Harford County 2018Continuum of Care Competition Notice of Funding Availability

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Overview

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Program Description

- ❖ CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness

- ❖ Provides funding for these efforts by non-profits, States, local governments

- ❖ Focus on quickly re-house families, individuals, persons fleeing DV and youth

Program Description (cont'd)

❖ Minimize the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness

❖ Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs

❖ Optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness

❖ Governed by 24 CFR part 578, Federal Register

Who are eligible applicants?

❖ **2 Types of Applicants**

1. Collaborative Applicant: Harford County, MD

2. Project Applicants:
    a. non-profit organizations
    b. States
    c. Local governments
    d. instrumentalities of State & local governments

See 24 CFR part 578 for complete eligibility requirements and page 20-28, Section V. of the NOFA

HUD Policies & Priorities

Ending Homelessness For All Persons

❖ Identify, Engage and Effectively Serve All Persons Experiencing Homelessness

➢ Comprehensive outreach strategy to identify and continuously engage all unsheltered persons

➢ Use local data to determine the characteristics of those with highest needs and longest periods of homelessness to develop housing and supportive services tailored to their needs

➢ Consider the reallocation process to create new projects that improve overall performance better response to needs
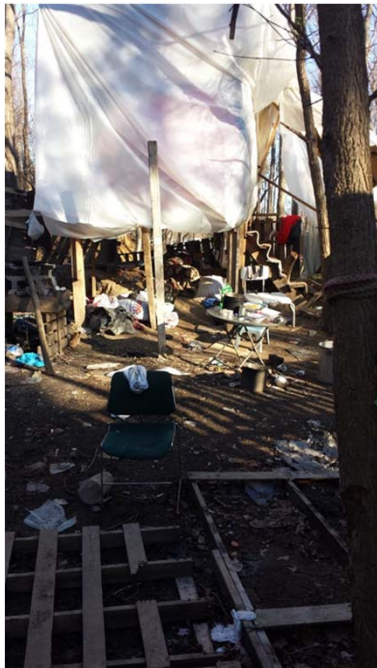
Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness

Supports that ensure homeless assistance is well coordinated, well managed, inclusive, transparent and achieves positive outcomes.

❖ Measure System Performance to Assess the Overall Impact of a COC's Homeless Assistance Efforts

➢ Average length of homeless episodes

➢ Rates of return to homelessness

➢ Rates of exit to permanent housing destinations

➢ First time homelessness

➢ Permanent Housing Retention

➢ Employment & Income Growth

Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness

- Effectively Utilize the Coordinated Entry Process
- ➢ Easier access to housing & interventions- "Screen In"
- ➢ Prioritize persons with longest histories of homelessness & most extensive needs
- ➢ Lower barriers to entering programs or receiving assistance
- ➢ Ensure housing as quickly as possible

Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness

❖Promote Participant Choice

➤Choice in interventions

➤Choice of housing programs

➤Choice of support services

➤Choice in where to live

Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness

- ❖ Plan as a System
- ➢ Coordination between, homeless assistance, mainstream benefits and housing, service providers (SOAR, benefits, HCV, VASH, DSS, employment)
- ➢ Focus on receiving assistance as quickly as possible
- ➢ Goal is obtaining or retaining housing
- ➢ Eliminate duplication of services
- ➢ Make assistance open, inclusive and transparent

Strategically Allocate & Use Resources

Using cost, performance and outcome data to improve how resources are utilized to end homelessness

- ❖ Comprehensive Review of Project Quality, Performance and Cost Effectiveness
- ➢ Consider effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness, including cost effectiveness
- ➢ Are projects maximizing the use of mainstream and other community-based resources
- ➢ Working toward helping CoC participants exit PSH through HCV and other available housing options
- ➢ Consider how much projects spend to serve and house individuals/families as compared to other projects serving similar populations

Use a Housing First Approach

Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions

➢ Projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing

➢ Measure and reduce the length of time people experience homelessness

➢ Engage landlords and property owners

➢ Remove barriers to entry by reviewing project-level eligibility criteria.

➢ Adopt client-centered service methods

Use a Housing First Approach

Housing First – the rest will follow

THE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS? HOMES

Persons experiencing homelessness are allowed entry regardless of income, poor credit history, current or past substance use, history of victimization and criminal record-with the exception of restrictions imposed by federal, state or local law.

Program Participants can not be required to participate in treatment or services to receive assistance.

