation in services or compliance with service plans are not conditions of tenancy, but are reviewed with tenants and regularly offered as a resource to tenants.
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes that drug and alcohol use and addiction are a part of some tenants' lives. Tenants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.
Yes / No / **Yes, but** (circled)	Substance use in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not considered a reason for eviction.
Yes / No / **Yes, but** (circled)	Tenants in supportive housing are given reasonable flexibility in paying their share of rent on time and offered special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.
Yes (circled) / No / Yes, but	Every effort is made to provide a tenant the opportunity to transfer from one housing situation, program, or project to another if a tenancy is in jeopardy. Whenever possible, eviction back into homelessness is avoided.

By signing below, the CoC Program applicant verifies that the answers above are correct.

Agency and Project(s): _CHA / Shelter Plus Care_

Signature: _Cindy Turner_   Printed Name: _Cindy Turner_   Date: _____

Is there an attached response to "No" and "Yes, but" answers? **Yes** (circled) No

Attached response

Substance use in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not considered a reason for eviction.

Response: Only if the tenant is arrested for a drug offense would it be grounds for termination of assistance.

Tenants in supportive housing are given reasonable flexibility in paying their share of rent on time and offered special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.

Response: Landlords are always encouraged to work with clients with any rent arrears, however it would be up to the landlord to accept a payment arrangement

2023 HART New Project Threshold Verification

Agency: _____Project: _____

HUD Project Eligibility Threshold (all must be met)	Yes	No
Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).		
Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal funds.		

Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in this NOFO.
    a. Form HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan(I.E.3.c.3)
    b. Applicant Code of Conduct on file with HUD. (I.E.3.b.)
    c. Environmental certification, if applicable. (V.C.3.f.)
    d. All other certifications that are incorporated in the e-snaps application.		

The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and Section II.B.11.f of this NOFO. Projects funded through this NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for program participants. References to paragraphs of the definition of homeless refer to the paragraphs listed under the definition of "homeless" in 24 CFR 578.3. All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process. As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO. Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under) who are living in unsafe situations. HUD interprets "youth-serving provider" as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under. HUD interprets "living in unsafe situations" as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under this NOFO or the Rule. [Page 18]		
Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.		
Project applicants and potential subrecipients must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grant(s) that are funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings; however, this does not apply to project applicants who have never received a CoC Program funded project.		
For expansion project applications, project applicants must articulate the part of the project that is being expanded. Additionally, project applicants must demonstrate they are not replacing other funding sources.		
Project applicants must demonstrate they will be able to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85. Project applicants with existing projects must demonstrate that they have met all renewal project threshold requirements of this NOFO. HUD reserves the right to deny the funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that HUD finds to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, unresolved audit or monitoring findings related to one or more existing grants; or does not routinely draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter. Additionally, HUD reserves the right to withdraw funds if no APR is submitted on the prior grant.		
HART CoC Threshold Criteria (All required)		
Application was received in ESNAPS and the application was received by the deadline.		
The proposed application is an eligible project type		
Coordinated Entry Participation		
Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation		
Documented, secured minimum match		
Project has reasonable costs per permanent housing exit, as defined locally		
Project is financially feasible		
Acceptable organizational audit/financial review		
If faith based, agrees to comply with V.A.3. of the NOFO		

2023 HART New Project Threshold Verification

HUD Project Quality Threshold	PA	PR
Permanent Housing (3 out of 4 points required)		
The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).	1	
The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.	1	
The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).	1	
Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).	1	
Joint Transitional Housing Rapid Rehousing (4 out of 6 points required)		
The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)	1	
The proposed project will provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid rehousing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.	1	
The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.	1	
The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply and which meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).	1	
Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).	1	
The project adheres to a housing first model as defined in Section III.B.2.o of [the 2022] NOFO.	1	

