

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: TN-510 - Murfreesboro/Rutherford County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Housing, Health and Human Services Alliance of Rutherford County

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Housing, Health and Human Services Alliance of Rut

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

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	08/17/2022

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

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
	3. If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/17/2022

2A. System Performance

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

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1. H3ARC uses versions of the VI-SPDAT 2.0 developed by OrgCode that cover specific sub-populations and assessment phases. VI-SPDAT scores help inform the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in triaging client referrals. The practice of the TN-510 CES is that VI-SPDAT scores alone do not automatically lead to a referral decision but they do suggest the most appropriate intervention. All clients seeking services through the CES are served and prioritized in a non-discriminatory manner consistent with Federal statutes, regulations, Executive Orders, relevant HUD CPD Notices, and the TN-510 Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures as revised in July 2021. The Continuum's priorities are detailed in the P&P manual. Some of the referring agencies also use other tools such as a housing status tool and a self-sufficiency matrix.

The CoC recognizes shortfalls in the VI-SPDAT – most particularly that it is limited to just three outcomes – and H3ARC committee is working to develop a better assessment tool.

2. Diversion is the CoC's preferred practice for individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. Persons and families who make themselves known to any HUD-funded or other participating homelessness assistance program in TN-510's geographic area are entered into the CES and referred to the Continuum's By-Name List. For the past year – and continuing until funding is no longer available – H3ARC member agencies have used ERAP money passed through from the Tennessee Housing to divert as many persons and families on the list as possible from homelessness.

3. Doors of Hope officially became TN-510's Coordinated Entry lead agency in September 2022. The CoC has recommended HUD renew the Doors of Hope Coordinated Entry grant agreement.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. It is impossible to reduce the length of time individuals and person in families remain homeless until they are identified and referred to the CES. TN-510 depends on a no-wrong door approach for identifying these populations. McKinney-Vento programs at the Rutherford County School System and Murfreesboro City Schools are essential partners in identifying and referring families. The PATH program identifies and works with homeless persons who have mental health issues. VA social workers refer homeless vets to the CES. Cold Patrol encourages unsheltered individuals to enter the system.
2. Length of time homeless is one of the data points collected upon registration in the Coordinated Entry System. Individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness and most severe service needs are designated First Priority in the TN-510 Coordinated Entry P&P manual. Once these individuals and families are known and entered on the By-Name List, needs are identifies through case conferencing. The CoC recognizes that although housing is the primary need for those on the By-Name List, other assistance is usually necessary to keep the party from returning to homelessness. A plan for wrap-around services is developed for each client and referrals made.
3. Doors of Hope officially became TN-510's Coordinated Entry lead agency in September 2022.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The biggest obstacle for demonstrable improvement in exits to permanent housing destinations is a paucity throughout Rutherford County of available affordable permanent housing units. Four member agencies have a total of five applications covering Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing pending for FY2022 CoC Competition funding grants renewal. Should these be funded at the requested levels, the CoC's exit numbers should remain stable. Having a lead agency for the CES system should increase the numbers of exits to permanent housing – as long as affordable units are available. An important factor in analyzing HDX and HMIS data is exit destinations data quality. Across our system, we have a low percentage of project exits that include accurate exit destination data. This is primarily due to exits from the CoC's cold weather emergency shelter shelter. The CoC's primary day shelter and the primary outreach organization partner to run the winter shelter. Because staffing for data entry at the cold weather shelter is limited, HMIS staff has filled in project exits for this shelter for the past three years. H3ARC's goal is for hosting agencies to develop additional capacity for data entry at project exit. H3ARC expects that the winter shelter will also have additional outreach staff and volunteers for the cold weather months of 2022-23 to develop relationships with clients throughout the season and encourage accessing services, to improve exit destinations. H3ARC recognizes the need to exit interview data collection.

2. Housing Stability Case Managers working through H3ARC's Case Conferencing Working Group are responsible for working with clients for six to 12 months – or more if the situation requires. Case managers concentrate on helping clients retain permanent housing and receive wrap-around services that contribute to housing stability.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses data from HIMS and input from the Case Conferencing Working Group to identify persons who return to homelessness.

