

FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program CoC Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (09/05/2023)

This document answers **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQs) concerning CoC Applications under the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants](#). To find the answer to a particular question, navigate through the table of contents and locate the topic that your question pertains to. Once located, browse through the associated FAQs to find your answer.

<p>1C-3. Ensuring Families are not Separated. NOFO Section V.B.1.c.</p>	<p>Question–If our CoC did not find any CoC- or ESG-funded facilities out of compliance with the policy to not separate families, how do we respond to elements 4 and 5 of this question?</p> <p>HUD Response–You may select Yes to elements 4 and 5 if your CoC has worked with CoC- and ESG-funded facilities and determined that they are not separating families.</p>
<p>1C-4. Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. NOFO Section V.B.1.d.</p>	<p>Question–The NOFO states that the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) must be dated between May 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023. Does this mean they must be executed during those dates?</p> <p>HUD Response–The MOUs must be effective during that timeframe.</p>
<p>1D-5. Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS. NOFO Section V.B.1.i.</p>	<p>Question–If we use a longitudinal HMIS data for all RRH projects, regardless of funding source–what is the date range?</p> <p>HUD Response–If your CoC intends to use longitudinal data from HMIS instead of HIC data, HUD expects you to run the data based on a 12-month period. Your CoC has flexibility in determining the range to use; however, the data you enter into the 2023 column must be based on data with a start date no earlier than January 1, 2022 (ending December 31, 2022). You may use a more current dataset (e.g., July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023). For the 2022 column, you would run the 12-month period immediately preceding that date range you use for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The longitudinal data would be based on households who are housed–this means the households have a move-in date. • You may manually add data from households served in projects using comparable databases to your HMIS data to calculate the changes in your RRH beds.

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<p>1D-11. Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts. NOFO Section V.B.1.r.</p>	<p>Question—How can our CoC demonstrate involvement of individuals with lived experience of homelessness in service delivery and decisionmaking?</p> <p>HUD Response—Examples of acceptable evidence include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. one letter signed by an authorized representative—with lived experience—of a working group, committee, etc., that includes at least three members with lived experience—you must include the number of members with lived experience—on the working group, committee, etc., with lived experience, and a description of how the working group, committee, etc., participates in your CoC; or2. one letter signed by three persons with lived experience with a description of how each person with lived experience participates in your CoC; or3. three signed letters from three persons with lived experience with a description of how they participate in your CoC.
<p>1E-1. Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline—Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.</p>	<p>Question—What dates do we input into chart for question 1E-1?</p> <p>HUD Response—You must input the dates your CoC published the New and Renewal project submission deadlines on its website or a partner’s website.</p>

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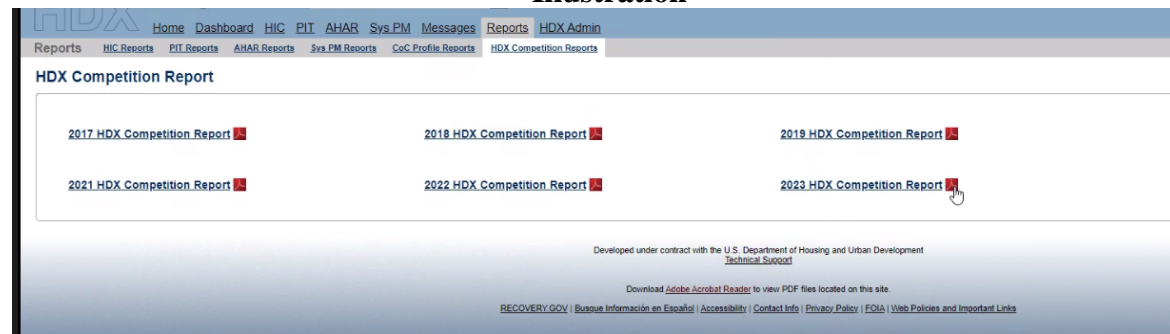
2A-6. Longitudinal System
Analysis (LSA)
Submission in HDX 2.0.
NOFO Section V.B.3.d.

Question–What are we required to upload for question 2A-6?

HUD Response–To meet the attachment requirement for this question, access the **HDX Competition Report** in **HDX 1.0**, and use the red PDF icon instead of the hyperlink to the report, so you can download the entire PDF–see illustration below. The order of the data you should see on your HDX Competition Report is:

- PIT Count Data
- HIC Data
- Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM) Summary Report
- SysPM Data Quality
- Submission and Count Dates

Illustration



Question–Do we need to do anything with the LSA Useability Information HUD sent through the CoCNOFO@hud.gov mailbox?

HUD Response–You use this information to determine if you had at least two usable files to answer question 2A-6. The Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) sent the LSA useability determinations to the HMIS Lead and the Primary Contact listed in *e-snaps* for your CoC. We only use contact information in *e-snaps* when communicating to CoCs, and it is important that CoCs keep this information up to date. We do not change this information based on email communication we receive. Please be sure the information in *e-snaps* is up to date–this resource is available to assist you:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Give-Staff-Access-to-Your-Organizations-e-snaps-Account.pdf>. If you did not receive the email, and your information is correct in *e-snaps*, the email could have gone to your Junk folder, or your organization could have blocked the email. You should contact your IT department to ensure your email is not blocking email from **hud.gov** email addresses.

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Question–If we have two categories with usable determinations, may we select Yes for question 2A-6?

HUD Response–Yes, if you had at least two usable LSA files (including partially usable files) in the FY 2022 LSA submission process, you should answer "Yes."

Question–What does HUD mean by “usable LSA data files” and how do I change HUD’s usability determination?

HUD Response–Usability is referring to whether we can use a CoC’s Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) data for the purposes of establishing the national estimate that is published in HUD's Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) Part 2. We publish the methodology we use as part of the AHAR Part 2 release. For a description of the methodology please review pages 3 through 5 of the [2021 AHAR Part 2 Methodology Report](#). We used the same process for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 review. We would like to be able to use data from every CoC and if the data is not usable that means there is missing data and/or sufficient data quality concerns that we were not comfortable including it in our analysis. We encourage CoCs to improve their data so they can have higher confidence in using it for their own purposes and so that we can use it when reporting to Congress and the public on efforts to serve people experiencing homelessness. The LSA usability determinations are the result of months of back and forth between HUD’s contractor, Abt Associates, and the CoC related to data quality issues identified in each LSA dataset uploaded to the HDX 2.0. The results for FY 2022 are final. However, we will begin collecting and reviewing FY 2023 LSA submissions at the end of the year and we encourage you to ask questions of your CoC’s assigned data quality team from Abt Associates in the process of cleaning and improving data quality.

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<p>3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare NOFO Section V.B.6.a. and b.</p>	<p>Question—Can we use CoC-wide leverage commitments for points available for Housing/Healthcare Leverage?</p> <p>HUD Response—No. HUD will not accept a CoC-wide leverage commitment for the points available for Housing/Healthcare Leverage. The NOFO requires the commitments to be tied to individual new permanent housing project applications. The leverage commitments could be met in one or two new project applications—one new project application with both commitments, or one new project application with a housing leverage commitment and one project application with a healthcare commitment—that meet the standards in the Detailed Instructions.</p> <p>Question—Can we count the RRH portion of a new Joint TH-RRH project eligible as new permanent housing for the purpose of responding to question 3A?</p> <p>HUD Response—Yes. You may use the RRH portion of a Joint TH-RRH grant to meet the leverage requirement and to respond to the 3A housing leverage question.</p>
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