2023 HART Renewal <u>Permanent Supportive Housing</u> Scoring Rubric

Agency: _____ Project: _____

Weight	Criteria Category	Renewal Evaluation Criteria	Source of Criteria And Calculation	Points	Score
40%	**SPM/ APR** **NOTE: DV Agencies will generate data from their comparable database**	1. Occupancy / average unit utilization	APR Q8b vs 2 Unit utilization rate	☐ 20 pts for >95% ☐ 15 pts for 90-95% ☐ 10 pts for 85-89% ☐ 5 pts for 80-84% *Explanation ☐ 0 pts for <80%	
		2. Extent to which persons who exit homelessness to PH destinations return to homelessness.	SPM 2	☐ 15 pts: All 3 parts = 0 ☐ 12 pts: 2/3 = 0 and 3rd improved ☐ 9 pts: 1/3 = 0 and other 2 improved ☐ 6 pts: 2/3 = 0 or improved and 3rd stable ☐ 3 pts: 2/3 = 0 or improved and 3rd decreased ☐ 0 pts: All others	
		3. Percentage of participants who increased income.	SPM 4-3 and 4-6 merged	☐ 12 pts: >49% w/no decrease ☐ 9 pts: > 49% and decreased ☐ 8 pts: 25-49% CY & increased from PY ☐ 7 pts: 25-49% CY & no change ☐ 6 pts: 25-49% CY & decreased from PY ☐ 3 pts: <25% & increased from PY ☐ 0 pts: All others	
		4. Percentage of participants who remain in PSH or exited to permanent housing	SPM 7	☐ 15 pts: 100% ☐ 12 pts: >79% w/improvement ☐ 9 pts: > 79% w/o improvement ☐ 6 pts: 70-79% w/improvement ☐ 3 pts: 70-79% w/o improvement ☐ 0 pts: <70%	
		5. Leavers who exit to shelter, streets or unknown	APR Q23c (Homeless shelter + place not meant for human habitation + unknown destinations) / (total leavers - deceased)	☐ 18 pts for <6% ☐ 9 pts for 6-20% ☐ 0 pts for >20%	
20%	**Severity of Needs**	6. Housing high priority subpopulations	HMIS – APR Q5a % of new clients in project who were chronically homeless, veterans, youth, or families w/children at entry (if no new clients, use current)	☐ 10 pts for 75-100% ☐ 5 pts for 25-74% ☐ 0 pts for 0-24%	
		7. Prioritization of homeless based on their needs and vulnerabilities	Evidence that the project accepted applicants from CES and CoC policies regarding prioritization	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
		8. Connection to mainstream resources	Evidence from agency	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
		9. Does not screen out potential clients for barriers unless imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance.	HART Housing First Checklist	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
10%	**HMIS & Data Quality**	10. HMIS data quality standards	HMIS Data Quality Report (Null) Missing data column	☐ 18 pts if all UDEs have nulls <6% ☐ 1 pt less from 10 for each UDE >5% null	
		11. HMIS timeliness	APR Q6e % of clients entered in HMIS IAW HMIS P/P timeliness standards **(Current timeliness standards approved on 9/14/17)**	☐ 2 pts for 90-100% ☐ 1 pt for 50-90% ☐ 0 pts for <50%	
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PSH Project:

Weight	Criteria Category	Renewal Evaluation Criteria	Source of Criteria And Calculation	Points	Score
10%	**Financials**	12. Audit review	Audit submitted by agency	☐ 5 pts if audit shows agency as a low risk auditee & no findings ☐ 3 pts if audit shows agency as low risk auditee or agency has no findings ☐ 0 pts if audit shows agency high risk auditee AND findings	
		13. Expenditure of funds	APR Q28 and document demonstrating amount awarded (Expended funds / Awarded amount)	☐ 5 pts for >90% ☐ 4 pts if < 90% and reallocated 80% unexpended funds, otherwise ☐ 0 pts	
		14. Cost effectiveness	Ranking committee review of agency response to per household cost comparisons between renewal projects	☐ 5 pts for satisfactory ☐ 3 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
		15. Timely draws	LOCCS Minimum of quarterly draws	☐ 5 pts for yes ☐ 0 pts for no	
10%	**CoC Participation**	16. Attendance at membership meetings	HART Secretary	☐ 10 pts for >74% ☐ 5 pts for 50-74% ☐ 0 pts for <50%	
		17. PIT count involvement	PIT Committee Chair or another designated person	☐ 5 pts for participating in the PIT count committee and PIT count ☐ 3 pts for participating in PIT count committee only ☐ 1 pt for participating in PIT count only	
		18. CoC committee (other than PIT) involvement	HART Secretary/Committee Chairs	☐ 5 pts if a member of agency was a committee chair and held quarterly meetings ☐ 3 pts if a member of agency was on a committee and attended at least 75% of meetings	
10%	**Review of Overall Project**	19. Review of monitoring checklist/overall evaluation	Agency/project monitoring checklist. Any no answers should come with explanation	Up to 20 points	
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Bonus	**+ 5**				
				Total Points After Bonus and Penalty:	