2. Because Case Conferencing is conducted bi-weekly, housing retention case managers often are able to identify those at risk of returning to homelessness. When such cases are identified, the committee assesses the situation and prepares a plan to assist the client prevent a return to homelessness. Once housing is stabilized, case managers typically stick with clients six to 12 months, although the system allows for flexibility, particularly in situations not addressed by the policies and procedure of the CES.

3. Doors of Hope officially became TN-510's Coordinated Entry lead agency in September 2022.

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;	
	2. how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and	
	3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Each of the CoC housing programs have three overarching goals: to create housing stability, to increase/maintain income, and to increase self-determination, increasing the chances of maintaining overall stability. Case managers encourage all program participants to attend financial management education classes conducted by Dominion Financial Management, a H3ARC member organization.
2. Many H3ARC member agencies work with the American Jobs Center, Operation HOPE, mainstream and staffing agencies to encourage participation in mainstream employment programs, job fairs, and career training opportunities by postings, case management meetings, and by offering assistance to attend meetings and job fairs. Some member agencies have programs for small group job training and placement and some hire homeless persons to work in their facilities.
The Family Collective, sponsored by the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties, has four working groups, one of which concentrates on Financial Stability. Most of the 11 members of this group are also members of H3ARC. All are available to provide services to client individuals and families.
3. H3ARC Executive Committee

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Many H3ARC member agencies work with American Job Center, the County Workforce Development team, and career training programs through Middle Tennessee State University and Motlow State Community College.

2. A number of H3ARC member agencies promote opportunities for job readiness and career training. Case managers are informed of available assistance. Several of these agencies and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce frequently partner with local employers to hold job fairs. H3ARC communicates these opportunities through the Case Conferencing Working Group and CoC-wide emails. H3ARC has also partners with United Way of Rutherford & Cannon Counties to identify workforce development opportunities as a critical component of our economic stability and housing goals. This will increase the number of workforce development programs funding through local United Way grants in 2023.

3. H3ARC Executive Committee

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:

1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Housing, Health and Human Services Alliance of Rutherford County (H3ARC) is the deliberative body for TN-510 Continuum of Care (CoC). H3ARC's standing invitation to prospective new member uses both its own website and the Charity Tracker system operated by United Way of Rutherford & Cannon Counties. The Membership & Advocacy Working Group distributes literature highlighting H3ARC's work and invitation to get involved. Member agencies participate in community events to represent H3ARC and recruit members. For example, among the 2022 events in which H3ARC has participated are Recovery Fest sponsored by Prevention Coalition for Success and a joint H3ARC/The Family Collective event for persons experiencing homelessness. Attendees at the latter event were invited to attend meetings of H3ARC's Consumer Council. Executive Committee members participate in other community forums (e.g. United Way forums, civic club presentations, radio and newspaper interviews) to highlight work and recruit members.
2. Efforts include closed captioning for virtual meetings, accessible locations for in-person meetings, access to translation and reading services for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). Contracts with member agencies also require policies in place to ensure access to persons with disabilities including LEP persons.
3. Murfreesboro Cold Patrol is the primary street outreach arm for H3ARC. The all-volunteer team goes to local encampments, under bridges, in the woods, and other places where those experiencing homelessness gather. They work to build relationships with individuals in an effort to identify barriers and actively work to help each individual or family progress towards sustainable housing. Invitations to join H3ARC's Consumer Council are part of the outreach.
4. H3ARC has made a specific effort since approving its 2020-2023 strategic plan to reach out to communities to fill gaps in two areas of underrepresentation: agencies led by and serving persons of color and agencies located and serving persons in northwestern Rutherford County. This was evident in CoC membership, CoC committees and other working areas, and in the CoC Board. Despite pandemic-related limitations during 2020 and 2021, the CoC has been able to include these underrepresented groups in a number of roles including as members of the Rating and Ranking Committee, HMIS strategic assessment group, PITC planning group, case conferencing, and CoC Membership and Advocacy Committee.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. More than 75 agencies and individual advocates are members of H3ARC. The membership includes the governments of Murfreesboro, Smyrna, LaVergne, and Rutherford County; Murfreesboro Housing Authority; Murfreesboro City Schools, Rutherford County Schools, and Middle Tennessee State University; faith-based organizations such as The Salvation Army (which operates a homeless shelter), First Baptist Church-Main Street and St. Paul's Episcopal Church (the latter two partner in Coldest Night, a seasonal emergency shelter program); health providers such as Ascension St. Thomas Hospital, the VA Medical Center, Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System, and Mental Health Cooperative; Cold Patrol which provides street outreach throughout the county; numerous nonprofits devoted to serving the needs of the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless; the courts of Rutherford County including the Drug Court and Safe Baby Court; municipal and county law enforcement; and agencies providing mainstream benefits. All are encouraged to participate in one or more working groups covering planning, membership and advocacy, and service delivery. Each of the working groups reports to the Executive Committee and the general membership.