New Projects

❖Through reallocation and/or Bonus Funding

- NEW Joint TH and RRH Component
- NEW PSH that meet requirements of DedicatedPLUS
- NEW RRH
- Dedicated HMIS Project
- Bonus=$_____

New Projects for DV Bonus

❖Projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking that are defined as homeless in 24 CFR 578.3

- NEW Joint TH and RRH Component
- NEW RRH
- Supportive Services only-Coordinated Entry Project
- Bonus=$_____

Up to 10% of PPRN (Preliminary Pro Rata Need) or minimum of $50,000- whichever is greater

New Projects for DV Bonus

❖Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry

• Implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking

Expansion Project

❖ Renewal project can submit a new application to expand existing projects

- Increase the number of persons served
- Increase the number of units
- Increase the services provided to existing program participants
- Add additional activities to SSO-Coordinated Entry
- Can use DV bonus to expand a renewal project

Renewal Projects

- Programs currently in operation are eligible for renewal (executed grant agreement no later than 12/31/18)

- Renewal grants requesting rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than FMR if the actual rent per unit under lease is less than the FMR (does not apply to leasing projects)

- A renewal project where 100% of beds were CH dedicated, may either become DedicatedPLUS or continue as CH dedicated project

Consolidated Project

- Combine two or more eligible renewal projects (PSH)into one project application

- No more than 4 projects

- Projects being combined during grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted

- Must have the same recipients and be for the same component

- If conditionally awarded, the start date will be the day after the expiration date of the eligible renewal project with the earliest expiration date

DedicatedPLUS Project

❖A permanent supportive housing project where 100% of beds are dedicated to serve individuals/families with disability, including unaccompanied homeless youth, that at intake are:

• Experiencing chronic homelessness;

• Residing in transitional housing that will be eliminated & meets definition of chronically homeless at time of entry into TH;

• Residing in ES or place not meant for human habitation; but the individual or families experiencing chronic homelessness had been admitted and enrolled in PSH within the last year and were unable to maintain a housing placement;

DedicatedPLUS Project

- Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation or ES for at least 12 months in the last 3 years, but has not done so on 4 separate occasions; or

- Receiving assistance through a dept. of Veterans Affairs-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system

Joint TH-RRH

- Combines two existing program components-transitional housing and rapid re-housing-in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness

- Crisis housing with financial assistance and wrap around support services to help move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible

- Stays should be brief and without preconditions

Joint TH-RRH

❖May be a good fit if:

- Community has a large number of people living in unsheltered locations-can reduce unsheltered homelessness by providing temporary low-barrier housing while helping with quick permanent housing placement

- There is a lack of safe crisis housing for people fleeing DV to access while they are searching for safe, permanent housing

- There is a high rate of unsheltered youth homelessness

Application Review Information

❖Consolidated Application will be assessed on a 200 point scale

➢COC Coordination & Engagement (48 points)

➢Project Ranking, Review & Capacity (29 points)

➢Homeless Management Information System (13 points)

➢Point-In-Time Count (6 points)

➢System Performance (56 points)

➢Performance & Strategic Planning (48 points)

Threshold Requirements

❖Project Eligibility Threshold-Pass/Fail Standard
  ➢Applicant & sponsor eligibility and capacity (page 33)

❖Project Quality Threshold
  ➢New PSH or RRH projects must receive 3 out of 4 points available for this project (page 35)
  ➢New Joint TH and PH-RRH projects must receive 4 out of 6 points available for this project (page 36)
  ➢New SO-Coordinated Entry projects must receive 2 out of 4 points available for this project (page 37)
  ➢New HMIS projects must receive 3 out of 4 points available for this project (page 38)

Threshold Requirements

❖Project Renewal Threshold (page 39)

➢Met plans and goals of established in initial application

➢Demonstrated timeliness (reporting, HMIS, spending down funds)

➢Performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living

➢Any deficiencies

• See Section V. Eligibility Information beginning page 32 of the NOFA for eligibility and threshold details.

Rank & Review Process

- All projects will be reviewed and ranked for funding

- Projects placed in Tier 1or Tier 2, with higher scoring projects being placed in Tier 1.

- Tier 1 projects will be conditionally selected from highest scoring CoC to lowest

- Tier 2 projects funding will be determined using the CoC Application score

- Tier 1 is equal to 94% of the COC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount approved by HUD

- Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the ARD plus any amount available for the new project bonus

Rank & Review Process

- Annual Renewal Demand=$917,957 (estimated)
- 94% of ARD =$862,879 (estimated)
- Tier 2 =$55,078+ $New project bonus=$
- New Project Bonus=$

Rank & Review Process

❖ Projects scored on overall system performance using HMIS data

❖ Projects are scored based on the following:

1. >85% remain or exit to PH
2. <20% returns to homelessness within 12 mos. of exit
3. 5%+ increase in earned income for persons served
4. 25%+ increase in non-employment income for persons served
5. >50% of those served had more than 1 disability
6. >50% entered form place not meant for habitation

Rank & Review Process

❖ Projects are scored based on the following:

7. \> 60% participants increased or maintained mainstream benefits

8. Commitment to Housing First Principles

9. Bed/Unit Utilization Rates at or >95%

10. Participation in Coordinated Access/Assessment

11. HMIS Data Quality

12. Financial & Grant Management Performance

13. Cost effectiveness

Timeline

- **July 9, 2018**-Letter of Intent to apply for funding due to OCED

- **August 6, 2018**-Project Applications due to OCED

- **August 9-10, 2018**-Rank & Review Committee meets

- **September 18, 2018**-OCED submission deadline

Questions and Comments