Ranking Committee Chair Certification:

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_____   (Printed Name)

_____   (Date)

2023 HART Renewal <u>Rapid Rehousing</u> Scoring Rubric

Agency: _____   Project: _____

Weight	Criteria Category	Renewal Evaluation Criteria	Source of Criteria And Calculation	Points	Score
40%	**SPM/ APR** **NOTE: DV Agencies will generate data from their comparable database**	1. Occupancy / average unit utilization	APR Q8b vs 2 Unit utilization rate	☐ 20 pts for >95% ☐ 15 pts for 90-95% ☐ 10 pts for 85-89% ☐ 5 pts for 80-84% *Explanation ☐ 0 pts for <80%	
		2. Extent to which persons who exit homelessness to PH destinations return to homelessness.	SPM 2	☐ 15 pts: All 3 parts = 0 ☐ 12 pts: 2/3 = 0 and 3rd improved ☐ 9 pts: 1/3 = 0 and other 2 improved ☐ 6 pts: 2/3 = 0 or improved and 3rd stable ☐ 3 pts: 2/3 = 0 or improved and 3rd decreased ☐ 0 pts: All others	
		3. Percentage of participants who increased income.	SPM 4-3 and 4.6 merged	☐ 12 pts: >49% w/no decrease ☐ 9 pts: > 49% and decreased ☐ 8 pts: 25-49% CY & increased from PY ☐ 7 pts: 25-49% CY & no change ☐ 6 pts: 25-49% CY & decreased from PY ☐ 3 pts: <25% & increased from PY ☐ 0 pts: All others	
		4. Percentage of participants who remain in RRH or exited to permanent housing	SPM 7	☐ 15 pts: 100% ☐ 12 pts: >95% w/improvement ☐ 9 pts: > 95% w/o improvement ☐ 6 pts: 90-95% w/improvement ☐ 3 pts: 90-95% w/o improvement ☐ 0 pts: <90%	
		5. Leavers who exit to shelter, streets or unknown	APR Q23c (Homeless shelter + place not meant for human habitation + unknown destinations) / (total leavers - deceased)	☐ 18 pts for <6% ☐ 9 pts for 6-20% ☐ 0 pts for >20%	
20%	**Severity of Needs**	6. Housing high priority subpopulations	HMIS – APR Q5a % of new clients in project who were chronically homeless, veterans, youth, and families w/children at entry (if no new clients, use current)	☐ 10 pts for 75-100% ☐ 5 pts for 25-74% ☐ 0 pts for 0-24%	
		7. Prioritization of homeless based on their needs and vulnerabilities	Evidence that the project accepted applicants from CES and CoC policies regarding prioritization	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
		8. Connection to mainstream resources	Evidence from agency	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
		9. Does not screen out potential clients for barriers unless imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance.	HART Housing First Checklist	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
10%	**HMIS & Data Quality**	10. HMIS data quality standards	HMIS Data Quality Report (Lull) Missing data column	☐ 18 pts if all UDEs have nulls <6% ☐ 1 pt less from 10 for each UDE >5% null	
		11. HMIS timeliness	HMIS Lead – APR 6e % of clients entered in HMIS IAW HMIS P/P timeliness standards (Current timeliness standards approved on 9/14/17)	☐ 2 pts for 90-100% ☐ 1 pt for 50-90% ☐ 0 pts for <50%	
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RRH Project:

Weight	Criteria Category	Renewal Evaluation Criteria	Source of Criteria And Calculation	Points	Score
10%	**Financials**	12. Audit review	Audit submitted by agency	☐ 5 pts if audit shows agency as a low risk auditee & no findings ☐ 3 pts if audit shows agency as low risk auditee or agency has no findings ☐ 0 pts if audit shows agency high risk auditee AND findings	
		13. Expenditure of funds	APR Q28 and document demonstrating amount awarded (Expended funds / Awarded amount)	☐ 5 pts for >90% ☐ 4 pts if < 90% and reallocated 80% unexpended funds, otherwise ☐ 0 pts	
		14. Cost effectiveness	Ranking committee review of agency response to per household cost comparisons between renewal projects	☐ 5 pts for satisfactory ☐ 3 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	
		15. Timely draws	LOCCS Minimum of quarterly draws	☐ 5 pts for yes ☐ 0 pts for no	
10%	**CoC Participation**	16. Attendance at membership meetings	HART Secretary	☐ 10 pts for >74% ☐ 5 pts for 50-74% ☐ 0 pts for <50%	
		17. PIT count involvement	PIT Committee Chair or another designated person	☐ 5 pts for participating in the PIT count committee and PIT count ☐ 3 pts for participating in PIT count committee only ☐ 1 pt for participating in PIT count only	
		18. CoC committee (other than PIT) involvement	HART Secretary/Committee Chairs	☐ 5 pts if a member of agency was a committee chair and held quarterly meetings ☐ 3 pts if a member of agency was on a committee and attended at least 75% of meetings	
10%	**Review of Overall Project**	19. Review of monitoring checklist/overall evaluation	Agency/project monitoring checklist. Any no answers should come with explanation	Up to 20 points	
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				Total Points:	
Bonus	**+ 5**				
				Total Points After Bonus and Penalty:	

Ranking Committee Chair Certification:

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_____   (Printed Name)

_____   (Date)

2023 HART Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Scoring Rubric

(Summary of Averages)

Agency: HOPE   **Project:** HOPE Permanent Housing Projec

Weight	Criteria Category	Renewal Evaluation Criteria	Source of Criteria And Calculation	Points	Score
40%	**SPM/ APR** **NOTE:** DV Agencies will generate data from their comparable database	1. Occupancy / average unit utilization	APR Q8b vs 2 Unit utilization rate *Q8b is attached*	☐ 20 pts for >95% ☐ 15 pts for 90-95% ☐ 10 pts for 85-89% ☐ 5 pts for 80-84% *Explanation ☐ 0 pts for <80%	10
		2. Extent to which persons who exit homelessness to PH destinations return to homelessness.	SPM 2	☒ 15 pts: All 3 parts = 0 ☐ 12 pts: 2/3 = 0 and 3rd improved ☐ 9 pts: 1/3 = 0 and other 2 improved ☐ 6 pts: 2/3 = 0 or improved and 3rd stable ☐ 3 pts: 2/3 = 0 or improved and 3rd decreased ☐ 0 pts: All others	15
		3. Percentage of participants who increased income.	SPM 4-3 and 4-6 merged	☒ 12 pts: >49% w/no decrease ☐ 9 pts: > 49% and decreased ☐ 8 pts: 25-49% CY & increased from PY ☐ 7 pts: 25-49% CY & no change ☐ 6 pts: 25-49% CY & decreased from PY ☐ 3 pts: <25% & increased from PY ☐ 0 pts: All others	12
		4. Percentage of participants who remain in PSH or exited to permanent housing	SPM 7	☒ 15 pts: 100% ☐ 12 pts: >79% w/improvement ☐ 9 pts: > 79% w/o improvement ☐ 6 pts: 70-79% w/improvement ☐ 3 pts: 70-79% w/o improvement ☐ 0 pts: <70%	15
		5. Leavers who exit to shelter, streets or unknown	APR Q23c (Homeless shelter + place not meant for human habitation + unknown destinations) / (total leavers - deceased)	☒ 18 pts for <6% ☐ 9 pts for 6-20% ☐ 0 pts for >20%	18
20%	**Severity of Needs**	6. Housing high priority subpopulations	HMIS – APR Q5a % of new clients in project who were chronically homeless, veterans, youth, or families w/children at entry (if no new clients, use current)	☐ 10 pts for 75-100% ☒ 5 pts for 25-74% ☐ 0 pts for 0-24%	5
		7. Prioritization of homeless based on their needs and vulnerabilities	Evidence that the project accepted applicants from CES and CoC policies regarding prioritization	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	10
		8. Connection to mainstream resources	Evidence from agency	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	10
		9. Does not screen out potential clients for barriers unless imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance.	HART Housing First Checklist	☐ 10 pts for satisfactory ☐ 5 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	10
10%	**HMIS & Data Quality**	10. HMIS data quality standards	HMIS Data Quality Report (Null) Missing data column	☒ 18 pts if all UDEs have nulls <6% ☐ 1 pt less from 10 for each UDE >5% null	18
		11. HMIS timeliness	APR Q6e % of clients entered in HMIS IAW HMIS P/P timeliness standards (Current timeliness standards approved on 9/14/17)	☒ 2 pts for 90-100% ☐ 1 pt for 50-90% ☐ 0 pts for <50%	2
				Subtotal Page 1:	125