2. H3ARC's general membership meets quarterly. Since the second quarter of 2021, general membership meetings and many committee meetings have been conducted online. Notice of these meetings is emailed to all members and additional interested parties, as well as being posted on the H3ARC website. The CoC uses the HMIS bulletin board to share information and solicit feedback from CoC members. Time for input from members and the public is included on all agendas for general meetings and committee meetings. In 2021 and 2022 the CoC has consulted in the preparation of the City of Murfreesboro's Annual Action Plan; the United Way's Bold Goals vision team; the Family Collective steering team, Rutherford County's sequential intercept mapping; and assisted Rutherford County in planning and implementation of its Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

3. Feedback received during general membership meetings and committee meetings was instrumental in shaping H3ARC's three-year strategic plan adopted in January 2020. The same process is being used as H3ARC prepares its next strategic plan which it expects to have ready for adoption in July 2023.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All H3ARC members were notified by emails and postings on the Charity Tracker bulletin board and H3ARC website in July of the organization's interest in submitting applications for the FY2022 Special Continuum of Care Funding Opportunity..
2. Those members expressing an interest were encouraged to bring non-member partners to the table. The group met more than six times to develop the required plan and to coordinate their submissions.
3. An online workshop was held 8/10/22 for prospective applicants, both for the FY2022 CoC Competition and the Special Opportunity. A narrated PowerPoint laid out the schedule for submissions and notifications, eligibility requirements such as current SAMS.gov and internal control and financial management systems compliant with 2 CFR 200; project eligibility thresholds; and conflict of interest policies as required by 2 CFR 200.318 and 24 CFR 578.95. A recording of this session was posted to the H3ARC website.
- 4 The rating and ranking process was covered in the workshop, particularly the CoC's priority for projects using a Housing First model..
5. Postings on United Way's Charity Tracker system are seen by all partner agencies, a number of which serve persons with disabilities (e.g. Journeys in Community Living serves adults with disabilities; Special Kids serves children with severe disabilities).