PSH Project:

Weight	Criteria Category	Renewal Evaluation Criteria	Source of Criteria And Calculation	Points	Score
10%	Financials	12. Audit review	Audit submitted by agency	☐ 5 pts if audit shows agency as a low risk auditee & no findings ☐ 3 pts if audit shows agency as low risk auditee or agency has no findings ☐ 0 pts if audit shows agency high risk auditee AND findings	4.33
		13. Expenditure of funds	APR Q28 and document demonstrating amount awarded (Expended funds / Awarded amount)	☐ 5 pts for >90% ☐ 4 pts if < 90% and reallocated 80% unexpended funds, otherwise ☐ 0 pts	5
		14. Cost effectiveness	Ranking committee review of agency response to per household cost comparisons between renewal projects	☐ 5 pts for satisfactory ☐ 3 pts for concerns ☐ 0 pts for unsatisfactory	5
		15. Timely draws	LOCCS Minimum of quarterly draws	☐ 5 pts for yes ☐ 0 pts for no	5
10%	CoC Participation	16. Attendance at membership meetings	HART Secretary	☐ 10 pts for >74% ☐ 5 pts for 50-74% ☐ 0 pts for <50%	10
		17. PIT count involvement	PIT Committee Chair or another designated person	☐ 5 pts for participating in the PIT count committee and PIT count ☐ 3 pts for participating in PIT count committee only ☐ 1 pt for participating in PIT count only	5
		18. CoC committee (other than PIT) involvement	HART Secretary/Committee Chairs	☐ 5 pts if a member of agency was a committee chair and held quarterly meetings ☐ 3 pts if a member of agency was on a committee and attended at least 75% of meetings	5
10%	Review of Overall Project	19. Review of monitoring checklist/overall evaluation	Agency/project monitoring checklist. Any no answers should come with explanation	Up to 20 points	18.33
				Subtotal Page 2:	57.66
				Subtotal Page 1:	125
				Total Points:	182.66
Bonus	+ 5				
				Total Points After Bonus and Penalty:	182.66

Ranking Committee Chair Certification:

Sascha Henderson

8/30/23

Signature

(Printed Name)

(Date)

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Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee
P.O. Box 3311, Crossville, TN 38557

September 5, 2023

Sammy Allen
ReGroup Recovery
1430 Malone Hollow Rd.
Alexandria, TN 37012

RE: 2023 HART CoC Program Local Competition Ranking Results

Dear Mr. Allen,

I regret to inform you that your application for funding through the CoC Application was rejected because it did not meet the threshold requirements of the grant. We are standing by, ready to assist you as you prepare for your next application. Thank you for the hard work you put into your application. We appreciate all you are doing to help the homeless population in your area. You and your organization are a valuable asset to HART, and we want to support you during this time.

The ranking was as follows:

RANK	PROJECT	Organization	Project Type	Score	Amount	Status	Tier I	Tier II
	Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (Upper Cumberland CoC TN-506) 2023 Projects by Rank							
1	HMIS TN-506	Crossville Housing Development Corp	HMIS		$110,000.00	Accepted	$110,000.00	
2	Coordinated Entry TN-506	Crossville Housing Development Corp	SSO-CE		$75,124.00	Accepted	$75,124.00	
3	HOPE Permanent Housing Project	HOPE, Inc	PSH	182.67	$40,500.00	Accepted	$40,500.00	
4	Iris Cottage	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	174.67	$62,315.00	Accepted	$62,315.00	
5	Shelter Plus Care Supportive Housing	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	158.67	$124,181.00	Accepted	$124,181.00	
6	Shelter Plus Care Group	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	142.33	$306,676.00	Accepted	$306,676.00	
7	Pathways RRH	Crossville Housing Authority	RRH	141.33	$53,143.00	Accepted	$0.00	$53,143.00
N/A	Operational	Regroup Recovery Inc	PSH	n/a	$80,000.00	Rejected		
	Total				$771,939.00		$718,796.00	$53,143.00

Respectfully,

Renee Johnson, Chairman
HART Board of Directors

Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee
P.O. Box 3311, Crossville, TN 38557

September 5, 2023

Cindy Turner
Crossville Housing Authority
67 Irwin Avenue
Crossville, TN 38555

RE: 2023 HART CoC Program Local Competition Ranking Results

Dear Ms. Turner,

I would like to congratulate you and thank for the hard work you put into your homeless programs. Your applications were accepted and ranked by the ranking committee accordingly:

RANK	PROJECT	Organization	Project Type	Score	Amount	Status	Tier I	Tier II
Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (Upper Cumberland CoC TN-506) 2023 Projects by Rank								
1	HMIS TN-506	Crossville Housing Development Corp	HMIS		$110,000.00	Accepted	$110,000.00	
2	Coordinated Entry TN-506	Crossville Housing Development Corp	SSO-CE		$75,124.00	Accepted	$75,124.00	
3	HOPE Permanent Housing Project	HOPE, Inc	PSH	182.67	$40,500.00	Accepted	$40,500.00	
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7	Pathways RRH	Crossville Housing Authority	RRH	141.33	$53,143.00	Accepted	$0.00	$53,143.00
N/A	Operational	Regroup Recovery Inc	PSH	n/a	$80,000.00	Rejected		
	Total				$771,939.00		$718,796.00	$53,143.00

We look forward to working with you in seeking out new and exciting ways to help the homeless community.

Respectfully,

M. Renee Johnson, MA

Renee Johnson, Chairman
HART Board of Directors

Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee
P.O. Box 3311, Crossville, TN 38557

September 5, 2023

Terina Cantrell
Housing Opportunities and People Enterprise, Inc.
591-East Monticello Pike
Huntsville, TN 37756

Dear Ms. Cantrell,

I would like to congratulate you and thank you for the hard work you put into your homeless program.
Your application was accepted and the results of the ranking committee are as follows:

RANK	PROJECT	Organization	Project Type	Score	Amount	Status	Tier I	Tier II
	Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (Upper Cumberland CoC TN-506) 2023 Projects by Rank							
1	HMIS TN-506	Crossville Housing Development Corp	HMIS		$110,000.00	Accepted	$110,000.00	
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5	Shelter Plus Care Supportive Housing	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	158.67	$124,181.00	Accepted	$124,181.00	
6	Shelter Plus Care Group	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	142.33	$306,676.00	Accepted	$306,676.00	
7	Pathways RRH	Crossville Housing Authority	RRH	141.33	$53,143.00	Accepted	$0.00	$53,143.00
N/A	Operational	Regroup Recovery Inc	PSH	n/a	$80,000.00	Rejected		
	Total				$771,939.00		$718,796.00	$53,143.00

We look forward to working with you in seeking out new and exciting ways to help the homeless
community.