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The City of Murfreesboro is the only Con Plan entitlement in Rutherford County but does not receive ESG funds directly from HUD. ESG funding for TN-510 is passed through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) to subrecipients selected by the state through a competitive process and to the City of Murfreesboro which, in turn, selects its own subrecipients. Representatives of interested agencies, Murfreesboro, Smyrna, La Vergne and Rutherford County meet with the City to recommend which agencies the City should fund and which would be better served working directly with THDA.
2. H3ARC and other local agencies work with Murfreesboro in its homeless initiatives and activities, including the selection of the City's ESG subrecipients. The City currently has subrecipients to administer projects for emergency shelter (The Salvation Army) and homelessness prevention (Barnabas Vision). H3ARC's representatives from the City of La Vergne and Town of Smyrna provide input on which applications to support for THDA's application process. The state's ESG subrecipients are The Journey Home, Domestic Violence Program, Doors of Hope, Coldest Nights. Funding for these programs are projected to benefit homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness. Projects selected for funding are designed to help shorten the client's homelessness, improve their ability to secure stable housing, and prevent recurrent homeless episodes.
3. The Homeless Point in Time Count, organized by H3ARC, annually assesses the characteristics of the homeless population in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County. This data allows the Continuum and the City to track the changing needs of the homeless. The City will continue to support the efforts of the Continuum of Care in the preparation of the Point in Time Count to address the specific needs of homeless persons.
4. PITC and HIC data are integral components of the Homeless sections of its Con Plan (NA-40) and Annual Action Plan (AP-65) and the City has access to HDX to gather this information. The City is currently in the third year of its most recent Consolidated Plan. Over the following Action Plan period, the City will collaborate with various local nonprofits organizations to expand services for the homeless and at-risk of homelessness population. Additionally, H3ARC collaborates with nonprofit organizations to analyze current needs to identify funding gaps and other gaps in services.

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

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

1.	Foster Care	Yes
2.	Health Care	Yes
3.	Mental Health Care	Yes
4.	Correctional Facilities	Yes

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

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1. There are two public school districts in Rutherford County: Rutherford County (K-12) and Murfreesboro (K-6). Both are members of H3ARC The CoC maintains partnerships with the McKinney-Vento (M-V) liaison in both Murfreesboro city schools and Rutherford County schools (through its ATLAS program). These liaisons supply posters, brochures, and other written informational materials (in English and Spanish) to H3ARC member agencies providing intake services to families and youth. Member agencies use the materials to inform families and youth about their eligibility for the resources available. The CoC partners with City schools to train its social workers in some areas of Coordinated Entry so they can make expedited referrals for families looking for housing and supportive services.

2. This partnership with City schools for coordinated entry training has a written MOU to clarify the responsibilities of the City schools staff and CE agencies. ATLAS also has a formal agreement with The Family Collective as part of that network of CoC agencies working together to provide sustainable housing and supportive services for families. H3ARC is currently facilitating a direct referral process for guidance counselors, social workers, and other appropriate staff in both school districts to connect families and youth with agencies that work with families and youth.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants) Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	
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Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services

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H3ARC’s written policy:

IV. Educational Requirements for Homeless Families

“The Rutherford County Schools and the Murfreesboro City Schools work with local shelters and housing providers to best meet the needs of children in the Continuum of Care geographic area as required by Federal and State of Tennessee regulations related to children in homeless families living in shelters or transitional housing. H3ARC supports the local schools in meeting the educational needs of homeless children.”

Continuum of Care Policies and Guidelines (Revised 2017), p.6

The process is covered above in 2C-4a.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants) Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	
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Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains project staff annually on the following mainstream resources available for program participants within your CoC’s geographic area:

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

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

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

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

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1. Information concerning mainstream benefits and resources and relevant updates is regularly shared at monthly Service Delivery Committee meetings. The Tennessee Department of Human Services and Department of Children's Services are H3ARC members and regularly attend meetings. Through these members, emails are sent to the membership, keeping them up-to-date on programs and opportunities. Mainstream resource updates also are shared at quarterly general membership meetings and through CoC-wide emails
2. The CoC supports the St. Thomas Health Medical Mission held annually where enrollment resources are available. It is announced at meetings, posted through the Charity Tracker system, and member agencies attend/provide services. The CoC member agencies also provide services at and support community service fairs during the year where healthcare information and/or enrollment is available. In Tennessee, DHS works with TennCare enrollment as well. National Healthcare for the Homeless Coalition is also active in the community.
3. The CoC provides assistance for the use of Medicaid benefits by referrals and coordination of appointments for clients at the member agency level at St. Louise Clinic, the St. Thomas mobile health unit that brings services to our homeless/disadvantaged clients, and Hope Clinic for physical health needs and Guidance Center (VBH) for safety net mental health services.
4. Several member agencies hold SOAR trainings throughout the program year and most invite staff from H3ARC member agencies to participate in the trainings.