Respectfully,

M. Renee Johnson, MA

Renee Johnson, Chairman
HART Board of Directors

Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (Upper Cumberland CoC TN-506)
2023 Projects by Rank

Rank	Project Name	Organization	Project Type	Score	Amount	Status	Tier I	Tier II
1	HMIS TN-506	Crossville Housing Development Corp	HMIS		$110,000	Accepted	$110,000	
2	Coordinated Entry TN-506	Crossville Housing Development Corp	SSO-CE		$75,124	Accepted	$75,124	
3	HOPE Permanent Housing Project	HOPE, Inc	PSH	182.67	$40,500	Accepted	$40,500	
4	Iris Cottage	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	174.67	$62,315	Accepted	$62,315	
5	Shelter Plus Care Supportive Housing	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	158.67	$124,181	Accepted	$124,181	
6	Shelter Plus Care Group	Crossville Housing Authority	PSH	142.33	$306,676	Accepted	$306,676	
7	Pathways RRH	Crossville Housing Authority	RRH	141.33	$53,143	Accepted	$0	$53,143
n/a	Operational	Regroup Recovery Inc	PSH	n/a	$80,000	Rejected		
	Total				**$771,939**		**$718,796**	**$53,143**
Planning Project Not Ranked								
	2023 Planning Project	Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (HART)			$83,388			

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Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	**332**	**382**	**382**	**613**
Emergency Shelter Total	223	136	150	190
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	16	19	6	16
Total Sheltered Count	**239**	**155**	**156**	**206**
Total Unsheltered Count	**93**	**227**	**226**	**407**

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	**0**	**44**	**57**	**126**
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	0	44	15	20
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	0	0	42	106

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Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	25	6	35	39
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	22	6	19	23
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	3	0	16	16

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	7	8	6	19	13
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	6	5	6	8	5
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	1	3	0	11	8

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

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HIC Data for TN-506 - Upper Cumberland CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	277	134	211	63.51%	66	66	100.00%	200	72.20%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	43	0	22	0.00%	21	21	100.00%	21	48.84%
RRH Beds	21	21	21	100.00%	0	0	NA	21	100.00%
PSH Beds	130	78	130	60.00%	0	0	NA	78	60.00%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	471	233	384	60.68%	87	87	100.00%	320	67.94%

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Notes
*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.
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In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").
In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	0	0	0	0

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	9	0	1	4

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	21	3	11	21

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Summary Report for TN-506 - Upper Cumberland CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

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

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.
Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	331	554	70	134	64	27	108	81
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	331	554	70	162	92	27	108	81

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

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

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

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	323	756	133	239	106	40	147	107
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	323	829	133	239	106	40	143	103

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	19	1	5%	0	0%	1	5%	2	11%
Exit was from TH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	102	1	1%	6	6%	1	1%	8	8%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	121	2	2%	6	5%	2	2%	10	8%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	382	382	0
Emergency Shelter Total	136	150	14
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	19	6	-13
Total Sheltered Count	155	156	1
Unsheltered Count	227	226	-1

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	331	564	233
Emergency Shelter Total	331	564	233
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	0	0	0

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	43	45	2
Number of adults with increased earned income	0	3	3
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	7%	7%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	43	45	2
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	16	24	8
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	37%	53%	16%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	43	45	2
Number of adults with increased total income	16	27	11
Percentage of adults who increased total income	37%	60%	23%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	59	71	12
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	1	1	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	2%	1%	-1%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	59	71	12
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	12	7	-5
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	20%	10%	-10%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	59	71	12
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	12	8	-4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	20%	11%	-9%

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	311	406	95
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	14	16	2
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	297	390	93

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	566	576	10
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	56	24	-32
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	510	552	42

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

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

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	10	3	-7
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	1	0	-1
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1	0	-1
% Successful exits	20%	0%	-20%

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

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	337	597	260
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	61	54	-7
% Successful exits	18%	9%	-9%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	85	85	0
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	80	78	-2
% Successful exits/retention	94%	92%	-2%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	196	216	276	22	22	22	168	186	102	21	3	11			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	134	134	194	0	0	0	104	130	52	21	3	11			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	68.37	62.04	70.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.90	69.89	50.98	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	281	221	383	0	0	0	163	178	168	156	30	54	14	20	12
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	254	166	277	0	0	0	68	63	87	137	12	31	13	6	0
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	196	96	195	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	19	0	2	2
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	77.17	57.83	70.40				0.00	0.00	0.00	29.93	0.00	61.29	0.00	33.33	

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Submission and Count Dates for TN-506 - Upper Cumberland CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/24/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/21/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/21/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/9/2023	Yes